

Obituaries



Donna June Eldridge
1939 - 2025

BURDETT – Donna June Eldridge, 86, passed away August 14, 2025 at Cheney Golden Age Home.

She was born June 23, 1939 in Elm Creek, Nebraska, the daughter of Paul and Marjorie Montgomery Chandler.

Moving from Nebraska in 1964 to Rozel and then later Burdett, she was a longtime area resident and a homemaker. She was a member of the Rozel and Burdett United Methodist Churches, Burdett American Legion Auxiliary, and bowling league. She worked the concessions at Pawnee Heights for many years and always attended her children and grandchildren’s sporting events. Donna was very creative, doing embroidery, sewing, and needle point. She also enjoyed cooking, baking, and singing.

On October 5, 1957 she married Everett “PeeWee” L. Eldridge at N. Hollywood, California. He preceded her in death on March 21, 2015.

Survivors include: two sons, Brad (Lori) Eldridge, Highlandville, Missouri, Rod (Trudi) Eldridge, Cheney; brother, Ed (Karen) Chandler, Kearney, Nebraska; sister, Ann Evans, Kearney, Nebraska; seven grandchildren, Hope (Ross) Umphrey and family; Shannan (Eric) Winsenberg and family; Cale (Megan) Eldridge (Hudson, Blakely); Erica (Anthony Enriquez) Eldridge; Eric (Stephanie) Eldridge (Landon, Bennett); Sarah (Joey) Frabasile (Ava, Mia); Charles Eldridge Jr. and family; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by: her parents; husband; two step sons, Ray Eldridge and Charles Eldridge; and brother-in-law, Ron Evans.

Funeral service will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 23, 2025 at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel, Larned with Pastor Linda Doyle presiding. Visitation will be 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday, August 22, 2025 and also Saturday, August 23, 2025 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., with family present, at Beckwith Mortuary, Larned. Burial will be in Brown’s Grove Cemetery, Burdett, immediately following the service.

Memorials may be given to Burdett American Legion Auxiliary or Pawnee County Humane Society, in care of Beckwith Mortuary, PO Box 477, Larned, Kansas 67550. Personal condolences may be left at www.beckwithmortuary.com.



Lois M. Cate
1929 - 2025

LARNED – Lois M. Cate, 96, passed away August 15, 2025 at Larned, KS.

She was born June 2, 1929 in Ava, MO, the daughter of Fred and Flora Bell Vince Baxter.

She was a resident of Larned moving from Ellinwood in 2010. She was a homemaker and did interior painting and wallpapering

She was a member of the Raymond Baptist Church.

Lois was an avid fisherman, loved doing needlework, crocheting, sewing, dancing, baking, camping, doing aerobics and putting puzzles together.

She married Junior Edward Cate on December 9, 1950 in Hutchinson, KS. He passed away July 1, 2001. She later married Robert Lavern Clark in Raymond, KS. He passed away October 27, 2013.

Survivors include: three daughters, Judy Hitchcock, Colorado Springs, CO, Cindy Huff, Larned, KS and Christi (Charles) Tiede, Hays, KS; two son-in-laws, Marcus Ballenger, Wichita and David Carrier, Ellsworth, KS; six grandchildren, LeAnna Carrier, Jason Carrier, Josh (Shaun) Huff, Blake Huff, Audra (Diego Gonzalez) Birzer, and Geoffrey Birzer; six great grandchildren, Dakota Carrier, Dylan Carrier, Gracie Huff, Owen Gonzalez, Ian Gonzalez, and Isla Gonzalez.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Connie Carrier; step-son, Michael Cate; two sisters, Dorothy Branham and Juanita Baxter; and seven brothers, Harold Baxter, Alfred Baxter, Ted Baxter, Howard Baxter, Ellsworth Baxter, Arthur Baxter, and Frank Baxter.

Graveside service was held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 19, at Hilltop Cemetery, Raymond, KS, with Pastor Rick Standlee presiding. Visitation was held 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday, August 18, 2025 at Beckwith Mortuary, Larned, KS, with family present from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Memorials may be given to Raymond Baptist Church, in care of Beckwith Mortuary, P.O. Box 477, Larned, KS 67550. Personal condolences may be left at www.beckwithmortuary.com.



Marcella “Sally” Marie Campbell
1949 - 2025

LARNED - Marcella “Sally” Marie Campbell, 75, passed away August 15, 2025 at her home in Larned.

She was born December 9, 1949 in Great Bend; the daughter of Ray and Alice Kincaid.

A longtime area resident, she was a secretary for the State of Kansas.

She was raised in the Catholic faith.

Survivors include; her daughter Alicia (Chris) Jewett, San Antonio, Texas; and two grandchildren, Dean Jewett and Lee Jewett, both of San Antonio, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister and brother-in-law Gloria and Frankie Zamarripa.

Cremation has taken place and a Memorial Graveside service will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, August 29, 2025 at Great Bend Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the Pawnee County Humane Society in care of Beckwith Mortuary, P.O. Box 477, Larned, KS 67550. Personal condolences may be left at www.beckwithmortuary.com.

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8-9—1100 Block of H Road—Control Burn

8-9—Garfield Park—Motorist Assist

8-9—900 Block of J Road—Suspicious Activity

8-9—300 Block of Spruce Street, Burdett, KS—Fight/Brawl

8-10—US56 at Mile Marker 190—Driving Complaint

8-10—KS156 at Mile Marker 99—Concerned Citizen

8-10—1300 Block of K156—Building Check

8-10—1100 Block of 270th Avenue—Assist EMS

8-10—1700 Block of US156—Driving Complaint

8-12—US56 at Mile Marker 167—Motorist Assist

8-12—KS156 at Mile Marker 97—Motorist Assist

8-12—1000 Block of F Road—Animal Bite

8-14—2800 Block of H Road—Trespassing

8-14—KS156 at US183 Junction—Road Blocked with Disabled Oversized Load

8-14—KS156 at Mile Marker 95—Driving Complaint

Medical

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KansasCOM comment

Dasa Gangadhar, MD, senior associate dean at KansasCOM, said “London has been deeply moved by the strong personal relationships Dr. Reimer shares with his patients. The warm welcome from the hospital staff and the broader community has made a lasting impression.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – R – 015

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM ON THE ISSUE OF AMENDING THE EXISTING COUNTYWIDE RETAIL SALES TAX INTENDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN PAWNEE COUNTY

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 12-187, et seq., and amendments thereto, authorizes the Board of County Commissioners of the County to submit to the qualified electors of the County the question of levying a retailers’ sales tax to be collected by the state department of revenue with revenue therefrom returned and distributed as provided by law within this County; and

WHEREAS, at a special question election previously held on the 18th day of August, 2009, the citizens of Pawnee County overwhelmingly voted to approve the levying of a countywide retailers’ sales tax in the amount of one percent (1%) in Pawnee County, Kansas, for the purpose of funding healthcare services in Pawnee County, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Pawnee County, Kansas, has now determined a modified expenditure authority regarding the revenue received from said countywide retailers’ sales tax would better serve the public safety needs of the Citizens of Pawnee County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS:

Section 1: A special question election shall be held in the manner prescribed by law on the 4th day of November, 2025, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of Pawnee County, Kansas, the question of amending the current levied countywide retailers’ sales tax in Pawnee County, Kansas, for the purpose of funding health care services and county-supported public safety operations in Pawnee County, Kansas, in the amount one percent (1%), if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon, such tax to take effect the 1st day of January, 2026 and to continue as prescribed by law.

Section 2: If approved by a majority of electors voting thereon, such tax shall be subject to all applicable state laws and administrative rules and regulations of the Kansas Department of Revenue. The services of the Department of Revenue shall be utilized to administer, enforce and collect such tax.

Section 3: Should any section, sentence or clause of this Resolution be declared invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections of this Resolution.

Section 4: The county election officer shall cause notices to be published of this special question election as provided by law.

Section 5: This resolution shall take effect upon publication in the official county newspaper.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS:

The proposition shall appear on the ballot as follows:

Shall the following be adopted? Shall the one percent (1%) retailer’s sale tax currently levied in Pawnee County, Kansas, for the purposes of healthcare services be amended so that the revenue received therefrom can henceforth be utilized for the purposes of both (A) any healthcare services authorized pursuant to subsection (b)(5) of K.S.A. 8-187; and (B) furnishing and equipping county-supported public safety operations deemed necessary by the board of county commissioners of Pawnee County including, but not limited to, the sheriff’s department, jail, emergency management and emergency dispatch services, with said amendment to take effect the 1st day of January, 2026, and to continue thereafter as prescribed by law?

YES NO

To vote in favor of any question submitted on this ballot, darken the oval to the right of the word “YES”; to vote against any question submitted on this ballot, darken the oval to the right of the word “NO”.

ADOPTED this 18th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Michael Burdett, Chair Bob Rein, Commissioner Philip Hammeke, Commissioner ATTESTED: Stacey Rein, County Clerk APPROVED AS TO FORM: Douglas W. McNett, County Attorney

SHOP LOCALLY

DID YOU KNOW.....That in 1911 a metal water tank was erected in Burdett by the Santa Fe Railroad to furnish water for their trains? It was in use until the 1970’s when it was purchased by the Eakin family and cut in half to make a round-top storage facility.