

## Windfred Allen DeMott

09-15-1940 to 06-07-2025

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Windfred Allen DeMott, age 84, resident of Bronaugh, Mo., died Saturday June 7, 2025, at the home. He was born Sept. 15, 1940, in Mound City, Kan., and his parents were Clyde Vernon DeMott and Alice Rosemond (Jackman) DeMott. He attended Mound City High School. He had worked at the Hydraulic Cement Plant in Ft. Scott, the Bourbon County Barn as a shop foreman, the City of Ft. Scott with the equipment maintenance dept., Bill's Coal Co., in Garland, Kan., and a few of the local rock quarry companies in Fort Scott.

He enjoyed restoring and parading his antique tractors. He attended many local festivals with his tractor collection. His 1937 vintage McCormick-Deering Far-

mall tractor was the featured tractor in the Pioneer Harvest Fiesta in 1994. In his later years, he spent his time spoiling the cows and feeding the chickens on the farm in Bronaugh.

His family included three children, a son, Allen DeMott, Fort Scott, and two daughters, Sheryl Crawley, Overland Park, Kan., and Shelly DeMott, Peculiar, Mo.; his friend for over thirty years, Carol (Griffiths) Claflin of Bronaugh; ten grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Delton DeMott, Peck, Kan., and Roger DeMott, La Cygne, Kan. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Clela Fern Stump.

The family will receive friends for a celebration of life from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday June 21, at the Cheney Witt Carriage House, 301 S.



Main St, in Fort Scott.

Interment will follow at the Woodland Cemetery in Mound City, Kan., at 2:30 p.m. for those who would like to attend. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to the Pioneer Harvest Fiesta and may be left in care of the Cheney Witt Chapel, PO Box 347, 201 S. Main, Ft. Scott, Kan. 66701. Words of remembrance may be submitted to them online guestbook at cheneywitt.com.

# Heavenly Reality

BY DON WALKER  
ARROWS OF TRUTH

We have all wondered about what heaven is like. Yet the Bible does not provide us a great deal of information as to what it is actually like. Most of our concepts of heaven are derived from hymns, like "I've Got a Mansion Just Over the Hilltop," rather than from Scripture. These songs provide us with great comfort concerning those who have passed away, and for our own future state. But the Bible only gives us "glimpses" of what heaven is like. Paul tells us that he was "caught up" to this paradise but was not permitted to talk about his experience (II Cor. 12:3-4).

Perhaps God knows that too much knowledge of this future state would cause us to lose focus on our mission here on planet Earth.

In modern times, Christianity has been criticized as a "pie-in-the-sky" religion. Karl Marx popularized the idea that religion is the opiate of

the masses; his proposal was that religion was invented and used by ruling classes to exploit and oppress the poor to keep them from revolting. The promise of "pie-in-the-sky" was their means of keeping the oppressed obedient and content to wait for their reward in eternity.

But one cannot take Christianity seriously without recognizing the importance that is placed on the reality of heaven. It is integral to the New Testament; it played an import place in the teaching of Jesus and is the place of future reward. This reality enables us to endure trials and tribulations in the present, knowing that these are only temporal. We must live with our eyes focused on this reality, not ignoring the mission or the struggles of the present, but with the awareness that this is not "all that there is." Jesus said, "Do not let your heart be troubled.

Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Fathers' house there are many rooms. If it

were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?" (John 14:1-2).

Death is a reality that we often chose to ignore until we are confronted with it. James tells us that this life is simply a "mist," that will soon be blown away (James 4:14). That is the sobering reality that we do not like to face. Rich or poor, famous, or unknown, educated or illiterate, death is a reality. Yet for the believer in Christ, who conquered death, we know that the grave is not the end, but a new beginning. The Apostle Paul tells us that "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death where is your victory? O death where is your sting?" (I Cor. 15:54-55). We "pass through the valley of the shadow of death" (Ps. 23:4). Death is but a shadow. The shadow of a dog cannot bite you. The shadow of a knife cannot cut you. The shadow of a gun cannot shoot you. The shadow of death cannot harm you.

## Local students awarded Kansas State Grange Brey Memorial Scholarship

**Rees Chapman**, a member of the Kansas State Grange and resident of Pleasanton, and **Cierra Lindsey**, a member of Kansas State Grange and resident of Mound City, have been awarded the **Claude and Ina Brey Memorial Scholarship** for the 2025-2026 academic year. Both Chapman and Lindsey are members of Richland Grange #1998.

Rees plans to attend Kansas State University this fall, where she will major in Agricultural Education.

Cierra also plans to attend Kansas State University this fall, where she will major in Agricultural Education.

The scholarship is awarded to Grange members who have demonstrated strong academic performance, involvement in the Grange and their local



Cierra Lindsey



Rees Chapman

community, and a commitment to leadership and service. Additional consideration is given to students pursuing degrees in agricultural fields.

The Claude and Ina Brey Memorial Scholarship is one of several educational opportunities provided by the Kansas State Grange to support young people pursuing higher

education. Scholarship funds may be used toward tuition, books or other educational expenses.

Both students will be honored during the 154th Annual Kansas State Grange Convention, scheduled for September 26-28, 2025, in Topeka, Kan.

Keep your face always toward the sunshine - and shadows will fall behind you.  
~ Walt Whitman

SENIOR MENUS		
<b>Wednesday, June 18:</b> <b>Birthday Day:</b> Chicken fried chicken, whipped potatoes/gravy, buttered corn, wheat roll, cake, ice cream	<b>Friday, June 20:</b> Chicken salad, macaroni salad, cottage cheese/fruit, wheat bread, cookie (High sodium)	steak/gravy, whipped potatoes, California blend, wheat roll, pudding
<b>Thursday, June 19:</b> Smothered pork cutlet, stuffing, scalloped tomatoes, dinner roll, tropical fruit	<b>Monday, June 23:</b> Goulash, harvard beets, peas/onions, wheat bread, fruit cocktail	<b>Wednesday, June 25:</b> Spaghetti/meat sauce, Italian green beans, garlic bread, pears
<b>Tuesday, June 24:</b> Smothered		
M-F 10a.m. to 1 p.m. Please call or notify the center the day before if you plan to eat.		
Blue Mound Senior Center - 312 E. Main, 620-224-8845	Mound City Senior Center - at Bunker Hill 603 Main St., 855-396-9674 - Opt. 1	
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