

Obituaries

Nathaniel Britan “Nate” Dold



Nathaniel Britan “Nate” Dold, 18, of Sterling, Kansas, passed away May 15, 2025, in rural Ellsworth, Kansas. He was born January 3, 2007, in Lawrence, Kansas, the son of Paul and Deanna “DeeDee” (Clark) Dold.

Nate was a lifelong Sterling resident. He graduated from Lyons High School, Lyons, Kansas, with the class of 2025, where he was on the football and wrestling team. Nate was a farmhand for Clarke Farm’s, Lyons. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Little River, Renegades Wrestling Club, Lyons, and Sterling Meadowlarks 4-H Club. Nate enjoyed wrestling, cooking, singing, mechanic work, discount shopping, and being an entrepreneur.

He is survived by his parents, Paul and DeeDee Dold of Sterling, KS; five siblings, Samantha Loux and husband Jason of Fort Riley, KS and their children, JP, Liam, and Brayden, Victoria Crowther and husband Kenneth of McPherson, KS, Sala Dold of New York City, NY, Joshua Dold of Petersburg, VA, and Kyle Dold of Emporia, KS; paternal grandmother, Virginia Dold of Emporia, KS; maternal grandfather, Dan Clark of Topeka, KS; maternal grandmother, Betty Spellman of Emporia, KS; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Nate is preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Anthony Dold; maternal grandmother, Barbara Clark; and uncle, Rob Clark.

Funeral mass will be at 10:00 A.M., Friday, May 23, 2025, at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Hutchinson, with Father Sam Brand officiating. Burial will be at 12:00 P.M., Friday, May 23, 2025, at the Bean Memorial Cemetery, Little River.

Visitation will be from 4:00 until 7:00 P.M., Thursday, May 22, 2025, at the First Baptist Church, Lyons, with family present. A rosary will be prayed at 6:30 P.M. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Nate Dold Wrestling Scholarship Fund in care of Birzer Funeral Home, Lyons.

Brenda Hampton

Brenda Rae Hampton, 59, of Little River, Kansas, passed away April 24, 2025, at Hutchinson Regional Medical Center, Hutchinson, Kansas. She was born January 13, 1966, in McPherson, Kansas, the daughter of Stuart and Sharon (Peterson) Frazier.



Brenda has resided in Little River since 1999, formerly of Ulysses, Kansas. She graduated from Ulysses High School, Ulysses, Kansas, with the class of 1984. Brenda pursued a degree in education at Seward County Community College, Hutchinson Community College, and the University of Kansas. She worked for the Grant County Recreation Commission as director for five years; was the aquatics director and swim coach at the Hutchinson YMCA for fifteen years; worked at McPherson Aquapups; and was a homemaker. Brenda was a member of PEO Chapter C in Lyons. She enjoyed crafts, gardening, mowing, and most of all spending time in the pool and sunshine.

On August 31, 1997, Brenda was united in marriage with Thomas “Tom” Hampton, in Little River, Kansas. She is survived by her husband, Tom Hampton of Little River, KS; four children, Audra Shelton and husband Zachary of Kingman, KS, Justus Hampton and significant other Leeya Vandruff of McPherson, KS, Ashton Hampton of Little River, KS, and Liberty Hampton of Little River, KS; brother, Phillip Frazier and wife Shannon of Frisco, TX; two sisters, Rhonda Anderson of Hutchinson, KS, Carla Schull and husband Brian of Collinsville, TX; and four grandchildren, Khyler, Elora, Elijah and Arlo Shelton.

Brenda is preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services will be held at 1:30 P.M., Saturday, May 31, 2025, at Trinity Lutheran Church, McPherson. Memorials may be made out to Tom Hampton in care of Birzer Funeral Home, Lyons.

Jerald Connery

Jerald Dee Connery, age 81, of Manhattan, passed away May 16, 2025, at the Meadowlark Retirement Community – Wroten House in Manhattan.

He was born on November 30, 1943, in Little River, Kansas, the son of D.C. and Elva (Buchanan) Connery. He grew up in the Little River area and graduated with the class of 1961 from Little River High School. Jerry then attended and graduated from Hutchinson Community College.

Jerry was an operations manager for a natural gas company in refinery, pipeline, and storage settings. He worked in several Kansas communities (Bushton, Anthony and Yaggy). He valued hard work, his work peers and team members.

One of his favorite hobbies was wood woodworking. He was a member of the Flinthills Woodturners, the Woodcarvers Group and the Kansas Quality Woodworkers Association. While in Little River he was a member of the Volunteer Fire Department.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Sharon and his wife Mary; his brother Ron Connery, his sister Sandra Connery; and his son Aaron Connery.

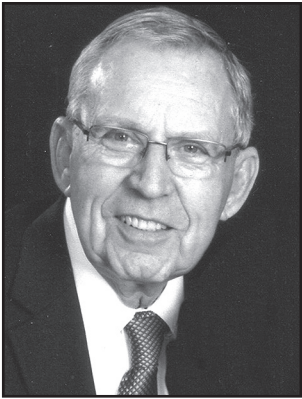
He is survived by his wife Garalyn Avery Connery; his son Todd Connery (Paula); his twin brother Gary Connery (Terry); Jerry was particularly fond of all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 9:00a.m. Thursday May 22, 2025, at the Bean Cemetery in Little River.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00p.m. Thursday May 22, 2025, at the First Presbyterian Church in Manhattan.

Memorial contributions in memory of Jerry are suggested to the Meadowlark Hills – Good Samaritan Fund or the First Presbyterian Church in Manhattan. Contributions may be sent in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at www.ymlfuneralhome.com



From the City of Little River:

The splash pad in the City Park will be open this Friday the 23rd. The public restrooms are now open.

LRHS Track News

Little River High School Junior Kal-El Robinson set a new league record in the Boys 100 M Dash. The new record was set May 15, 2025 and his time was 11.26. Congratulations Kal-El!

Windom City Council

The Windom City Council met in regular session Wednesday, May 14, 2025. Mayor Janis Bernd called the meeting to order. Council members present were Dennis Holmquist, Alice Taylor, Debbie Gadberry, and John Ratzlaff. Minutes of the April meeting, general vouchers and water vouchers were all approved as presented.

There were no public comments.

City Consultant Gail Lauderdale suggested the City Clerk send a letter to Jackson Township about water issues.

Police officer Jeremy Rodriguez and City Clerk Lisa McNichols were both absent.

A report from Jeremy indicated he sent a letter to a resident about junk vehicles. They are given until June 14 to respond.

Concerns on a Blair Street property: the owner has been contacted. They are waiting on a plan of action from him. The council decided they need a timeline for this.

City Clerk concerns included: Park bathrooms are not ready to use, dog vaccination clinic is coming up May 21. Late fees from dog owners have been discussed with them. May 22 is the last day of school. Me-

morial Day is May 26. City Hall will be closed June 5-8. She has started on the budget. Council members are asked to be on time for the budget public hearing.

Mayor’s Report: The city park bathroom is not finished so not open yet. No citizens on the park committee were in attendance.

More details on pay vouchers are needed in order to pay them.

The city garage needs cleaned out and the door repaired. Priority lists are requested for city projects.

John Ratzlaff inquired if the East side of Main Street will be sprayed for weeds.

Alice Taylor stated there should be no exceptions on letters to people with tall grass.

Dennis reported the mower is fixed, both mowers are going now. He talked with a senator about the water tower. He indicated he is willing to help the city. Dennis would like to do more streets with crushed asphalt. It is working out well.

There was a reminder that there is a city wide speed limit of 20 mph.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be June 11 at 5:45 pm.

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Father Michael Brungardt, Pastor
(620) 257-3503

Father Edmond Kline, Sacramental Priest
(316) 251-5540

Sunday Masses
Sat. Vigil Mass 6:30pm
Sunday Morning Mass-8am
Confessions 30 min before each Mass

Weekday Masses
7am Mon, Tues., Thurs. Fri.
Wed. 6:30pm
Sat. 8am
Confessions 30 min before every Mass

Andover Lutheran Church
5 miles south of Windom
115 Dakota Road, Windom, KS
620-860-9627

Pastor Anna Borders

Sunday
9:30 a.m.-Worship
10:30 a.m.-Sunday School

Congregational Church (CCCC)
www.littleriverucc.com
410 Clinton St., Little River
620-897-6413

Pastor Ted Weis

United Methodist Church
405 Harrison St., Little River
620-860-9627

Pastor Anna Borders

Sunday
10:00 a.m.-Sunday School
11:00 a.m.-Worship Service

Church of Christ
Windom
Kenny Graham, Minister

Sunday Morning:
9:30 a.m.-Bible Class
10:30 a.m.-Worship Service

Smoky Hills Mennonite Church
(Meets at Windom UMC)
Pastor Charles Johnson


Sunday
10:00 a.m.-Sunday School
10:45 a.m.-Worship
7:30 p.m.-Evening Service
Wednesday
7:30 p.m.-Service

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