

Deaths

Jean Marie Harber

Jean Marie Harber (née Klaumann), 104, passed away peacefully on November 27, 2025, at Credo Assisted Living in Belleville, Kansas. She was just one month shy of her 105th birthday. A lifelong resident of Belleville, Jean lived independently in her own home until 2023, a reflection of her remarkable longevity, resilience, and spirit.



Born on December 27, 1920, the second child and daughter of Charles J. and Millie (Worman) Klaumann, Jean began her career in public service working for the Belleville city office from 1939 to 1946.

On October 20, 1946, Jean married Olen Harber at the Methodist Church in Belleville. Olen, born June 17, 1919, was the son of Clarence and Martha (Woods) Harber and proudly served his country during World War II. Together, Jean and Olen operated "Harber's Velvet Ice Cream" at 1205 M Street, a beloved local business known for its famous

Whirla Whip ice cream treats. Jean provided job opportunities for many of Belleville's youth who worked alongside her in the ice cream shop, and she was widely known for her hospitality, kindness, and dedication to the community. Jean was amazed and pleased at the number of "now grown-up-kids" who remembered her and 5 cent ice cream cones and 10 cent whirls whips.

Olen passed away on September 18, 1974. Jean continued to call Belleville home, residing at 1114 21st Street. Her homemade pies, always a favorite at family gatherings, became part of the cherished memories shared by those who loved her.

Jean was a faithful member of the First United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women in Belleville, where she formed lifelong friendships and served with devotion.

She is survived by her niece Jennifer Zenger and husband Nick of Cuba, Kansas; nephew Andy Purdy and wife Renee of Salina, Kansas; and nieces Kathryn Lee Bell of Dodge City, Kansas, Linda Lee Quinby of Newberg, Oregon, and Sharon Lee-Lyon of Eugene, Oregon.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Olen Harber (1974); her sisters Doris Lee (2001) and Lela Purdy (2013); and her niece, Charlotte Purdy Gjernsvig (2013).

At Jean's request, cremation has taken place. Graveside Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM, Saturday, April 11, 2026 at Belleville Cemetery, Belleville, Kansas with inurnment to follow, with Waylon Sheetz, celebrant, officiating. A reception and fellowship will follow the committal services at 2:30 PM at the First United Methodist Church, Belleville, KS.

Friends may call to sign the register book from 1 PM until 6 PM, Friday, April 10, 2026 at the Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home, Belleville, KS where the family will greet friends from 5 PM until 6 PM on Friday, April 10th.

Jean Marie Harber will be remembered for her warmth, quiet strength, and the many lives she touched over more than a century. Her legacy endures in the community she loved and served.

Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home, 1322 19th St, Belleville, KS is assisting the family.

Gloria L. Walthers

Gloria Lynn Walthers of Cuba, Kansas died Friday, April 3rd 2026 at her home in Cuba at the age of 70.

She was born Oct. 24th 1955 in Belleville, KS to Davey and Lois Lahodny. She graduated from Belleville High School in 1974. She was employed at First National Bank in Belleville, KS as a teller before moving to Salina, Kansas. She then worked at First Bank Kansas in Salina for seven years.

She married Dave Walthers on April 25, 1981 at the Presbyterian



Church in Salina, KS, and made their home in Cuba, Kansas.

Walthers began her career with Mary Kay in 1979 as a consultant. She held the title of Mary Kay Sales Director for 46 years. She was a member of the Four Hundred Thousand Dollar Sales Club for several years, earned several pink Cadillacs.

She is survived by her husband, mother, Lois J Lahodny of Belleville, KS, sister Carol (Mike) Ballard of North Richland Hills, Texas, brothers Bill (Denise) Lahodny of Concordia, KS, Bryan (Casi) Lahodny of Montgomery, Texas, and Danny Lahodny of Belleville, KS.

She was preceded in death by her father, and

brother David Glenn Lahodny.

Visitation will be Wednesday, April 8th from 1:00-6:00pm at Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home, Belleville, KS.

Funeral Service will be Thursday, April 9th, 2:00 pm at the Cuba Presbyterian Church, Cuba, KS.

Interment will follow at National Bohemian (Kopsa) Cemetery, Cuba, KS.

Memorials can be designated to the Cuba Presbyterian Church or KSDS Assistance Dogs in care of the funeral home.

Online condolences can be made at www.bachelor-surber.com

Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home, Belleville, KS is assisting the family with arrangements.

Lyle Ivan Bergstrom

Lyle Ivan Bergstrom of rural Courtland, KS, son of Ivan W. and Lillian (Hedstrom) Bergstrom was born 4 December 1944 in Concordia, KS and passed away from this life on January 28, 2026.



Lyle attended Kackley Elementary school through the 8th Grade, and graduated high school from Courtland. On December 22, 1968 he married Doris Mae Dallen of Concordia, KS, and to this marriage 3 sons were born: Shawn Lyle, John Nathanael, and Karl Andrew.

Lyle was a lifelong member of Ada Lutheran Church, where he was baptized and confirmed. Serving on countless Committees and Boards, the church was truly one of his life-long passions. His service on Ada Lutheran Church Council and Peace Parish Council are only a few of the places his talents extended. Most Sunday mornings past, Lyle could be heard singing bass in the choir. He was a caring farmer and a skilled handyman, known for his strong work ethic and willingness to help anyone. There was little

he couldn't fix, and he believed in the value of honest labor. Lyle served his country in the United States Army, and was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving overseas in 1969. Upon return, he continued on the farm, also working in many places including Courtland/Pike Valley School, Coca-Cola, C&W Farm Supply and CVA to name a few. He will be remembered for his faith, his love of the land, his generous spirit, his work ethic and drive, and the love he poured into his family, community, and country. His legacy lives on in the lives he touched and in the values he instilled.

Lyle is preceded in death by his wife Doris, parents Ivan and Lillian, a brother Lorraine Bergstrom, son Shawn and daughter-in-law Dinah (Bollinger) Bergstrom; Sisters-in-law Marie Folsom, Yvonne Klepper, Mary Jane Girard, Anna Lea Cherney, Sondra Dallen; brothers-in-law Jule Folsom, Herb Klepper, David Girard, Carmen Cherney, Dewayne Dallen, and Jerry Waite, Steve Glanzer and Grandson Baxter Green.

Survivors include sons John (Chylo) Bergstrom of Kincaid, KS; Karl (Chris) Bergstrom of Salina, KS. Granddaughters Corrine (Cort) Peterson of Manhattan, KS; Rayenah

Bergstrom of Abilene, KS; and Meara Bergstrom of Hays, KS. Grandsons Bradyn, Bryce, Brody Bergstrom and Dawson, Thaddeus, Courtlin Green - all of Salina, KS. Sisters Lorna Waite of Salina, KS; Juanita (Lloyd) Haukom of Lindsborg, KS; and Lenita Glanzer of Randolph, KS. Brother-in-law Farrel (Mary Frances) Dallen of Topeka, KS along with many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Celebration of Life Services will be held at Ada Lutheran Church, rural Courtland, KS on Saturday April 11, 2026 at 2:00 PM. Inurnment will be at Ada Lutheran Cemetery, rural Courtland, KS, with Military Graveside Rites by the Ft. Riley Honor Guard, Ft. Riley, KS. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the committal at the Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Ada Lutheran Church.

Friends may call to sign the register book on Friday, April 10, 2026 from 1 PM to 7 PM at Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home, Belleville, KS, where the family will greet friends from 5 PM to 7 PM.

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Lorene Helen Salmon

Lorene Helen (Pelesky) Salmon, 95, of Salina, KS, passed away on Saturday, April 4, 2026. The daughter of Charles and Helen Nemecek Pelesky, Lorene was born on the family farm south of Narka, KS, on November 29, 1930.



She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Leona Smith; and brother, Bill Pelesky. She is survived by her husband, Ray Gene Salmon of over 72 years; children, David Ray Salmon (Marcella Salmon) and Debra Kay McGraw (David McGraw); grandchildren, Emily Salmon, Hanna Bennett, Andrew McGraw, Nate McGraw (Katherine Haug), and Lora McGraw (Eric Tallant); great-grandson, Cole Benzett; great-great-granddaughter, Anna Tallant; and many nieces

and nephews.

Lorene attended Crescent School for eight years, walking to and from school every day. She then attended Narka Rural High School and graduated in 1948. She then attended Brown Mackie School of Business in Salina where she pursued secretarial studies. While attending Brown Mackie, Lorene lived with and worked for a local family in Salina for room and board. She then graduated with her degree in 1949 and worked for four years at Wyatt Manufacturing in Salina as an office manager.

In 1949, Lorene met Ray Gene Salmon at a dance in Hubbell, NE. Ray proposed to Lorene in 1951 prior to serving as a Special Agent Investigator in the Korean War. When he returned, they were married in Clyde, KS, on August 16, 1953.

Lorene and Ray's first home was in Holcomb, KS, where Ray worked as a teacher and then the school principal. Throughout her life,

Lorene worked diligently to raise their two children while also being employed as a church and school secretary. Later in life, Lorene was a devoted grandmother and played a key role in raising her grandchildren. She also enjoyed traveling with her husband and the Good Neighbor Sams Campers. Lorene was a volunteer at the local food bank, Salina Regional Health Center, and numerous other civic events.

She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Visitation will be from 9-10 a.m. on Friday, April 10, 2026, at Trinity United Methodist Church, Salina, followed by the funeral service at 10 a.m. The graveside committal service will be held at 2 p.m. on April 10, at Union Cemetery, Wayne, KS.

Memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church or the Salina Presbyterian Manor Employee Christmas Fund, care of Ryan Mortuary, Salina.

Larry Ray Heyka

Larry Ray Heyka, 79, of Manhattan, Kansas, passed away peacefully at his home in Soddy Daisy, Tennessee, on March 22, 2026.



Larry was born on December 31, 1946, in Concordia, Kansas, the first of twin sons born to Frank John and Olga Louise (McKennett) Heyka. From an early age, he embraced life with energy and purpose—working on the family farm, participating in 4-H, and competing in sports. He graduated from Republic High School in 1964 and went on to attend Kansas State University, where he earned a degree in Agricultural Economics in 1969. During his time at K-State, Larry was a proud member of the ATO fraternity, participated in ROTC, and developed a lifelong love for the Wildcats that never faded.

On May 24, 1970, Larry married Elizabeth "Liz" McKemy in Riley, Kansas, and together they had two children, Bradley and Megan. They later divorced.

On June 10, 1989, Larry married Mary Jo (Krier) Watson at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Dodge City, Kansas, beginning a partnership that would span 36 years and built a blended family rooted in love, faith, fun, and commitment. Together they shared life with their children—Brad, JJ, Megan, Curt, and Mitch—and created a home centered around family.

Larry built a distinguished career in banking, marked not only by professional success but by the relationships and trust he cultivated along the way. He began as a bank examiner with the Federal Reserve before serving as President of First National Bank in Dodge City, leading during a time of significant transition and growth. He later joined Bank of America as Market President, overseeing agricultural lending while based in St. Louis. Despite the demands of his career, Larry and Mary Jo rarely missed a Kansas State home football game—an example of his deep loyalty and passion for the people and places he loved.

In 2000, Larry returned to Manhattan to serve as President of what is now Landmark National Bank. He was considered to be an outstanding banker by his peers across Kansas. His commitment to community was evident through his service, including leadership roles with the Dodge City and Manhattan Area Chambers of Commerce. He was known not only for his leadership, but for mentoring countless young professionals entering the banking

industry.

A faithful member of St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Larry's faith was a guiding force in his life. He lived it daily through his kindness, humility, and the way he treated others. He was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus.

More than his professional accomplishments, Larry will be remembered for the joy he brought to those around him. He had an easy smile, loved to have fun, and was known for his quick wit, jokes, and spot-on imitations that could light up any room. To his family, he was simply "Big Guy" or "Larbo"—names that reflected the closeness, love, and laughter he shared with those who knew him best. He was a man of unwavering values and deep devotion to his family, leading with quiet strength and taking great pride in the lives of his children and grandchildren.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Bradley; and his brother, Gene.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Mary Jo; his children, Jennifer Jo (Dylan), Megan (Marc), Curtis (Brittany), and Mitchell (Amy); 12 grandchildren; his twin

brother, Gary (Susan); and many nieces, nephews, and extended family members who will cherish his memory.

Larry's life was a testament to faith, family, service, and joy. He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew him.

The family will greet friends during a visitation from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home in Manhattan. A Vigil Service with the Rosary will follow at 7:00 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 9, at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Manhattan, with Father Don Zimmerman officiating. Interment will follow at Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan.

The family suggests memorial contributions in memory of Larry to Manhattan Catholic Schools or the Kansas State University Johnson Cancer Research Center. Contributions may be sent in care of Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

A Memorial Mass will be held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Soddy Daisy, Tennessee later.

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Weather

<p>Weds 8 Day 76°</p> <p>☁️ 13% SW 25 mph</p> <p>Partly cloudy skies with gusty winds. High 76F. Winds SW at 20 to 30 mph. Winds could occasionally gust over 40 mph.</p>	<p>Night 47°</p> <p>☁️ 38% NE 12 mph</p> <p>Showers in the evening, then cloudy overnight. Low 47F. Winds NE at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 40%.</p>
<p>Thurs 9 Day 74°</p> <p>☁️ 24% ESE 13 mph</p> <p>Considerable cloudiness. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. High 74F. Winds ESE at 10 to 15 mph.</p>	<p>Night 41°</p> <p>☁️ 85% NE 14 mph</p> <p>Thunderstorms likely. Gusty winds and small hail are possible. Low 41F. Winds NE at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 90%.</p>
<p>Fri 10 Day 57°</p> <p>☁️ 24% NE 15 mph</p> <p>Considerable cloudiness. High 57F. Winds NE at 10 to 20 mph.</p>	<p>Night 50°</p> <p>☁️ 60% ESE 12 mph</p> <p>Cloudy with showers. Low near 50F. Winds ESE at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 60%.</p>
<p>Sat 11 Day 77°</p> <p>☁️ 47% SSE 20 mph</p> <p>Rain showers in the morning with scattered thunderstorms arriving in the afternoon. Much warmer. High 77F. Winds SSE at 15 to 25 mph. Chance of rain 50%.</p>	<p>Night 61°</p> <p>☁️ 74% S 18 mph</p> <p>Scattered thunderstorms in the evening, then cloudy with rain likely later at night. Low 61F. Winds S at 15 to 25 mph. Chance of rain 70%.</p>
<p>Sun 12 Day 77°</p> <p>☁️ 51% S 24 mph</p> <p>Scattered thunderstorms and windy in the morning, then skies turning partly cloudy late. High 77F. Winds S at 20 to 30 mph. Chance of rain 50%.</p>	<p>Night 40°</p> <p>☁️ 12% SSW 20 mph</p> <p>Partly cloudy. Windy. Low 57F. Winds SSW at 20 to 30 mph.</p>
<p>Mon 13 Day 80°</p> <p>☁️ 10% SW 17 mph</p> <p>Mostly sunny skies. High around 80F. Winds SW at 15 to 25 mph.</p>	<p>Night 45°</p> <p>☁️ 24% NEN 13 mph</p> <p>A few clouds from time to time. Low near 45F. SSE winds shifting to NNE at 10 to 20 mph.</p>

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Wheat: \$5.40

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Milo: \$3.29

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