

# Obituaries

## Janeé Michelle Umbarger



Janeé Michelle Umbarger, a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, daughter and social worker, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at the age of 55.

Born June 30, 1969, in Osceola, Iowa, to Edward and Susan (Warner) Adcock, Janeé lived a life filled with music, compassion, and unwavering dedication to others.

Her early years showcased her musical talent, playing piano, drums, and alto saxophone with such proficiency that she earned a college scholarship for band. A gifted cook, Janeé created a warm and welcoming home, a haven of comfort for her family and friends. She attended Altoona-Midway High School, later earning her GED, and went on to pursue higher education, achieving an Associate of Art Degree from Neosho County Community College, a Bachelor of Social Work from Pittsburg State University, and a Master of Social Work from Wichita State University.

Janeé's life was marked by three marriages: to Steve Joyce, Walter Robertson, and Doug Umbarger. Through it all, her devotion to her "Fabulous 5" children remained steadfast. She is survived by Andrew (Kelli) Joyce of El Dorado, Ark.; Scott (Melinda Hunt) Robertson of Parsons; Amanda (Tyler) Claibourn of Neodesha; Breann (Eugene) Allen of Iola; and Caitlyn Umbarger of Chanute. Her legacy extends to her cherished grandchildren, to whom she was affectionately known as "Grandma Nee;" Ella, Karter, and Jase Green; Vada, Tessa, and Blair Claibourn; and River Robertson.

Janeé possessed a vibrant personality, a sparkling sense of humor, and a heart of gold. She was a friend to all, embracing diversity and extending her love without prejudice. As a counselor at Altoona-Midway Schools, she was deeply admired by her students and colleagues, wholeheartedly supporting their academic and personal growth through college prep, scholarship applications, career fairs, and more. She took great pride in being a "Jet." Her professional life was a testament to her compassion, as she served as a social worker, advocating tirelessly for the vulnerable and marginalized — children, families, and indi-

viduals facing developmental/physical disabilities, trauma, abuse, mental illness, addiction, foster care challenges, criminal histories, chronic illness, homelessness, and unemployment. Janeé's unwavering support and advocacy extended to anyone in need, regardless of their circumstances.

Janeé is preceded in death by her father, Edward Adcock and stepfather, Jack Chapman. She is survived by her mother, Susan Chapman; sisters, Jaclyn Emo of Shawnee, KS, and Debbie Adcock of Osceola, IA; stepmother, Kathy Adcock.

A Celebration of Janeé's Life was held at Countryside Funeral Home, 420 S. 20th St., Fredonia, KS 66736 on Friday, April 25, 2025. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Countryside Funeral Home. Her memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her. Memorial contributions can be made in Janeé's name to the family to help offset expenses and can be left with the funeral home.

## Amy L. Adams



Amy L. Adams, 62, of Fredonia, passed away May 10, 2024. Amy was born on November 29, 1961, the daughter of Joseph and Barbara (Cline) Adams.

Amy and her mother Barbara Beine will be having a Celebration of Life service together on Saturday, May 3 at 10 a.m. at Countryside Funeral Home in Fredonia with inurnment at Yates Center Cemetery to follow. Services are under the direction of Countryside Funeral Home 420 S. 20<sup>th</sup> St., P.O. Box 247, Fredonia, KS 66736

Amy was a graduate of Chase, Kan., High School; she found her career working security for nuclear power plants and was recognized for being a top female shooter by the NRA when they would come in yearly for inspections. She was well known for her abilities that allowed her to travel and work at several facilities throughout her life. Amy spent the last 15 years as a corporal security guard for Wolf Creek Nuclear Power Plant in Burlington, where she retired.

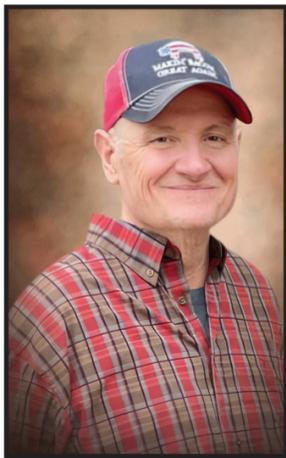
Amy enjoyed being outside, she liked growing flowers and plants of all kinds. For fun she liked to go shopping and had a large collection of costume jewelry. No matter how painful her illness was toward the end, Amy would put a smile

on her face to let her family know she was going to be alright.

Including her cat Missy, and grand cat Aladdin, Amy is survived by a daughter Lindsay Adams of Fredonia; brothers, Chris Adams of Utah, Curt Adams of Riverside, IL; as well as nieces and nephews.

Memorials in Amy's memory have been suggested to the Fredonia Pound Pals and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home.

## Gregory Dean Buster



Gregory Dean Buster, 63, of Neodesha, KS, passed away on April 27, 2025, at Wilson Medical Center following a heroic battle with heart disease.

Greg was born in Chanute, KS, on March 17, 1962. Son of Buddy Dean and Anita "Mack" Colleene Buster. He was a devoted husband to Paula Theresa (Willard) Buster. They married on September 28, 1984, in Thayer, KS. They were blessed with 40+ years together, always enjoying many adventures.

Greg retired from Youngs Welding in Chanute, KS after 36 years. He then opened "Buster's BBQ, Home cooking, And Catering" in Neodesha.

He and Paula then ran this business for 9 years. After opening the restaurant Greg enjoyed spending time with family and friends. What Greg loved most was cooking for people no matter who it was. Greg's joy and satisfaction he

felt in seeing others appreciate his cooking and the food he provided. Greg's character, emphasizing his love for cooking or providing food, derives from the positive impact of his efforts on others. Greg also had many other small business adventures, including "Blue Sky Kennels", a manager of "Lil' Toledo and Truck Farming and Greenhouse" with his dad, Dean.

Greg spent his younger years coyote, bird, and deer hunting. He also loved training bird dogs and horses. His second most enjoyment in life was to talk. He talked to others, known or unknown, local

or not, it didn't matter who you were or where you came from, he loved to share his stories and hear your stories.

Those who are left to cherish Greg's memory are his wife Paula of the home, two beautiful daughters, Kristin Marie (Buster) Carrico and husband Ben of Thayer, KS and Tara Ann Buster of Neodesha, KS, three top notch grandchildren, Taten Engelman, Abigail and Emily Carrico, sisters Anita Ehmke and husband Tom, and Linda Norton. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews and a big slough of friends that were like family. Preceded in death by grandpar-

ents Don Buster, Marie (Greve) Buster, Lauren White, Velma "Dude" Irene Yates; parents Dean and Mack Buster; sister, Mitzi Raida; and nephew Tim Ehmke.

Family will receive friends May 1, 2025, from 4pm to 8pm at Loran Fawcett Chapel in Neodesha, KS. Services will be on Friday May 2, 2025, at Thayer Christian Church, at 10am. Burial will be immediately following at Thayer Cemetery. Suggested memorials to honor Greg's memory may be made to Thayer Schools for Retractable American Flag Project or Neodesha USD 461, Welding Program.

## Kansas agency says scam texts about toll payments should be reported to FTC

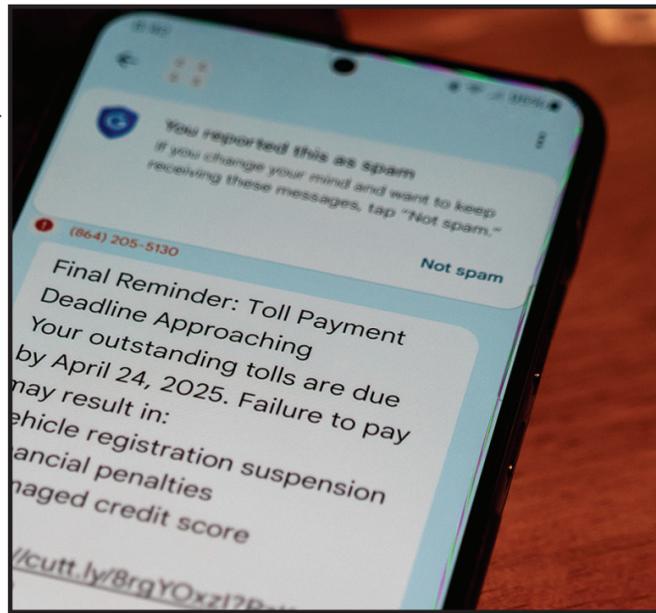
By SHERMAN SMITH  
Kansas Reflector

TOPEKA — The Kansas Department of Transportation is asking people to report scam text messages about unpaid tolls to federal authorities.

The agency renewed its warning this week about the gush of fraudulent texts that falsely claim people have unpaid tolls and will face penalties if they don't take immediate action.

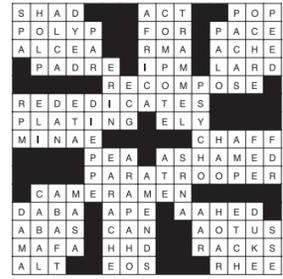
The scam known as "smishing" — a derivative of SMS, for "short message service," and "phishing," where a fraudster pretends to be someone else.

Some of the fake text messages requesting toll payments claim to be from KDOT, but the agency doesn't request or collect payments via text message, and also doesn't collect tolls. The Kansas Turnpike Authority has oversight of the turnpike tolls.



KDOT advised not to click any link in the scam texts and said anyone who has made a payment should contact their bank or credit card company immediately.

The agency asked that anyone who received a scam message report it to the Federal Trade Commission or the Internet Crime Complaint Center.



### LEGAL NOTICE

First published in the Wilson County Citizen, Thursday, The 24th day of April, 2025

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
JAMES DONALD LOOMIS A/K/A JAMES D. LOOMIS Deceased  
CASE NO. WL-2025-PR-000015

(Petition Pursuant to Chapter 59 of Kansas Statutes Annotated)  
NOTICE FOR HEARING

The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court by EMMA F. CRITES owner of an interest in property of JAMES DONALD LOOMIS A/K/A JAMES D. LOOMIS deceased, praying for the determination of the descent; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before May 15, 2025, 9:30a.m. of said day, in said court, in the City of Fredonia, in Wilson County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

EMMA F. CRITES, Petitioner  
Submitted by:

JOHN K. CHENOWETH -- SC#11066  
Attorney for Petitioner

### LEGAL NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
JAMES CLINE A/K/A JAMES EDWIN CLINE, Deceased.  
CASE NO.  
(Petition pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed on April 1, 2025, in this court by JANET R. RATZLAFF, the duly appointed, qualified and acting co-executor of the estate of JAMES CLINE A/K/A JAMES EDWIN CLINE, deceased, praying for a final settlement of the estate, approval of her acts, proceedings and accounts as executor, allowance for attorney's fees and expenses, determination of the heirs entitled to the estate and assignment thereto. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before May 15, 2025, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on said day, in said Court, in the City of Fredonia, in Wilson County, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

JANET R. RATZLAFF, Petitioner

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