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Sharon Diane Gideon
Sharon Diane Gideon, age 68, passed away on April 7, 2025 in the presence of family. Sharon, or "Diane" Gideon was born on February 15, 1957 in Wichita, Kansas to Gwendolyn and ED Nichols.

Diane is survived by her siblings: sister Debbie Weldon of Florien, Louisiana, sister Teresa Clegg and her husband Charles, of Orange, Texas, and brother David Nichols and his wife Tina of Many, Louisiana. She is preceded in death by her beloved grandmother Ruby Hensley; mother Gwendolyn Polk; father ED Nichols; step-father Frankie "Red" Polk; beloved niece Melissa Polk; and beloved nephew Joshua Nichols.



Diane married Ricky "Rick" Dirks in 1977 and she is survived by their children, son Adam Dirks and his wife Sara, of Manhattan, Kansas, and daughter Jodi Davis and her husband Johnnie, of Medicine Lodge, Kansas; grandchildren: Daylynn, Joe, Lexi, and Waylon; and great-granddaughter Reagan.

Diane loved her morning coffee. She had a green thumb and loved gardening, flowers, and house plants. She attended nursing school and worked as a nurse for 25 years — a profession she enjoyed and excelled at. She liked reading biographies and was a big fan of Clint Eastwood and loved old movies from the 50's and 60's. In her younger adult years, Diane was an avid softball player, competing in co-ed leagues in Pratt, Kansas, where she brought joy and camaraderie to every game. Diane always managed to put food on the table and to ensure her kids were happy and taken care of. She had a remarkable talent for helping her children appreciate the simple, free joys in life, teaching them that happiness and entertainment did not require money. She loved small children and babies, and had a way with them. Likewise, small children and babies adored Diane. Her heart overflowed with love for her grandchildren and great-grandchild, cherishing every moment she spent with them.

The family invites you to a memorial service at Zenda Methodist Church on Friday, April 25th, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. in Zenda, Kansas. Cremation has taken place. Diane's final resting place will be at Sandhill Cemetery in Yardell, Arkansas.

Prairie Rose Funeral Homes, 613 W 14th St ~ Harper, Kansas 67058

Marilyn Marie Bell
Marilyn Marie Bell, 87, of Medicine Lodge, Kansas, peacefully went to be with her Lord and Savior Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025, in her home. She was born September 4, 1937, in Kingman, Kansas, the daughter of Alfred Robert Bloesser and

Olivia Marie (Simons) Bloesser.

Marilyn graduated from Kingman High School in 1955. Following, she attended business school in Wichita then worked for Mobil Oil where she enjoyed typing drilling reports for the geologists. On August 25, 1957, she married Frank Gene Bell in Kingman, Kansas and the couple resided in Manhattan, Kansas, for Gene to finish college. Upon Gene's graduation from Kansas State University, the couple moved to Barber County to start their farm and ranch operation and raise their family.

Marilyn and Gene were active members and faithful servants at Union Chapel until its closing, and they then joined the congregation of Community Bible Fellowship in Medicine Lodge. Marilyn was a member of the Union Chapel Ladies Aid, Flying Eagle EHU, and a leader in the Lone Eagle 4-H Club. Marilyn enjoyed living on the family farm in the Gyp Hills as long as her health permitted. She recently moved closer to town to be nearer to family.

Marilyn was blessed with loving caregivers who enabled Marilyn to stay in the comfort of her home until her death. Family members will forever appreciate the loving care given by Angel, Angela, Gabby, Heather, Jeanette, Kayla, Lainey, Olivia and Phinn.



Marilyn was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; and her brother (Bob).

Surviving are four daughters, Karen (Rod) Cunningham of Medicine Lodge, Pam (Kim) Krehbiel of Pratt, Linda Bell of Topeka, and Charlotte (Jeff) Hoagland of Medicine Lodge; 11 grandchildren, Ryan (Karen) Cunningham, Julie (Ryan) McCoy, Christi (Brian) Bullock, Landon (Andrea) Cunningham, Colt Miller, Maranda Moody, Melissa (Ty) Rebel, David (Lauren) Krehbiel, Bryce (Lexi) Krehbiel, Charli (Devin) Jones, Cassi (Gavin) Fritz, Ashli (Kelly) Snow, and Duston (Darrian) Hoagland; 36 great grandchildren; three great, great-grandchildren; a sister, Carolyn (Jim) Scheer of Garden Plain; two sisters-in law, Ginger (Frank) Black of Littleton, Colorado, and Carle Bell of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with family present from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, April 17, 2025, at Community Bible Fellowship. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, April 18, 2025 at Community Bible Fellowship with Pastor Dwain Richert officiating. Burial was at Highland Cemetery, Medicine Lodge.

Memorials may be made to Community Bible Fellowship or Marilyn Bell Scholarship Fund, c/o, Larison Funeral Home, 120 E. Lincoln, Medicine Lodge, KS 67104.

Online condolences may be left at www.larrisonmortuary.com

school year and James Manning, summer weights, for the 24-25 school year; the resignations of: Kami Hahn, as MLHS girls head basketball coach, at the end of the 24-25 school year, Mark Coley, as MLHS girls assistant coach, at the end of the 24-25 school year and Judd Dohrmann, as Head MLJH football coach at the end of the 24-25 school year; an opening for a MLGS title/instructional support position;

Renee Paxon, Family Liaison (Social Worker), effective 4/16/25; MLGS donations: \$50 from MLMH to MLGS Love Fund, \$250 Health Habits from MLMH, and \$20,000 MLGS PTO to GS Playground project; JSHS donations: \$50 from MLMH/Physicians Clinic to the MLJSHS Love Fund, \$200 from Indian Oil Company to MLJSHS Print Shop for Sports Posters and \$100 from GS Stuco to MLJSHS Print Shop for 6th grade pennants; District donation: \$4 donation from KS Tax Refund; BOE donation to HS Project Prom for snacks and drinks up to \$300; lowest bid from Eck Services for \$68,850, for the replacing MLJSHS water supply lines and bid for MLJSHS asbestos tile removal in band and weight room by Remediation Contractors for \$9,990 and bid for District Office asbestos tile removal downstairs and little gym by Remediation Contractors for \$11,195; seek bids for GS playground equipment; buses and MLJSHS kitchen/cafeteria public facility usage application from the Barber County Conservation for May 10th for the wildflower tour; personal leave requests from Cheryl Theis for May 16 (1/2 day) and May 19 (1/2 day), Liz Forsyth May 9th, Tiffany Barnes May 8th and Trisha Barnard May 19th; first grade field trip to The Menagerie-Brady's Mammals in Alva, Oklahoma on April 29th, second grade field trip to Great Salt Plains on May 16th and the renewal of certified and classified employee contracts for the 25-26 school year.

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Barber County Clerk's Claims Publication Report

or the Selected Date Range of: 1/1/2025 thru 3/31/2025

clude Only Budgeted Funds: Yes

Fund Range: ALL

Fund / Fund Name		Beginning Cash Balance		Ending Cash Balance	
		As of: 1/1/2025	Receipts	Expenses	As of: 3/31/2025
002	AMBULANCE	\$289,160.14	\$290,505.17	(\$158,380.17)	\$421,285.14
006	APPRAISER COST	\$126,745.31	\$158,844.89	(\$64,617.37)	\$220,972.83
026	CONSERVATION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
028	COUNCIL ON AGING	\$0.00	\$70,528.32	(\$58,041.87)	\$12,486.45
030	ELECTION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
031	EMERGENCY 911	\$53,759.37	\$17,516.48	(\$53,430.91)	\$17,844.94
032	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$1,100,737.10	\$1,067,817.48	(\$291,611.47)	\$1,876,943.11
034	EXTENSION COUNCIL	\$0.00	\$106,921.24	(\$87,961.39)	\$18,959.85
036	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
038	FAIR MAINTENANCE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
040	GENERAL	\$3,729,013.35	\$1,641,342.46	(\$865,170.26)	\$4,505,185.55
044	HOME HEALTH SERVICE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
046	JUNIOR COLLEGE TUITION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
048	MENTAL HEALTH	\$0.00	\$35,823.74	(\$168.37)	\$35,655.37
050	MENTAL RETARDATION	\$0.26	\$35,823.89	(\$168.37)	\$35,655.78
051	NOXIOUS WEED CAP. OUTL	\$32,051.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32,051.68
052	NOXIOUS WEED	\$11,940.14	\$87,396.04	(\$14,234.44)	\$85,101.74
054	PUBLIC HEALTH	\$190,930.11	\$215,936.92	(\$60,653.69)	\$346,213.34
060	ROAD AND BRIDGE	\$502,524.83	\$1,462,856.45	(\$386,185.97)	\$1,579,195.31
062	RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #1	\$252,135.28	\$144,089.57	(\$43,810.74)	\$352,414.11
066	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	\$770,771.03	\$78,572.50	(\$124,946.16)	\$724,397.37
070	SPECIAL ALCOHOL	\$23,437.99	\$1,305.81	\$0.00	\$24,743.80
072	SPECIAL BRIDGE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
074	SPECIAL HIGHWAY IMPRO	\$94,335.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$94,335.35
076	SPECIAL MACHINERY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
080	VEHICLE OPERATING FUND	\$3,074.86	\$13,837.00	(\$7,912.69)	\$8,999.17
100	BOND AND INTEREST	\$0.00	\$0.47	\$0.00	\$0.47
366	USD 332 - BOND & INTERES	\$0.00	\$254.20	(\$254.20)	\$0.00
Report Grand Totals:		\$7,180,616.80	\$5,429,372.63	(\$2,217,548.07)	\$10,392,441.36

County Clerk: Amy Sill

Clerk's Statement:

I do hereby certify the above is a true and correct summary of expenditures to the best of my knowledge and belief. A detail statement of expenditures is available in the County Clerk Office.

County Treasurer: Sheri Weeks

Treasurer's Statement:

I do hereby certify the above is a true and correct summary of expenditures to the best of my knowledge and belief. A detail statement of expenditures is available in the County Clerk Office.

Cleanup

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which includes, picking up trash, clearing logs, weed eating, mowing, spreading mulch, etcetera. The goal is to make the trail around the lake easily accessible for the public to use.

Announcements will be made on the Official What's Going on in Medicine Lodge Facebook page leading up to the event. In the event of inclement weather, a secondary date will be posted there.

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