

Obituaries

RONALD H. HLAD (1934 - 2025)



Ronald Henry Hlad was born to Albert & Mary (Vejl) Hlad at the Dream Theater Clinic in Russell, KS on July 25, 1934. He was the second of four children born into the family:

Edward, Ronald, Geraldine, and Alene. They lived on the family farm SE of Bunker Hill, KS and went to the 4 corners school. He later moved with his parents to a farm SW of Sylvan Grove, KS where he attended Twin Grove School for 2 years. Ron graduated from Sylvan Grove High School in 1952. From 1955-1958 he attended Omaha Bible Institute in Omaha, NE. While a student at OBI, he traveled with a quartet representing the school in churches across the NE, IA, & KS region and also with an octet in MT & SD. It was at OBI he met Jane Dearchs, who would thereafter become his bride of 67 years! To this union were born four children: Randall, Jean, Steven and Carol.

Ron was a hardworking farmer/rancher by trade. He and his father & brother instituted new practices in farming by using the Moline one-way implement instead of the plow to work the soil after harvest in the 1940's. In the years to follow, they integrated the use of the Sunflower offset disc and v-blade. Their use of larger implements introduced the first Versatile 4-wheel drive tractor to the Sylvan Grove area. Ron also spent countless hours building and maintaining terraces to preserve the soil. As a good steward in many ways, he was frugal in the use of his money, realizing it was merely a tool. He believed that it is God who truly provides. Therefore, God blessed him for it, and in turn, Ron demonstrated generosity to others. Ronald accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior at the age of 7 and on

his profession of faith was immersed in baptism. After returning home from Bible college, he established daily devotions and faithful church attendance with his young family. He demonstrated leadership by actively serving in his local church as a deacon, lay preacher, Sunday school teacher, and song leader. Ron served for 47 years on the board of Faith Baptist Bible College, Ankeny, IA (formerly OBI & OBBC) and on the Board of Midwest Regular Baptist Camp, Ozawie, KS. He provided transportation to church, VBS, and AWANA for countless area children and sang solos for many funerals. He was considered a faithful man of God who set a godly example and left a lasting impact on his wife, his children & their spouses, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as many family and friends.

Some of the things he enjoyed most were: the old Hymns, teasing, pickles, cookies, ice cream, his grandchildren & great-grandchildren, and looking forward to meeting his Savior face to face!

He was preceded in death by his parents Albert & Mary (Vejl) Hlad, brother Ed Hlad, sister Geraldine Meyer, and granddaughter Jenessa Hlad. Left to carry on are his wife Jane, Sylvan Grove, KS, son Randall (Beth), Sylvan Grove, KS, daughter Jean (Don) Michaelson, Marshalltown, IA, son Steven (Kim), Lincoln, KS, daughter Carol (Scott) Langston, Meridian, KS, sister Alene Thompson, VA, 15 grandchildren, and 28 (soon to be 29) great grandchildren.

2 Timothy 4:7 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith"

Celebration of life services were held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 10:30 AM at the First Baptist Church in Wilson, Kansas.

The family has requested in lieu of flowers memorials be made to the Lincoln County Hospital and or the Bethany Church and or the faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary and can be sent in care of the mortuary.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Rentschler Family Mortuaries Sylvan Grove, Kansas.

www.rfmortuaries.com
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ALAN D. OSTERMANN (1947 - 2025)



Alan Donald Ostermann, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend, passed away quietly on the morning of April 8, 2025. He was 78 years old.

In his final hours, Alan was surrounded in love by his Wife of 54 years, Kaye, his 3 children, his 2 brothers, and his older sister.

Alan was born to Donald and Elda Ostermann on February 7, 1947. He was born in Sylvan Grove, Kansas, in the middle of a winter blizzard. As the story goes, unable to get to the hospital, Alan was placed in the oven for incubation. A literal "bun in the oven"!

Alan spent his younger years attending parochial school at Bethlehem Lutheran. He spent his formative years growing up on, and working on the family farm. Alan's childhood on the farm shaped his early life's passion, raising and riding horses. Alan loved and enjoyed sports. The love of which never left. He grew up bleeding purple for his beloved K-State Wildcat teams. Alan would later take up the game of golf. Alan attended Sylvan Grove High School and went on to attend Kansas State University. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Science. He was an active member of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, and a leader of his class of Kansas State Reserve Officer Training Corps (R.O.T.C.).

Directly after college graduation, Alan took his commission in the United States Army as a 2nd Lieutenant, branched as a Transportation Officer. Alan's first duty station was the United States Military Academy, "West Point" in New York. Alan went on to be promoted to 1st Lieutenant and was transferred to his final duty station at Fort McClellan, Alabama, where he would meet and marry his beautiful wife, Kaye Suzanne Meyer, also a 1st Lieutenant in the US Army. On April 10, 1971 (54 years), Alan and Kaye were married on post in a beautiful military wedding complete with saber arch attended to by his cousin/best man Dru Richard, also a 1st Lieutenant.

After resigning their commissions honorably in 1971, Alan and Kaye moved back to Alan's hometown of Sylvan Grove, Kansas. Alan took a position at the Sylvan State Bank, where he worked until 1992.

Alan was extremely active in the Sylvan Grove community. He and Kaye were extremely active in the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (Lucas, KS). Alan was involved with and actively participated in the Lion's Club, the American Legion (Post 359), and the Saddle Club. He volunteered with the local Fire Department as a fire-fighter, and EMT. Alan, at one point, reaching the rank of assistant fire

chief. The busy couple also had and raised 3 children, and in 1992, moved to Katy (Houston), Texas.

In Texas Alan worked in insurance, banking, car sales, and auto financing. Alan and Kaye were extremely active with their congregations (dates unknown) at Memorial Drive Lutheran (Houston, TX); Living Word Lutheran (Katy, TX), and finally Memorial Lutheran (Katy, TX). The couple moved back to Abilene, Kansas in 2016, where they were very active with Faith Lutheran Church. Alan was also a member and active officer with the American Legion, Post 39, Abilene, Kansas. Alan was honored, in his home, by the local post members, with a lifetime achievement award. Alan and Kaye were moved again in 2024 and have since resided at the Bella Rose Retirement Community in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Alan's loving spirit is carried on by his wife of 54 years, Kaye; their 3 children Lisa Maydian (Dale); Nathan Ostermann (Krista), and Seth Ostermann (Sarah); his siblings Linda Laird (Dick), Jerry Ostermann (Becky), Scott Ostermann (Chris); nine grandchildren; and many wonderful nephews and nieces. Alan was preceded in death by his parents Donald and Elda Ostermann.

To honor Alan's memory, a Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 3, 2025 at the First Presbyterian Church located at 119 E 3rd St, Sylvan Grove, Kansas. There will be a family visitation at 10:00 a.m. at the church preceding the 11:00 service. All are welcome to attend the graveside service following directly afterwards at the Sylvan Grove Cemetery. A luncheon will follow at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center located at 109 S Main Street, Sylvan Grove, Kansas.

Alan battled Parkinson's for the better part of a decade and was a fighter to the end. Part of this fight was keeping his body fit and active. One of, if not the main way Alan did this was by attending the Impact Sports & Fitness Gym, 418 N Broadway, Abilene, Kansas 67410.

Because of a generous fund set up at the gym for people with Parkinson's, Alan and his "team" (a surprisingly large group of others with Parkinson's), were able to attend the gym and participate in an intensive physical training program. This program provided the equipment, and most importantly, personal trainers who tailored specific exercises for him and his "team" that actively worked against the symptoms of Parkinson's. This program was provided to Alan and his "team", free of charge.

Alan's wish, in lieu of flowers, please send donations and make checks payable to:

Memorial Health Hospital, writing "Parkinson's" in the comments portion of your check. Please send checks to Anita at Impact Sports & Fitness at the aforementioned address. The phone number to the gym is (785) 263-2100 to make other payment arrangements. Please mention "Parkinson's Group Fund" to the staff.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted in Rentschler Family Mortuary - Sylvan Chapel.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
RUSSELL COUNTY, KANSAS

RUSSELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE,
PLINTIFF

VS. CASE NO. RS-2025-CV-000014

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES, and ALL OTHER INDIVIDUALS, PERSONS, FIRMS, CORPORATIONS, TRUSTS, OR OTHER ENTITIES WHICH ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED HEREIN; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS, and ASSIGNS OF ANY DECEASED DEFENDANTS; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF ANY DEFENDANTS; THE UNKNOWN OFFICERS, SUCCESSORS, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS, AND ASSIGNS OF ANY DEFENDANTS THAT ARE EXISTING, DISOLVED OR DORMANT CORPORATIONS, THE UNKNOWN EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS, and ASSIGNS OF ANY DEFENDANTS THAT ARE OR WERE PARTNERS OR IN PARTNERSHIP; THE UNKNOWN GUARDIANS, CONSERVATORS AND TRUSTEES OF ANY DEFENDANTS THAT ARE MINORS OR ARE UNDER ANY LEGAL DISABILITY; and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS, AND ASSIGNS OF ANY PERSON ALLEGED TO BE DECEASED DEFENDANTS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Russell County, Kansas by Andy Van Der Wege, Russell County Sheriff, seeking to quiet its titled in and to the following vehicles, to-wit:

- 2000 Ford F450, Vehicle Identification No. #1FDXF46F0YEB37322
- 2013 Chevrolet Camaro, Vehicle Identification No. 2G1FB1E35D9243188
- 1996 Toyota Camry, Vehicle Identification No. JT2BG12K4T0414520
- 2006 Chrysler PT Cruiser, Vehicle Identification No. 3A4FY58B56T271793
- 2000 Toyota Camry, Vehicle Identification No. 4T1BG22K3YU711528
- 2008 Pontiac G6, Vehicle Identification No. 1G2ZH57NX84290724
- 1995 GMC Sierra, Vehicle Identification No. 1GTEC14H9SZ551299
- 2012 Kawasaki Ninja, Vehicle Identification No. JKAEXMJ16CDAB3633
- 2007 Dodge Caravan, Vehicle Identification No. 1D4GP24R77B191450

which Petition is incorporated herein by reference. You are hereby required to plead to the Petition on or before June 3, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., in the Court at Russell County, Kansas. If you fail to plead judgment, and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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NOTICE OF SUIT
(Pursuant to Chapter 60)

This week on The Kansas Legislature

The Kansas Legislature, a local production of Smoky Hills PBS, will feature State Representatives Troy Waymaster (Dist. #109 - Bunker Hill), Sherri Brantley (Dist. #112 - Great Bend), Dawn Wolf (Dist. #107 - Bennington), and State Senators Elaine Bowers (Dist. #36 - Concordia) and Senator Brenda Dietrich (Dist. #20 - Topeka) on Friday, April 25th at 7 PM.

The Kansas Legislature is a program that takes place during the legislative session and gives the legislators and viewers the opportunity to discuss up-to-date issues. During the program, viewers can call 1-800-337-4788 with their legislative questions or email them to

theksleg@shptv.org.

Becky Kiser, News Reporter for Hays Post/Eagle Radio, has been named the moderator for the 2025 season of The Kansas Legislature.

Streaming access is also available for each episode on the Smoky Hills PBS YouTube channel: <http://bit.ly/StreamSmokyHillsPBS>. To find a list of legislators that might be on the show each week, go to our website, SmokyHillsPBS.org where you will find the 2025 season schedule.

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Senator Elaine Bowers

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