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FUNERAL HOME + CREMATORY

Dale Wayne Headley, 72, passed away on October 2, 2026. Cremation has taken place and there will be no formal services. A private family burial will take place at Prairie Lawn Cemetery at a later date. A memorial has been established in his memory with the American Legion SAL Post 90.

Letha I. Saunders, 95, passed away on October 4, 2026. Visitation will be held on Sunday, October 11 from 2:00 - 7:00 pm at Cornejo Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held on Monday, October 12 at 10:00 am at the Wellington Methodist Church. Interment will follow at Prairie

Lawn Cemetery in Wellington, KS. Memorial donations may be made to the Wellington Methodist Church.

Maryann Estes, 65, passed away on September 26, 2026. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, October 24 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Wheat Capital Manor Community Room, 400 South C Street in Wellington. Memorial donations may be made to Cornejo Funeral Home to assist the family with her final expenses.

Obituaries

LETHA I. SAUNDERS

Sep 5, 1927 - Oct 4, 2026



With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Letha I. Saunders, a loving and loyal mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, who left us on October 4, 2026. Born on September 5, 1927 in Wellington, KS, Letha was a pillar of strength, support, and love to her family and friends. Letha's generous spirit was evident in her involvement in numerous social and religious activities. Her love for her community was only surpassed by her commitment to her faith and family. Letha was a devoted member of her church where she had previously taught adult Sunday School and participated in the Tractors for Africa bake sale and auction.

Letha spent the majority of her life in Wellington, KS, having moved there after graduating from high school in Argonia, KS. She worked for many years as a legal secretary for the county attorney, the probate judge, and the Pfalzgraf family. Her dedication to her work was recognized and appreciated by all who had the privilege to work with her. Letha was a woman of many talents, including gardening, quilting, cooking, and reading. She was an active member of various quilting clubs and a bridge club, and her quilts were treasured by those lucky enough to receive them.

Letha is survived by her son, Michael (Kelly) Saunders; grandchildren, Brynn Richardson, Nathan (Liz) Saunders, Kate (Bill) Pfaff, Kelsey (Brien) Curry-Swingle, and Brett (Julie) McNeil; and great grandchildren, Alex Richardson, Jackson Curry, Sam Richardson, Elliott McNeil, Addie Curry, and Amelie McNeil. She was preceded in death by her parents, Gordon Sr. and Edna Fitts; her beloved husband, Samuel "Ed" Saunders; her daughter, Susan McNeil; and her brothers, Asa Fitts and Gordon Jr.

Visitation for Letha will be held on Sunday, October 11, 2026, from 2:00 - 7:00 pm with family present from 5:00 - 7:00 pm at Cornejo Funeral Home & Crematory, 1030 Mission Road, Wellington, KS. A funeral service will be held on Monday, October 12, 2026, at 10:00 am at the Wellington Methodist Church located at 202 W Harvey Ave, Wellington, KS 67152. Interment will follow at Prairie Lawn Cemetery in Wellington, KS.

Memorial donations may be made to the Wellington Methodist Church. Contributions may be mailed to or left with the funeral home.

Those who knew and loved Letha are encouraged to share memories and upload photos to the memorial page. Letha's life was marked by her love and dedication to her family, her faith, and her community. Her legacy will continue to live on in the hearts of those she touched. Share a memory, leave condolences or sign her digital tribute wall at www.cornejofuneralhome.com. Arrangements by Cornejo Funeral Home + Crematory, Wellington, Kansas.



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Welcome Officer Berryman

By Laura Lombardi

On October 2, friends and family of the 363rd Basic Training Class at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center gathered to watch 16 students become Kansas' newest law enforcement officers.

Among those graduating was Officer Jeffery Berryman II, a member of the Wellington Police Department. Berryman has family in Wellington and spent some of his youth in the community.

"We are happy to have him on board," said Wellington Chief of Police Tracy Heath. "With him joining the department, we are fully staffed, which gives us more flexibility."

Macy Vogt, class president and a Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks officer, reflected on the 14 weeks the class spent training together.

"Fourteen weeks ago, we arrived here from different agencies, communities and backgrounds. Since then, we have been challenged, tested and held to a standard not only as law enforcement officers, but as individuals," Vogt said. "Today, we leave KLETC with the knowledge and skills necessary to serve our communities."



The Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center, a division of the University of Kansas since 1968, serves as the state's central training agency for law enforcement officers.

Graduates received certificates recognizing their successful completion of the full-time basic course and certification as Kansas law enforcement officers through the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training, the state's law enforcement licensing authority.

Rick's Rain REPORT

PRECIPITATION AS OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026

For the Week: 2.7"
 For the month: 2.7"
 YTD: 33.03"

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