



Charlotte Lucille Erbe

October 28, 1943 - July 25, 2025

Charlotte Lucille (Hayden) Erbe, 81, passed away peacefully on Friday, July 25, 2025, at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita, KS, surrounded by her loving family.

Charlotte was born on October 28, 1943, in Leoti, KS. to Max and Lucille (Luckinbill) Hayden. She was the youngest of four children and the only daughter, and a treasured sister. Her early years were spent in several Kansas communities, and she attended schools in both LaFountaine and Thayer.

She met her future husband, Wayne Erbe, when he came by to playfully tease the new kids in town. That first meeting sparked a love story that would span decades. Charlotte and Wayne were married on January 16, 1958, in Nevada, MO., and remained devoted to one another until Wayne's passing in 2012. They made their home in LaFountaine, KS, where they raised their family. In later years, they moved to Thayer, KS.

Charlotte never punched a time clock, but she was the very definition of a hard-working woman. As dedicated farm wife, she managed the household, raised the children, and helped in countless ways to keep things running – all with strength, grace and love.

She is survived by her five Children:

Charletta (Roy) Gustin of Fredonia, KS

Dale (LaDonna) Erbe of Independence, KS

Carolyn Anderson of Fredonia, KS

Wanda Erbe of Fredonia, KS

Steve (Sandy) Erbe of Thayer, KS

Honorary daughter: Susie (Keith) Moore of Tahlequah, OK

Brother:

Alfred Hayden of Perryton, TX

11 Grandchildren:

Tanya Hartley (Autin Farmer), Tercia Gustin, Megan (Willie) Murry, Lisa (Sam) McGill, Stephanie (Matt) Matney, Klay (Adele) Walker, Karyn Walker, Tim Erbe, Keith Marquardt, Kayt (Ethan) Noakes, and Eric Erbe.

Charlotte was also blessed with 15 Great Grandchildren:

Corbin (Summer), Camden, Teigann, Atticus, Abraham, Veda, Hayven (Hayden), Payson, Abel Duke, Josie, Dalton, Lyla, Lena, Gabe, and Zeke. And 1 eagerly anticipated great-great grandchild.

Charlotte was preceded in death by her parents, Max Hayden and Lucille Smith, her husband Wayne, and brothers Don and Bill Hayden.

Charlotte will be remembered for her fierce love of family, her legendary cinnamon rolls and pies, and her competitive spirit at the card table-especially in the games of spades and hearts. Also, a fun game of Wahoo with the grandkids. Her home was a place of warmth, laughter and unwavering love. Charlotte's greatest legacy was her family. She was a steadfast presence-warm, strong, and generous, and her love will live on in each of them and the many lives she touched.

Graveside services will be held on Thursday, July 31, 2025, at 10:00 AM at the Harrison Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 30, 2025, from 5-7 pm at Countryside Funeral Home-Fredonia. Memorials have been suggested to either the Fredonia Food Bank, Fredonia Pound Pals or the American Heart Association and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at www.countrysidefh.com Services are under the direction of Countryside Funeral Home 420 S. 20th St., P.O. Box 247, Fredonia, KS. 66736

Cemetery Details

Harrison Cemetery

Thayer, KS

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

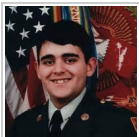
Countryside Funeral Home - Fredonia
420 S. 20th St.
P.O. Box 247
Fredonia, KS 66736
(620) 378-2882

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Harrison Cemetery
Thayer, KS

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Charlotte,

I just want to say thank you.

Growing up, your home was like a second home to me. I spent so much time there during my teenage years, and I always felt welcome—like I belonged. Even now, all these years later, I still remember that feeling. No matter how long it had been or whether I gave any warning, I always knew I could show up and you'd greet me with a smile. I probably made a pest of myself more than once, but you never made me feel like anything less than part of the family.

Your kindness, your strength, your laughter around the dinner table, card table or just sitting on the swing have long conversations—those are things I'll never forget. You had a way of showing love that left a lasting impact, not just on your own family, but on everyone lucky enough to know you.

You created a home filled with warmth and laughter and I was so privileged to be able to share in that from time to time. Your legacy lives on through your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren. And they were so lucky to have you. You almost always had a young one in your arms or at your feet and they learned so much about goodness from you. You raised good people and you should be so very proud of that.

Thank you for all of it. I will miss you dearly.

To the rest of the family, I offer my love and condolences. If anyone needs anything, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Wayne Campbell

Wayne Campbell - July 30, 2025 at 05:58 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Charlotte Erbe Video*



Countryside Funeral Home - July 30, 2025 at 02:10 PM

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“ From *Shelia Morris & Family* purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of *Charlotte Lucille Erbe*.



From Shelia Morris & Family - July 28, 2025 at 11:51 AM

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“ From *Shelia Morris & Family* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of *Charlotte Lucille Erbe*.

From Shelia Morris & Family - July 28, 2025 at 11:51 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Charlotte Lucille Erbe*.



July 28, 2025 at 10:30 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charlotte Lucille Erbe.

July 28, 2025 at 10:30 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Charlotte Lucille Erbe.



July 28, 2025 at 01:29 AM



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“ Marlene Shinkle lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Erbe



Marlene Shinkle - July 27, 2025 at 07:16 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss to the whole Erbe family. Will always have wonderful memories of hanging out over at her home in LA fountain. From playing football and just hanging out. She treated all of us as if we were and extension of her own kids. She was one of a kind will be missed.

Rick White - July 27, 2025 at 02:06 PM

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“ I can't believe that I'm reading this obituary when I was little and living in Lafountain just down the street from Charlotte. My brothers grew up with her boys, which are Dennis James and Dion Valentine. I remember the family very well. As a little girl, it was one of my favorite places to hang . Sending much love to the whole entire family.

cloetta Bannon (Greer) - July 27, 2025 at 02:02 PM