



## Helen "Renee" Wells

October 7, 1941 - March 29, 2024

Helen "Renee" Wells, age 82 of Grenola, Kansas, passed away after a battle with pancreatic cancer on Friday, March 29, 2024 at her home.

Renee was born October 7, 1941 in Independence, Missouri, the daughter of William Harold and Helen (Thompson) Welborn. She spent her early childhood years in Independence, Missouri, before the family moved to the farm in the Grenola area in 1954. Renee graduated from Grenola High School in 1959, and then attended Southwestern College in Winfield, KS.

Renee was united in marriage to Richard Wells on July 19, 1959 at the Grenola United Methodist Church. The couple made their home in Winfield and Douglass, before moving to Grenola to purchase the Hardware and Lumberyard there.

She was a stay at home mom, helping part time at the business and part time as a US Postal clerk. In August 1999, she became Postmaster in Grenola, retiring in 2012.

Her family includes her husband, Richard of the home

Children

Melanie (Todd) Hockenbury of Arkansas City

Debbie (Darryl) Littrell of Cedar Vale

Jeff (Janelle) Wells of Scranton

Denise (Jake) Liebau of Grenola

13 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren

Brother, Rocky (Joan) Welborn of Wichita

Many nieces and nephews

Visitation will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 4, 2024 at Countryside Funeral Home in Howard, KS

Funeral service will take place at 1:00 PM on Friday, April 5, 2024 at the Grenola Christian Church in Grenola, KS, with burial to follow in Green Lawn Cemetery near Grenola.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Grenola Senior Center, Grenola Elevator Museum, or the Grenola Community Building and may be mailed to or left with the funeral home.

Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home, 206 E. Washington, PO Box 1233, Howard, KS 67349

# Cemetery Details

## Greenlawn Cemetery

Grenola, KS 67346

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Howard  
206 E. Washington  
P.O. Box 1233  
Howard, KS 67349  
(620) 374-2381


## Service

APR 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

Grenola Christian Church  
306 N. Cana  
Grenola, KS 67346

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ So many wonderful memories with my Kansas connections   
Margaret from Tennessee

Margaret Morgan - April 04, 2024 at 10:01 PM

BC

“ Renee was a lovely lady. Condolences to Richard and family.  
Bruce Cooper

Bruce Cooper - April 04, 2024 at 07:54 PM

RR

“ “Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us everyday.” My  
deepest condolences. Randy Rivers

Randy Rivers - April 02, 2024 at 09:13 PM

JT

“ Renee was one of my most favorite people. She always had a smile  
on her face and a kind word for you. I will cherish all the wood  
working project her and Richard made for me. RIP my sweet friend.

Janet Trobaugh - April 02, 2024 at 08:27 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased  
for the family of Helen "Renee" Wells.



April 02, 2024 at 02:36 PM

DT

“ *Dominic Thyfault planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen "Renee" Wells.*

---

**Dominic Thyfault** - April 02, 2024 at 02:36 PM