



## Wendell Allen Vest Sr.

March 26, 1956 - February 27, 2023

Wendell Allen Vest Sr., 66, of LaHarpe passed away unexpectedly at home on Monday, February 27, 2023. Wendell was born on March 26, 1956, in Iola, the son of George Vest and Karl Ann Mapes.

Wendell grew up in Iola and graduated from Iola High School in 1974. Wendell was an outdoor man at heart, and he loved to go fishing, camp, and tend to his vegetable garden. Another thing that Wendell absolutely loved was watching John Wayne movies and he made sure that you never spoke poorly about The Duke.

If you were to ask Wendell what the most important thing to him was, he would say that it was people. He would do anything for anyone, even if it meant that he had to go without something. Wendell also loved his time as a custodian at Iola Elementary School and enjoyed spending time with all of the kids at the school and was blessed enough to have his grandchildren attend the school as well.

Wendell will always be remembered as a very reserved and stubborn man. Even though he wouldn't admit it, Wendell loved to feel needed. Wendell will be forever loved and missed by all who knew him.

Wendell is survived by his son Wendell Vest Jr. and his wife Melonie of Chanute, KS, and three daughters: Crystal Stokes and her husband Cliff of Herington, KS, Lyslie Shifflett and her husband Cameron of Iola, KS, and Sheri Gagne of Nebraska, five sisters: Leona, Ruth, Amy, Jodie, and Sandra, his brother Kenny, thirteen grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Wendell was preceded in death by his parents George and Ann, sister Cecilia, and brother Leonard.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Friday, March 3, 2023, at 10:00 am at Countryside Funeral Home in Chanute. Memorials have been suggested to the Lola Elementary PTO with a memo of Wendell Vest Memorial and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at: [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com). Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, Kansas 66720.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Johnson Chapel

101 N. Highland

Chanute, KS 66720

(620) 431-1220

<https://www.countrysidefh.com>

# Tribute Wall

AG

“ I was very blessed to get to work with Wendell for 7 years at Lincoln Elementary School. Wendell loved everyone at school and he was always there to help anyone. Not only was Wendell a great person to work with, he was a great friend that I will dearly miss.

Andy Gottlob - March 04, 2023 at 09:29 PM

DB

“ Wendell was a great guy. I worked with him at Lincoln for many years. He was always willing to help if you needed something. He will be missed. Sending prayers and sympathy to his family.

Debra Bath - March 03, 2023 at 06:21 PM

TS

“ Theresa Strunk lit a candle in memory of Wendell Vest



Theresa Strunk - March 02, 2023 at 06:49 PM

D'

“ I so enjoyed Wendell's wit and humor during his years at Lincoln Elementary. A prankster he was, and such fun to get him back! He brightened your school day! He will be missed. My condolences to his family and friends. Daryl Sigg

Daryl Sigg, Class of '74 - March 01, 2023 at 11:34 PM

AL

“ *Amy Ludlum lit a candle in memory of Wendell Vest*



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**Amy Ludlum** - March 01, 2023 at 11:09 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wendell Allen Vest Sr..*



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March 01, 2023 at 04:01 PM