



Wesley Dewey

November 25, 1943 - January 22, 2017

Wesley Warner Dewey, age 73, of Petrolia, KS, passed away Sunday, January 22, 2017 in Chanute, Kansas. Wes was born on November 25, 1943 in Chanute, KS the son of Emery and Margaret (Cooley) Dewey.

On October 25, 1961, Wes married Feona Wilhite at the Faith Assembly of God church in Humboldt, KS. Feona survives him at their home.

Wes' love of the outdoors and nature was instilled at an early age, and this passion was reflected in his art. Being artistic most of his life, he began painting professionally in the mid 1980s. He was an award winning wildlife artist, and entered several Duck Stamp competitions. He placed 4th in the first Kansas Duck Stamp competition in 1989 and won the competition in 1990. Over the ensuing years, he placed in the top 10 of the National Wild Turkey Federation Turkey Print competition, won the 1999 Kansas Wildlife in Art Series" competition and was commissioned to paint the original artwork for the Taggart/Wild Trust Memorial Print to benefit the Cheyenne Bottoms in Great Bend, Kansas. In 2000, Wes' Federal Duck Stamp entry earned him an 8th place finish. He also placed 8th in the 2001 Nevada Duck Stamp competition and 2011, he was the winner of the Louisiana Duck Stamp Competition. Throughout his career, Wes donated prints and originals to many conservation and humanitarian causes.

Prior to becoming a full time wildlife artist, Wes worked as a designing engineer in the music division of Kustom Signals, and owned his own sign painting and screen printing business.

His hobbies included dirt bike racing in his younger years, stock car racing, and photography.

Wes loved spending time with his family, especially with his 17 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren, and enjoyed passing on his knowledge of the outdoors and wildlife through countless game hunting, fishing, and mushroom hunting trips. Although his passing has left an unfillable void, it is through his family that his memory will live forever.

Wes is survived by:

Wife:

Feona Dewey of the home

Son:

Michael (Neva) Dewey of Humboldt, KS

Daughters:

Melodi Michelle Burke of Chanute, KS

Meredith Friederich of Petrolia, KS

Marlo (Chad) Carman of Humboldt, KS

Mindy (Cody) Shrum of Chanute, KS

Morgan Dewey of Chanute, KS

16 Grandkids:

Marc (Megan) Dewey of Lawrence, KS

Marlon Dewey of Chanute, KS

Mitchell Dewey of Chanute, KS

Elijah Friederich of Chanute, KS

Megan (Jamie Boydston) Dewey of Chanute, KS

Stormy (Clay Shrum) Burke of Chanute, KS

Nicholas Carman of Pittsburg, KS

Chloe Friederich of Lawrence, KS

Gabe Burke of Chanute, KS
Eden Carman of Humboldt, KS
Taven Dewey of Chanute, KS
Bridgette Ewing of Chanute, KS
Avah Carman of Humboldt, KS
Lyrik Dewey of Chanute, KS
Leah Carman of Humboldt, KS
Skye Dewey of Chanute, KS
Great Grandkids:
Addisyn Dewey – Lawrence, KS
Emery Dewey – Lawrence, KS
Abram Dewey – Lawrence, KS
Cambria Shrum – Chanute, KS
Maria Boydston – Chanute, KS

Wes was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Maria Dewey; granddaughter, Lindsey Friederich; brother, Joyce Dewey; and sister, Betty Morrison.

A visitation will be held at Countryside Funeral Home – Gibson Chapel in Chanute, KS on Monday, January 30, 2017 from 6-8:00 p.m. A Graveside Service will be held at Askren Cemetery in rural Woodson County on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Online condolences may be left at: www.countrysidefh.com. Memorials have been suggested to the Lindsey-Maria Scholarship and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Services have been entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720.

Cemetery Details

Askren Cemetery

717 175th Rd
Yates Center, KS 66783

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Gibson Chapel
16 N. Forest
Chanute, KS 66720
(620) 431-2660
<https://www.countrysidefh.com>

Graveside Services

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717 175th Rd
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Tribute Wall

TC

“ *Traci, Steve, Lauren and Chris purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Wesley Dewey.*



Traci, Steve, Lauren and Chris - January 30, 2017 at 09:17 AM

JA

“ *To the Family of Wes Dewey---Sorry to hear the passing of a great husband, father, friend, grandpa, uncle and a great classmate to me. He will dearly missed.*
Jack/Bev Aikins

jack aikins - January 28, 2017 at 09:21 AM

VH

“ *Vicki Cawthorn Hargis lit a candle in memory of Wesley Dewey*



Vicki Cawthorn Hargis - January 27, 2017 at 05:53 PM

LC

“ *We are sorry to hear of Wes passing. May your family be comforted by all the wonderful memories that you hold in your heart. I am honored to have his artwork on my wall.*
Linda Cawthorn.

Linda Cawthorn - January 27, 2017 at 05:51 PM

LB

“ *Larry and Darleen Brown purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Wesley Dewey.*



Larry and Darleen Brown - January 27, 2017 at 10:51 AM

MK

“ *Mark Kauth lit a candle in memory of Wesley Dewey*



Mark Kauth - January 26, 2017 at 04:20 PM

MK

My heart is saddened. Wes, you will be missed by many.

Mark Kauth - January 26, 2017 at 04:21 PM

JA

A great classmate he was. He was a great husband, father, uncle, grandpa, and a great friend to many. May you rest in peace forever.

jack aikins - January 29, 2017 at 10:11 AM

LG

“ *I was so sad to hear of Wess passing. My prayers are with you all I know that you will all miss him every much I pray that the love of God will comfort you all. With love Lisa Parkins Girard.*

Lisa Girard - January 26, 2017 at 02:06 PM

JB

“ We wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to cousin Wesley's family in their time of sorrow.

John and Phyllis Bridwell

John Dewey Bridwell - January 26, 2017 at 09:55 AM

GR

“ Michelle and family. I am so sorry for your loss. He was an amazing man! Gina Robbins

Gina Robbins - January 26, 2017 at 08:51 AM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wesley Dewey.



January 25, 2017 at 11:01 PM

MC

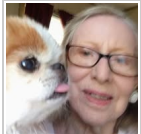
“ We extend our sincere sympathy to the Dewey family. His talents were amazing! Visiting the gallery was always inspirational. It is a sad time for Humboldt, and for all who knew him. We are keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers. Maynard & Jeanice Cress, Rural Humboldt

Maynard & Jeanice Cress - January 25, 2017 at 08:40 PM

DB

“ WES AND I GO WAY BACK. HE AND I WORKED TOGETHER AT THREE DIFFERENT COLMPANIES, H.K. PORTER, KUSTOM ELECTRONICS, AND ROAD ELECTRONICS. WEA WAS AN EASY GOING GUY. VERY TALENTED ARTIST AND A GREAT FRIEND. I HAVE MANY FOND MEMORIES OF WES. I WILL ALWAYS HOLD HIS FRIENDSHIP DEAR TO MY HEART. MAY GOD BLESS HIS FAMILY AND FIND COMFORT WITH THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH WES. BEST PERSONAL REGARDS, DON BAKER

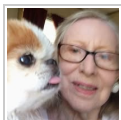
DON BAKER - January 25, 2017 at 10:06 AM



“ Dixie Newkirk lit a candle in memory of Wesley Dewey



Dixie Newkirk - January 25, 2017 at 06:30 AM



I loved the conversations I had with Wes and viewing his beautiful paintings..I am so sad at his passing.

Dixie Newkirk - January 25, 2017 at 06:33 AM

CW

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you! Christina Wimsett

Christina Wimsett - January 25, 2017 at 06:24 AM

AK

“ Our hearts are saddened but our memories of our life long brother and class mate are excited with cherished times spent growing in youthful antics.

Wes and Tom were both a special part of growing and learning in our youth I pray your memories of this gentle friend, husband, father and grandfather are as cherished as mine. Gods blessing and grace is my prayer for the Wes Dewey family.

Alan & Joyce Kepley



Alan & Joyce Kepley - January 24, 2017 at 08:50 PM

RH

“ Russ Hilton lit a candle in memory of Wesley Dewey



Russ Hilton - January 24, 2017 at 08:10 PM

HF

“ Haigler Family lit a candle in memory of Wesley Dewey



Haigler Family - January 24, 2017 at 07:52 PM

JH

“ When my family and I moved to Chanute, Meredith and her family were some of my first friends. Being a part of their family I got to know Wes and Fiona and they always made me feel at home. I was amazed by Wes's artistry. With his attention to the smallest details within his paintings, I could imagine those ducks, geese, etc. were going to fly off the canvas. He will be missed more than we know, but he hurts no more. He joined Maria, Lindsey and his previously passed family members. I will keep great memories, and will say hi each time I am blessed to look into his art that I am blessed to have in my home. My Love, thoughts and prayers are with my Dewey family.

Jonnye Holding - January 24, 2017 at 06:52 PM

DW

“ Your classmate. Delores. Webb. I have one of your great paintings from a reunion and will cherish it forever

Delores Webb - January 24, 2017 at 06:47 PM

JM

“ Jeanie Moon lit a candle in memory of Wesley Dewey



Jeanie Moon - January 24, 2017 at 06:05 PM

BG

“ Wes was such a gentle man. The artistic world will miss him. I have known him for approximately 70 years. At one time we lived in same neighborhood while growing up. Condolences for his wife, children, (Morgan) and family. Praying that God will hold you in His arms of grace and mercy. God will take care of you.

Beverly Gordon - January 24, 2017 at 05:04 PM

CW

“ I knew of Wes and his immense artistic gifts earlier, but only met him after I moved back to Chanute, and visited his gallery in Humboldt. It was such a joy to meet and become acquainted with Wes. He was a lovely man, and we will all miss him terribly. May the loving arms of God give his family comfort at this difficult time, and in the future.

Carla White

Carla K White - January 24, 2017 at 05:01 PM

DH

“ I am so sorry for your family's loss.

Debi Hulett - January 24, 2017 at 04:57 PM

VS

“ He was a wonderful man. Always a smile. His love for his family was huge. He will be missed

Vickie Sneed - January 24, 2017 at 04:22 PM

DR

“ Farewell Classmate - Wes Dewey - Class of Chanute High School, Class of 1961. I didn't know you that well, but over time, though, your painting of waterfowl and other of God's creatures, I knew you much better. Time takes us all, but the memories of your life and your art will never fade. May peace be with you and your family during this most difficult time.

David Riker - January 24, 2017 at 03:12 PM

DW

Delores Webb classmate has your print that I was lucky enough to win at 61 class reunion approximately 10 years. I will cherish it with all my heart. Thanks for memories. 905 Cambridge ct Godfrey il

Delores Webb - January 24, 2017 at 06:35 PM

CS

“ So sorry to hear of Wes' passing. I had lost track of Wes since high school in Chanute but was able to follow his wonderful art career. RIP sir.

Cliff Sperry - January 24, 2017 at 02:31 PM



“ A man very much loved by his family. I didn't know Wes very well, but Taven Dewey is my greatgrandson also and I know he enjoyed his grandparents. such a talented man you have so much to be proud of.

Charlotte Hancock

Charlotte Hancock - January 24, 2017 at 10:47 AM



Thank you so much Charlotte! <3

Marlo Dewey Carman - January 24, 2017 at 04:03 PM

 Kay
Brady

Dewey family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I didn't know Wes very well. We moved from Kansas when I was young. I think I got to know him from all the facebook posts from your family. You all are so blessed to have the great close family that you have. He will forever in your hearts and in his beautiful art. I know he was deeply loved and deeply missed.

 Kay Brady

Kay Brady - January 24, 2017 at 04:52 PM

RH

Wes became one of my first friends in Chanute when I moved in from the country in the 7th grade. He was already drawing wonderful detailed landscapes, cars and everything that caught his eye. After Wes became a professional artist, my wife Jackie and I became the proud owners of many of Wes' prints and original paintings. I will miss Wes, his talent, sense of humor and friendship. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Fiona and family .

Russ & Jackie Hilton

Russ Hilton - January 24, 2017 at 08:29 PM

SH

“ *I am so sorry to here about the passing of Wes Dewey. I wish each and every family member, wife, kids, grandkids and extended family God's peace and strength. He has been a joy and comfort to all his family during his lifetime. I always appreciate being welcome to stop by and pick up Taven and just chat. They were always gracious and welcoming to us. It's been great getting to know the family members that I have been in contact with. At the end of the day they were one big family just doing what families do, hanging out and having a good time, which I got to enjoy a few times. I know Wes did so many things for all his kids and grandkids and his wife and he will be so missed. I pray the family will find peace and comfort during this time. May God's Blessing be upon the family as they go through this tremendous loss. May God keep him for the day that we join him in heaven for that joyous reunion. Let us always keep his memory in our hearts and minds. God help fill the void this will leave in many lives. Praying for you all. God Bless!*

Steve Hancock - January 24, 2017 at 10:24 AM



This means the world to us, Steve.. thank you so much.

Marlo Dewey Carman - January 24, 2017 at 04:03 PM



I am so glad to have stopped for a visit at the gallery in Humboldt on way to our 55th Chanute High School Class of 1961 reunion back in Sept 2016. To see his magnificent work and to have known Wes for all those years since graduation, and many before in elementary school was most rewarding. He leaves a wonderful legacy. I will always remember Wes for one thing---not a painting, not a sketch----nope, just that SMILE!!

*Rolen "Casey" Casebolt
Class of 1961
Chanute High School*

Casey Casebolt - January 24, 2017 at 04:55 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss.*

Teresa Frydendall - January 24, 2017 at 06:23 AM



“ *Donna Hanson Dye lit a candle in memory of Wesley Dewey*



Donna Hanson Dye - January 24, 2017 at 02:32 AM



“ *Prayers of peace and comfort to the family.*

Georgia Oldham - January 23, 2017 at 10:27 PM

LB

“ Wes was my best friend and my "protector" during our high school days. We both shared photography and art class together. I was good at photography and of course Wes excelled at art. Feona was Wes' girlfriend in Humboldt and she introduced me to her friend Darleen. Wes and I married those two friends. Wes and Feona stood up for Darleen and I when we got married. While Darleen and I moved away from Kansas, we stayed in contact with Wes and would visit whenever we were in the area. We will miss him and his great sense of humor terribly. We send our heartfelt condolences to Feona and the family.

Larry and Darleen Brown

Larry & Darleen Brown - January 23, 2017 at 06:20 PM

VT

Wes, and I had an art class together for a couple of years at CHS, he was a fantastic young artist, and I was a poor young artist, and he always made me feel I was doing good work. Oh did we have fun in that class. Wes, was so much fun, and one of the nicest, happiest, humble guys you could ever meet, with a big smile, and kind word. What a special artist, and person.

RIP Wes,
Virginia Hazen Torrence

Virginia Hazen Torrence - January 24, 2017 at 05:45 PM

JW

The Works' family is so sad to lose Wes to death. Please know how much we care for the Dewey family. Janie and Joe Works

Jane Works - January 27, 2017 at 08:07 AM