

Iola Register June 1, 2020



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Susan Kay Schnichels

Susan Kay Schnichels, age 68; resident of Fort Scott, Kan., died Saturday, May 23, 2020, at Yates Center Health and Rehab in Yates Center, Kan. She



Fowler and husband Mike, Fort Scott; one brother, William Wiggans and wife Amy, Fort Scott; 17 grandchildren; 13 step-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was born on Sept. 18, 1951, in Fort Scott, the daughter of Donald and Betty Powell Wiggans. She married Paul Morris, Sr. in 1974. They later divorced. She married Mark Schnichels on Jan. 4, 1980. He preceded her in death on Feb. 6, 2007. Susan worked for Tri-Valley Developmental Center for 10 years. She loved spending time with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Richard Wiggans; two sisters, Mary Sampson and Dawnie Sharp; a granddaughter, Mia Johnson; and her father.

Survivors include a son, Paul Morris, Jr., Fort Scott; three daughters, Brandi Johnson, Yates Center; Kayla Schnichels, Fort Scott, and Kara Schnichels, Pittsburg, Kan.; a stepson, Mark Schnichels, Fort Scott; three step-daughters, Annette Blevins, Colorado, Frankie Kimmel, Iowa, and Sara Schnichels, Fort Scott; her mother, Betty Wiggans, Fort Scott; a sister, Carla

Graveside services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 2, in the Clarksburg Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Care to Share and may be left in care of the Cheney Witt Chapel, P.O. Box 347, 201 S. Main, Fort Scott, KS 66701. Words of remembrance may be submitted to the online guestbook at cheneywitt.com.

Difference between retiring and quitting is just about everything

On Monday morning I called longtime Iola merchant Jan Knewton to ask if I could do a story about her decision to retire.

"Well, not today," she said. "I can't seem to stop crying."

On Tuesday, she wasn't much better.

It's one thing to say you're going to close up shop. It's another to actually do it.

For 34 years Knewton has sold women's apparel at various locations along the south side of the square. The last 20 have been at the corner of Jefferson and Madison, with her flagship store Sophisticated Rose, and her smaller venues of Tuxedo Junction and Sophisticated Rose Plus.

She began with a bridal store, expanding to women's wear, children's clothing and toys, plus sizes for women and most recently, tuxedos for men along with wedding accessories.

"Iola's been very good to me," she said, dabbing at her eyes with a tissue.

And she's not referring to just her success as a merchant.

"I've made a lot of friends through my business."

Jan and I sat in cushiony easy chairs positioned at the back of the store as she recalled her journey.

As with any business — or individual — there's a lot of layers to peel back.

Before she went into retail, Jan's only experience with apparel was as a youth modeling her homemade skirts and dresses at the 4-H style review at the Labette County Fair.

Looking back, she couldn't remember that it checked any boxes as to how she envisioned her future.

As an only child, she grew up on a dairy farm and did her share of chores. Because she was musically gifted, she had her sights on making it her profession.

She attended Pittsburg State to study music, but never graduated.

Instead, she married a high school classmate and went to work to help put him through veterinary school.

**Susan
Lynn**

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"After that, I never had the opportunity to return to school."

That was her first marriage.

Almost 20 years later she met her current husband, Richard Knewton, at their Labette County High School reunion.

"He always told me we were meant for each other," she said, which she found obnoxious at the time. Coincidentally, he, too, is a veterinarian. And no, at age 75, he is not ready to retire, she assures me.

In between marriages, Jan lived in Kansas City with her two daughters, where she taught piano lessons at Jenkins Music Company in the Antioch Shopping Center.

She had 80 students. An elderly woman came to her apartment to watch her youngest, Stacy, each day.

"It was good money, which I needed as a single mom," she said.

When she and Richard reconnected, she was working as music director for Home of Hope, a center for the mentally handicapped, in Disney, Okla.

Willing to call Iola home, Jan and Richard married and she took on work as a business manager with Tri-Valley Developmental Services.

A banker told her of the opportunity with the Bridal Boutique, which had fallen on hard times.

She's never looked back.

"I liked it!" she said, grabbing another tissue to dab her eyes.

In visiting with Jan, I realized that even at age 76, it's because her natural inclination is to answer the door whenever opportunity knocks that she remains so positive about tomorrow.

"Maybe, I'll go back to teaching piano," she mused.

I have no doubt she could.

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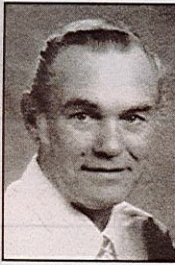
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Obituaries

Gerald Joseph Davis

Gerald Joseph Davis, age 82, resident of Fort Scott, Kan., died Friday, June 19, 2020, at his home. He was born Nov. 21, 1937, in Farmington, Minn., the son of Lawrence Edward and Rose



Louise Tutewohl Davis. He served in the U.S. Airforce and Airforce Reserve. He married Mary Kathleen Matney on June 17, 1961, in Albuquerque, N.M. His main hobby was his family; it was the most important thing to him. He taught his kids horseback riding, water skiing, fishing, construction, and cooking. His adage was work hard and play harder. After sending all the kids to college, his greatest accomplishment, he obtained his GED in 1994. Education was a top priority for him. He was a very generous man, compassionate, giving, and a loving father. He was always willing to help and put others needs before his own. He helped many in the community and supported those in need. Gerald never let his family down, made sure all were at church every Sunday and expected them to have high moral values. His optimistic and constantly positive attitude will be greatly missed. He leaves behind a great legacy. He was a member of V.F.W. Post No. 1165, Knights of Columbus, Local Watershed District No. 2, and Mary Queen of Angels Catholic Church. He was a big supporter of Tri-Valley and a recipient of the Presidents Volunteer Service Award.

Survivors include his wife Mary of the home: two sons, Mark James Davis and wife Connie, Gravette, Ark., and William Edward Davis, Wichita, Kan.; two daughters, Elizabeth Ann

Swezey and husband Ronald, Franklin, Kan., and Teresa Kathleen Davenport and husband Jerry, Farlington, Kan.; two brothers, Lawrence Louis Davis and wife Barb, and LaVerne Michael

Davis and wife Alice; eight grandchildren, Jenni Edge and husband Brandon, Mulberry, Kan., Amanda Davis, Gravette, Ark., Jacob Davis and wife LeAnn, Rogers, Ark., Jeremy Swezey and fiancé Alex, Overland Park, Kan., Mary Swezey and fiancé Brian, Arma, Kan., Brianne Sheridan and husband Joe, Pittsburg, Kan., Dehn Davenport, Fort Scott, Kan., and Davis Davenport, Farlington, Kan.; five great-granddaughters, Sarah Burns, Annalyn Davenport, Olivia Davis, Maci Jo Edge, and Rose Swezey; and numerous nieces and nephews. Gerald was preceded in death by a son, Michael Joseph Davis; two brothers, Richard and Ronnie Davis; a sister, Bernadine Peterson; a sister-in-law Janice Davis; and his parents.

The mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 24, at Mary Queen of Angels Catholic Church. Private family burial will take place later in the U.S. National Cemetery. The Rosary will be prayed at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 23 at the church, with visitation following from 6 until 8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to either the Michael J. Davis Memorial at Tri-Valley or Care to Share and may be left in care of the Cheney Witt Chapel, P.O. Box 347, 201 S. Main, Fort Scott, KS 66701. Words of remembrance may be submitted to the online guestbook at cheneywitt.com.

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