



Lucas Ray Pickell

December 1, 1988 - March 8, 2026

Lucas Ray Pickell, 37, of Fredonia, Kansas, passed away on Sunday, March 8, 2026.

Lucas was born on December 1, 1988, in Neodesha, Kansas, to Van and Harveyette (Foster)

Pickell. Growing up in New Albany, Kansas, Lucas carried an adventurous spirit from an early

age. Lucas had what many would describe as an internal motor. He was always moving and

always curious. As a young boy, he loved building with Legos and often took his creations a step

further, wiring small motors to them just to see if he could make them move.

His curiosity and

creativity were early signs of the tinkerer he would become.

Lucas attended Fredonia Public Schools from Kindergarten through ninth grade and later earned

his GED. As he grew older, Lucas became known for his ability to fix just about anything.

Whether it was motorcycles, vehicles, or small engines, he loved tearing things apart and

figuring out how they worked. He was a true jack of all trades and never afraid to get a little

grease on his hands. Lucas also had a natural ability behind the wheel. If it had an engine, chances are he could drive it, and drive it well.

Lucas loved the outdoors and could often be found along the river or down by the creeks, fishing, catching turtles, or cutting ricks of wood. He was just as comfortable in the woods or along the water as he was in a garage working on an engine. It was not unusual for Lucas to find a muddy road or mud pit and drive whatever he was in straight through it. He loved to go mudding. Life to him was meant to be lived fully, loud, fast, and with a sense of adventure. He loved anything that moved fast, and he loved going fast right along with it. Fear was rarely something that slowed him down.

In his adult years, Lucas became known for the way he connected with people. He truly never met a stranger, just people he had not talked to yet. He was also one of the best storytellers around. Lucas had a way of bringing stories to life, often adding a few embellishments along the way that only made them better. His infectious and famous smile, along with his laughter and larger than life personality, left an impression on everyone who knew him.

Those who knew Lucas well also knew he was rarely seen wearing a shirt. It became part of his easygoing and carefree nature. At the same time, Lucas had a heart that was

just as open as his spirit. He was the kind of person who would truly give the shirt off his back to anyone who needed help and never thought twice about lending a hand.

While Lucas could be wild, those closest to him knew he had a heart bigger than most. He had a special connection with kids, perhaps because he never lost the big kid inside himself. Over the years, he became known to many kids as “Uncle Lukey,” a nickname that spoke to the way he welcomed them with laughter, stories, and genuine attention. He loved deeply and fiercely, especially his children, his family, and his friends. Being a father meant the world to Lucas, and his children were the greatest pride and joy of his life.

To his family, Lucas was many things, sometimes chaos, sometimes adventure, but always love. He gave tight hugs, lived life boldly, and made sure the people around him knew they mattered. He will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved him, including his children, Mianna, Rayline, Allie, Vivian, and Zoie; his longtime girlfriend and companion, Klare Shoaf; his parents, Van and Harveyette (Foster) Pickell; his sister and brother-in-law, Vanessa and Caleb Compton; and his nieces, Chloe and Carleigh Compton, along with many extended family members and friends who will forever carry his memory and stories with them.

Though his time with us was far too short, the memories he created and the love he shared will live on in the hearts of those who knew him. His adventurous spirit, his stories, and the way he lived life on his own terms will not be forgotten by those who loved him. Wherever the next muddy road leads, we know he's smiling and wide open.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at the Countryside Funeral Home at 10:00 am, with burial to follow at the Fredonia City Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, from 5-7 pm. In lieu of a memorial, the family request cards of condolences which can 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. 20 th St., P.O. Box 247, Fredonia, KS 66736

Cemetery Details

Fredonia

S Cement Rd
Fredonia, KS 66736

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 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

Service

MAR 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LS

“ *Lenita Staton lit a candle in memory of Lucas Pickell*



Lenita Staton - March 19 at 12:37 AM

RF

“ *Ronald Florio and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lucas Ray Pickell.*



Ronald Florio and family - March 17 at 11:47 AM

RF

“ *Ronald Florio and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lucas Ray Pickell.*

Ronald Florio and family - March 17 at 11:47 AM

TB

“ *Teresa Bills purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Lucas Ray Pickell.*



Teresa Bills - March 17 at 12:36 AM

TJ

“ My sweet cousin. You were the one who made me understand that you can't feel the skin on your elbow. Even though I was older than you, you always taught me, especially when snapping turtles were found in the pond or on the side of the road. You taught how to live, not to be scared. You always took the biggest risks and made us laugh and rejoice in your success. Your life touched so many people, probably even more than you ever knew. Rest in peace my cousin. Our memories together will stay with me, as they will stay with all the others whose lives you touched ❤️

TJ - March 16 at 03:49 PM



“ I remember Lucas growing up; he was always funny and gave the biggest hugs to everyone. When I think back on those years, I picture him the way he often was: running around without a shirt, carefree and full of life. Those are some of the memories that always make me smile.

But one of my favorite memories is from Christmas at Gram and Gramps' house. We would dig through the closets and dress up as Santa and Mrs. Claus, and Lucas was always the little elf we dressed up. It was such a fun and special time.

These are the memories I'll always hold close to my heart

Sabrina Ehmke - March 16 at 12:17 PM

LL

“ *Linneburs - Ryan, Eric, Katie & Lindsey purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Lucas Ray Pickell.*



Linneburs - Ryan, Eric, Katie & Lindsey - March 16 at 11:38 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Lucas Ray Pickell.*



March 15 at 09:42 PM

EG

“ *I didn't know you very well, but you drove me around with another friend we share. We climbed around the overpasses. Saved turtles. Got stuck in the mud. Watch me lose all my stuff, and somehow made it out. You've dodged so much in your life, I'm sorry you couldn't dodge this. You're loved and missed my wild friend. May your soul rest in peace.*

Elizabeth Giddings - March 14 at 12:18 PM

LG

“ *Love, Anji & George purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lucas Ray Pickell.*



Love, Anji & George - March 13 at 01:16 AM

AC

“ I met Lucas when he was about 6 years old. He was a rambunctious little blonde cutie who loved nature and being outside. He would play at Virginia's Hair Salon & Liquor Store. If he wasn't there, he was fishing in the pond behind Randy & Sandy's house or catching turtles in the pond near his house. He was such a sweet kid. Even though we lost touch several years ago, I know he loved his family very much. Our hearts are breaking for his family and those who loved him. Sending our love, Anji & George

Anji Colvin - March 13 at 01:07 AM

AM

“ Anita Martin lit a candle in memory of Lucas
Ray Pickell



anita martin - March 12 at 09:27 AM

JW

“ We send our deepest condolences to Van, Harveyette, Vanessa, Caleb, Lucas' little girls and the entire family for the untimely loss of Lucas. This obituary picture is so typical of one of the things Lucas enjoyed...fishing. We have pictures of Lucas fishing at Possum Kingdom Lake in Texas as a little blond haired boy so full of life. We hope your memories of better and happier times will comfort you.
Your friends, John and Sharon

John and Sharon Wesley - March 12 at 07:39 AM

TW

“ *Travis Weatherby lit a candle in memory of Lucas Pickell*



Travis Weatherby - March 12 at 02:11 AM

TW

My first memory of Lucas goes way back to the old school yard in New Albany that hosted the area 4H youngsters. What a wild child he was, never a bad kid just so full of energy that never seemed to wear off and settle down. 0-100mph in an instant without warning. Lol stand on that throttle and send it through the stars pal. Nothing is going to stop him from flying now as I'm sure his soul is heaven bound because his heart was so full of love he couldn't even fit a shirt over it. He will always be remembered Legends Never Die. My condolences & prayers go to his family and friends as they go through the stages of grief and mourning the loss of their special person and celebrate his life with a wild ride through memory lane.

RIP LUCAS RAY 🗨️👍🔥🗨️👍

Travis Weatherby - March 16 at 04:25 PM

KW

“ *Didn't know him well. Just met him about a month ago. Seemed like a really nice guy. Sorry for your loss. Be free Lucas!!*



Kristine White R White - March 11 at 10:08 PM

BY

“ Bonnie & Brian Harris We love you lit a candle in memory of Lucas Pickell



Bonnie & Brian Harris We love you - March 11 at 08:40 PM

BY

“ Bonnie & Brian Harris We love you sent a virtual gift in memory of Lucas Pickell



Bonnie & Brian Harris We love you - March 11 at 08:39 PM

LM

“ Thank you so much Lucus for taking my grandsons under your wing and showing them how to change a tire the old school way. And for always helping Bently with his turtle and his fishing. We will mostly definitely miss you. Prayers to your families.

Lanita Mapes - March 11 at 04:55 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lucas Ray Pickell.



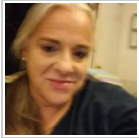
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CE

“ *Carl Edwards lit a candle in memory of Lucas Pickell*



Carl Edwards - March 11 at 11:01 AM



“ *Kena Lea Nave lit a candle in memory of Lucas Pickell*



Kena Lea Nave - March 10 at 08:09 PM



“ *His laugh and smile will forever be carved in my memory! I have NEVER met anyone like Lucas before and there will never ever be another person to come close to who he was. He loved life!! Prayers for his family I'm so sorry this happened to you!!*

Carmen Taylor-Flynn - March 10 at 07:09 PM



Well said!

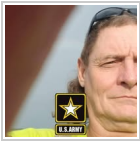
Hans Hazen - March 11 at 12:05 PM

JB

“ *The first time I met Lucas I had just moved out here from Texas had bullshit tires on my truck and had 4 flats he came over and put 4 tires on my truck I tried to pay him, he said do me a favor if I ever need you just come threw for me*



Jake Buchanan - March 10 at 06:53 PM



“ *I'm gonna miss the nightly explosions and the night welding. Lucas is a good dude that just got caught up in systematical Bullshit. Be free my friend!*

Cody Gilmore - March 10 at 06:03 PM

JD

“ *Ray and her dad....you'll be missed for sure!!!*



Jackie dumler - March 10 at 06:01 PM

BJ

“ *Condolences to his family 🙏 my he rest In peace 💕💕*

Barbara Jolliff - March 10 at 05:44 PM