

## Local Residents Remember Prince

### **Aerial view of the Amelia Earhart Memorial Bridge lit in purple. Photo credit: Corie Dunn**

(KAIR)--Residents from across the local region have joined the world in mourning the loss of a pop music icon.

Following the announcement Thursday morning that the artist, known simply as Prince, had been found dead at his Minnesota home and recording studio, area residents, from Hiawatha to Atchison, took to social media to share their memories of the man being remembered as a musical legend.

Many recalled growing up to the music of Prince, who broke big during the 1980's.

A number of Atchison area residents took to Facebook to request that the lights of the Amelia Earhart Memorial Bridge be changed to purple in his honor. Prince was long associated with the color purple, often wearing clothing of that color, and coming to prominence in the 1984 feature film, "Purple Rain," which spawned a smash single of the same name.

Around 10:00 Thursday night, Atchison residents noted that the bridge lights had changed to purple.

B.J. White, who was among those pushing for the small, local nod to the passing of Prince, told MSC News the color change made him feel good, as "a simple gesture of appreciation can go a long way."

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