

Obituaries

RALPH HARDING

Ralph Dean Harding, 80, of McPherson, Kansas, passed away Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at the Sunshine Meadows Retirement Community in Buhler. He was born on July 30, 1944 in Salina, Kansas to Robert E. and Gladys (Young) Harding.

He graduated from Salina High School with the class of 1962.

Ralph was united in marriage to Bonnie Scharf on December 7, 1968 in McPherson, Kansas. She survives of the home after almost 56 years of marriage.



He worked as a printer for Kittell Printing, eventually owning the business. Ralph later owned and operated Miller Office Supply. In 1974, Ralph began working at Johns Manville as a training specialist, where he worked until his retirement.

Ralph attended Countryside Covenant Church in McPherson and often volunteered his time helping with custodial work. He enjoyed attending the Wednesday coffee group.

Ralph was a member of the Elks Club, on the Churches United in Ministry Board, and the Board for Save & Share and Park Department.

He enjoyed hunting, golfing, reading, collecting stamps and playing cards every Monday night. Ralph loved watching the Kansas City Chiefs. He loved music and his dogs, and would walk 10,000 steps with his dog every day. Ralph enjoyed traveling and visited all 50 states, and loved going to Vegas. He was known to give almost everyone a special nickname. Above all, he loved his children and grandchildren.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Bonnie Harding of McPherson; daughter, Misty Harding-Zerkel (Stephen) of McPherson; son, Beau (Heather) Harding of South Hutchinson; three grandchildren, Lacey Zerkel, Hannah Rae Chesney, and Jacob Chesney; brother, James (Jerry) Harding of Manhattan; two sisters-in-law, Sandy Harding of Overland Park and Beverly Scharf of McPherson; and aunt, Anita Young, Omaha, NE.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Robert Harding Jr. and William Harding.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, December 9, 2024 at the Countryside Covenant Church, McPherson. Burial will take place at McPherson Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Countryside Covenant Church, Sunshine Meadows Retirement Community, or Traditions Health Hospice in care of Glidden-Ediger-Wiggins Funeral Home, 222 W Euclid, McPherson, KS 67460.

DONNA JEAN KROEKER

Donna Jean Kroeker, 87, passed away December 2, 2024, at Pleasant View Home, Inman. She was born November 30, 1937, in Hutchinson, the daughter of Albert J. and Sarah Ediger Regier. Donna graduated from Buhler High School and went on to get her associate's degree in education from Bethel College. In addition to being a homemaker and farm wife, Donna worked for Gregory, Inc. in Buhler for 17 years prior to retiring. Donna was an active member of the Bethel Mennonite Church, where she enjoyed singing, Friendship Circle and her ladies Sunday School class. She especially cherished time with family, attending countless activities for her children and grandchildren.

On December 1, 1957, she married John W. Kroeker at the Buhler Mennonite Church. They shared 67 years of marriage.



Donna is survived by her husband John; her children, Loren (Kathy) Kroeker, Inman, Mark (Andrea) Kroeker, Salina, Lyle (Julie) Kroeker, Salina, and Lisa (Justin) Jensen, Hutchinson; sisters, Renetta (Elmer) Kroeker, Inman, Jan (Alvin) Kroeker, Inman, and Sylvia Schmidt (Ken Meyer), Wichita; sister-in-law, Ella Regier, Newton; grandchildren, Andrew (Caitlin) Kroeker, Daniel Kroeker, Matthew Kroeker, Kelsey Kroeker, Kyle (Anna) Kroeker, Katy Kroeker, Kaleb Kroeker, Karly Kroeker, Nathan (Michaela) Kroeker, Timothy Kroeker, Landon (Paige) Stucky, Mallory (Tyler) Cottam, Colton Stucky and Caden Stucky; and 8 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother-in-law Robert Schmidt.

Visitation will be Friday, December 6, 2024, from 5-7 PM at Inman Funeral Home with the family present. Graveside service will be held Saturday, December 7, 2024, at 10:00 AM at the North Inman Cemetery with the memorial service to follow at 11:00 AM at Bethel Mennonite Church, Inman. The service will be live streamed on the church website, www.bethelinman.org. Memorial contributions may be made to Mennonite Central Committee for school kits or Operation Christmas Child, both in care of Inman Funeral Home. To leave a condolence for the family, visit: www.inmanfh.com.

MAURINE GADDIS

Charlotte Maurine Gaddis was born August, 29, 1933, and peacefully passed away at Angel Arms on December, 2, 2024. Maurine was born in Coldwater, KS to Ray and Nell Jarnagin. She graduated in 1951 from Sun City, KS high school and attended one year of junior college in Pratt, KS.

Maurine was married in 1952 and blessed with two children: Nancy Jo Brown (Jerry) of McPherson, KS, and Jim L. Gaddis (Ann) of St. Francis, KS. She had three grandchildren, Kellie Case of Olathe, KS, Marci Ruxlow (Trenton) of McPherson, KS, and Chris Gaddis (Cindy) of Goessel, KS and one step-grandchild, Tiffani Floyd of McPherson, KS.



Maurine retired from Sanofi Winthrop in 1994 after 17 years in the Human Resources department. She kept in touch with the friends she made during her time there and liked to hear how the facility had changed throughout the years.

She was an excellent cook and loved to bake. It was a tradition for her to make homemade cinnamon rolls on Christmas morning. She especially loved baking sugar cookies with the little ones at Christmas time and seeing the results of their efforts.

Maurine had a competitive spirit. She was always up for a game of cards or dominoes and especially loved the game of golf. She won several trophies and prizes throughout her years of golfing and ended her golf career with a total of 6 holes in one. Maurine and her companion of 22 years, Bob Carpenter, played many rounds together. He passed in 2004.

She was a long-time member of the First Baptist Church, McPherson, KS and a member of the Y.E.S. Sunday School Class. She served on different committees and on the church council.

Maurine is survived by her children, grandchildrer and 7 great-grandchildren, her brother, Tom Jarnagir of Beverly Hills, CA and her sister, Patsy Knowles (Glenn) of Coats, KS, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her beloved companion, Bob Carpenter; her parents, Ray and Nell Jarnagin; her sister, Jo Soerries; her nephew, Vincent Soerries; and her brother-in-law, Mike Fittro.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM, Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at Stockham Family Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held at 1:00 PM, Wednesday, December 11, at McPherson Cemetery followed by a memorial service at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, at the First Baptist Church with Pastor John Pattison officiating.

Memorial donations can be made to Sonshine Preschool or McPherson County Food Bank in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 North Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

Personal condolences may be sent to the family at www.stockhamfamily.com.

DR. DORIS ELLEN COPPOCK

Dr. Doris Ellen Coppock, 97, of McPherson, KS, died October 25, 2024. Arrangements are with Stockham Family Funeral Home, McPherson.

KEITH JUSTIN CHRISLIP

Keith Justin Chrislip, 46, formerly of McPherson, KS, passed away on December 3, 2024, at his home in Wichita, KS. Arrangements are with Stockham Family Funeral Home, McPherson.

DORIS CROWTHER

Durham: Doris Crowther, 97, passed away December 7, 2024 at the Linsborg Hospital. She was born November 16, 1927 in Lindsborg.

Celebration of Life Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the Roxbury United Parish in Roxbury. Committal service 10:00 a.m. Saturday at Valley View cemetery rural Roxbury.

MABEL (STUCKY) GOERING

Mabel (Stucky) Goering, age 97, passed away on December 6, 2024 at Pine Village in Moundridge, Kansas. Family will greet friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Monday, December 16, 2024 at the Moundridge Funeral Home. Private burial will take place at Eder Church Cemetery. Memorial services will be held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 17, at Eden Mennonite Church, rural Moundridge. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Pine Village in care of Moundridge Funeral Home, PO Box 410, Moundridge, KS 67107.

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