



Hope Strength

**A Celebration of Life Service**  
Countryside Covenant Church  
McPherson, Kansas  
Friday, February 16, 2024, at 10:30 AM

**Officiant**  
Pastor Ethan Feistner

**Service Music**  
"Coming Home, Pt. II" by Skylar Grey  
"Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"  
by Chris Tomlin

**Prelude Video Tribute Music**  
"Angels Among Us" By Alabama  
"Growin' Up Raising You" by Gabby Barrett  
"You Should Be Here" by Cole Swindell  
"Coming Home, Pt. II" by Skylar Grey  
"I Can Only Imagine" by MercyMe  
"Go Rest High on that Mountain" by Vince Gill

**Memorial Donations**  
The family suggests that memorial donations be given to Children's Mercy Hospital or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 North Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

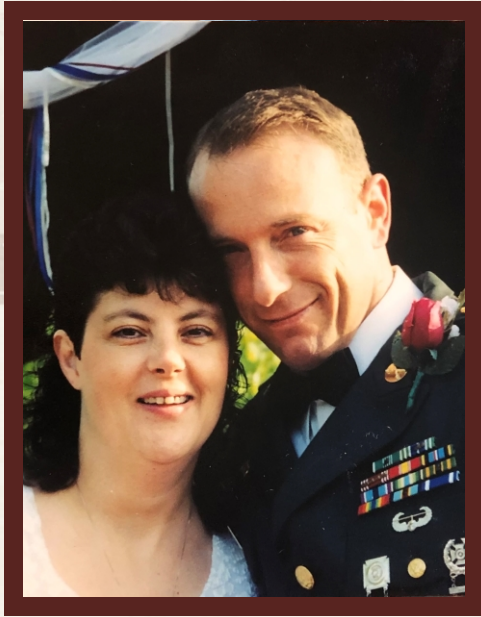
**Appreciation**  
Cori's family wishes to express their sincere appreciation for all your prayers and kindness, evidenced in thought and deed, and for your presence at this service.

*Stockham Family Funeral Home*



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**Cori Lynn Bennett**  
*September 17, 1966 - February 7, 2024*





## *A Celebration of Life* *Cori Lynn Bennett*

Cori Lynn Bennett, 57, of McPherson, KS, peacefully passed away on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, surrounded by her family at Hutchinson Regional Medical Center.

Cori was born on September 17, 1966, in Seward, NE. She graduated from high school in Nelson, NE and continued her education at Central Community College in Hastings, NE where she received her certificate in Early Childhood Development. On March 26, 2002, Cori was united in marriage to Tony L. Bennett and took on the active role of a military wife.

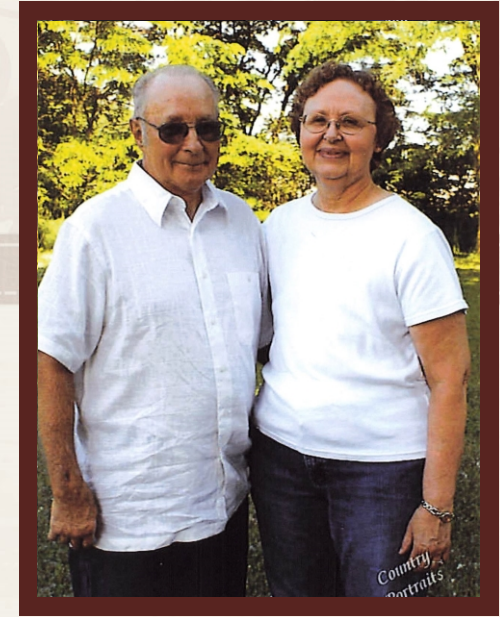
She was the Food Director at McPherson Hospital and formerly was General Manager for Applebee's and Chipotle. Her most recent and favorite "job" was babysitting her grandchildren, giving them lots of love and care.

Cori was a devoted wife, mother, sister, daughter, aunt, and friend, but most importantly, a devoted grandmother. She spent her days with grandkids doing arts and crafts, spoiling them, and making sure they were always happy. She spent her summers getting the pool in the backyard ready for endless swimming, preparing family barbecues, and traveling to every one of her grandkids' sporting events. Cori made every child feel like one of her grandchildren. It did not matter if you were family. If you were in her house, you were one of her own.

The fall and winter months were spent gathering her children and grandchildren at her house for football games. Saturdays were for the Nebraska Huskers, GO BIG RED, and she never missed a game cheering for the Chicago Bears and of course, the Kansas City Chiefs.

Cori touched the lives of everyone she came in contact with, and took pride in knowing her house felt like a home. She was loved by so many and will never be forgotten.

Survivors include: her loving husband, Tony Bennett of the home; seven children, Chris Dirks (Paige Miller) of Inman, KS, Jessica Dirks of McPherson, KS, James Nelson (Abbi) of McPherson, KS, Amanda Bennett of Salem, OR, Kaytlyn Johnson (Aaron Hart) of McPherson, KS, Brandon Johnson of McPherson, KS, and



Megan Bennett of Salem, OR; her mother, Barbara J. (Schleufer) Stutzman of Superior, NE; five siblings, Tim Stutzman of York, NE, Stacy Jambe (Patrick) of Sanford, FL, Laura Stutzman of Great Bend, KS, Justin Hartman (Cory) of Seward, NE, and Vicky Wagner (Jeromi) of Mankato, KS; nine grandchildren, Carson, Aria, Owen, Ben, Carter, Archer, Addelyn, Aly, and baby Alora (due in May); several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Roy Elbert Stutzman, and biological mother, Ruth A. (Hicks) Haines.