

In Loving Memory
CELEBRATING A LIFE



IN Remembrance

A Celebration of Life Service

McPherson Church of the Brethren
McPherson, Kansas

Saturday, January 7, 2023, at 11:00 AM

Officiating Clergy

Rev. Kathryn Whitacre & Rev. Chris Whitacre

Special Music

Resonance Trio: Bryan Hess, Bruce Wagoner, &
Dan Masterson playing "Amazing Grace"

Hymn: "When Peace Like a River" #336
Jean Hendricks, pianist

"The Prayer" by David Foster & Carole Bayer Sager
sung by Lara Lichty Schoming & Dan Lichty
Jean Hendricks, pianist

Final Resting Place

McPherson Cemetery
(prior to service)

Memorial Donations

The family suggests memorials be given to McPherson College (Merlin and ImoJean Frantz Scholarship), McPherson Church of the Brethren (kitchen fund), or Angel Arms Residential Care Facility.

Appreciation & Luncheon

ImoJean's family wishes to express their sincere appreciation for your prayers and kindness, evidenced in thought and deed, and your presence at this service.
Following the service, the family extends an invitation for all to join them for dinner in the fellowship hall.

Stockham Family Funeral Home



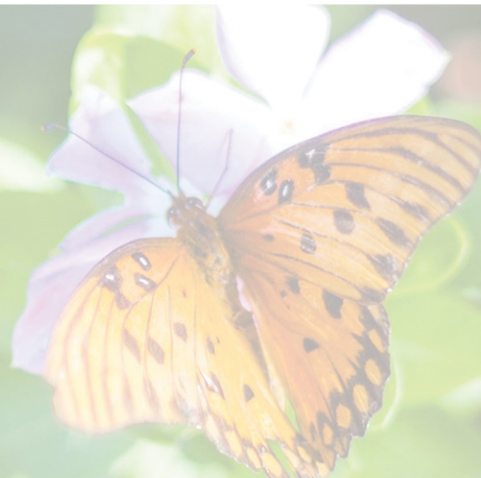
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March 20, 1924 - Dec. 6, 2022

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March 20, 1924 ~ December 6, 2022

ImoJean was born on March 20, 1924, on the family farm near Grundy Center, Iowa, the daughter of Glen and Ruth (Schwab) Sheller. Her growing up years were spent on this farm enjoying all that the Ivester community had to offer.

ImoJean attended McPherson College, earned her 2 yr. teaching degree and met her future husband, Merlin L. Frantz. She taught in a one room school house while she waited for Merlin to attend Bethany Seminary. They married on August 23, 1944, at the Ivester Church of the Brethren. The couple began their life together in Nickerson, Kansas, where Merlin pastored the Salem Church of the Brethren and ImoJean taught school.

They spent 2 years in Italy doing disaster relief after WWII. This time was spent working with children and distributing food and clothing. Some of their fondest memories were formed there and life-long friendships were cemented.

Following this time of service, Merlin and ImoJean moved to Carleton, Nebraska where Merlin taught school. Daughter Claudia was born on February 16, 1949. They then relocated to

Lincoln, Nebraska so Merlin could pursue his post graduate education. Daughter Lynne was born there on October 5, 1951.

In 1954, the family moved to McPherson, Kansas and Merlin began his 37 year career at McPherson College. Daughter Dawnelle completed the family when she was born on August 19, 1957. While pregnant with this 3rd child, ImoJean completed her 4 year degree at the college. Teaching a few years at Washington Elementary school, she ultimately became a homemaker.

An active member of the McPherson Church of the Brethren, she worked with children, served over 20 years on the Banquet Committee, and shared her beautiful voice in choir, ensembles and singing solos. She became well known for her cake decorating, making and decorating wedding cakes for nieces and nephews, all three of her daughters, as well as for many others in the church and community. ImoJean spent hours at her sewing machine, making her own clothes as well as clothes for her family. Hostessing was very important as well, and she worked alongside Merlin to host countless meals for college students, faculty and friends. She was also known

for her flower arrangements, delicious meals and beautiful table settings. Everyone was made welcome in their home.

An active member of many community organizations, she was a fifty plus member and past president of PEO, Chapter AY. She was a loving mother and faithful friend.

Survivors include: daughters Claudia Law, Lynne (Dan) Lichty, Dawnelle Adcock, all of McPherson; grandchildren Michael (Erin) Law, Dena (Jon) Law, Jonas (Beth) Lichty, Elizabeth (Nick) MacDonald, Renata (Paul) Prose, Lacey (Keith) Jones, Jacob (Megan) Gayer, Lara (Seth) Schoming, and Monica (Sean) Conyers: 29 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Merlin Frantz; parents Glen and Ruth Sheller; brother Charles Sheller; sisters Myrtle Morland, Emma Hess, and Doris Sheller; son-in-law Brett Adcock; grandson Brandon Adcock; and great-granddaughter Emeri Gayer.