



In Loving Memory
CELEBRATING A LIFE

Memorial Service

Trinity Lutheran Church
McPherson, Kansas
Saturday, November 26, 2022, at 10:30 AM

Officiants

Rev. Tim Leaf Rev. Barbara Krehbiel Gehring

Musical Selections

Congregational Hymns:

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"
"Soon and Very Soon"
Joyce Hall, pianist

Ushers

Carol Swenson Wayne Conyers

Final Resting Place

New Gottland Lutheran Church Cemetery
(at a later date)

Memorial Donations

Memorial donations are suggested to Trinity Lutheran Church or a charity of the donor's choice in loving memory of Georgi.

Appreciation

Georgi'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.

*Hope
Strength*

Stockham Family Funeral Home



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Georgianna "Georgi" Peterson
Nov. 18, 1945 - Nov. 21, 2022





A Celebration of Life Georgi Peterson

Georgianna Krehbiel Peterson was a beloved daughter, sister, cousin, wife, mother, Grammy, co-worker, and friend to many. Georgi was the second child of Harry and Alice Krehbiel, born on November 18, 1945. She had two ornery brothers, Steve and Val, whom she loved and adored when they weren't terrorizing her dolls, and two precious younger sisters, Kathy and Barb, who meant the world to her. Life on the farm was always a grand adventure: playing in the treehouse, sliding down the roof of the grain barn, eating the vegetables from the garden, being told to drive the wheat truck at harvest before ever having a driving lesson, and sleeping in the unheated north bedroom. Throughout her life, family was very important to her, from playing with her 51 first cousins as a child to meeting her newest great-granddaughter in her final hours.

Georgi attended Elyria Grade School and graduated from Moundridge High School in 1963. She enjoyed band, chorus, cheerleading, school plays, forensics and debate, Y-Teens, intramural sports, and 4-H. As a teen and young adult, she was an accomplished speaker and writer which earned her

many trophies and opportunities. She attended McPherson College and roomed with her beloved cousin, Bonnie.

Georgi married Dwayne Peterson and had two daughters, Rhonda and Melinda. She modeled patience, kindness, perseverance, faithfulness, acceptance, and love throughout her life. Her greatest treasures were her grandchildren, and she showed them love through all her visits, calls and texts, and personalized cards. Georgi and Dwayne valued family vacations, complete with amazing food, raucous laughter, and always winning at Pinochle.

Georgi began working as a young teen and worked until her MS no longer allowed her to continue to do so. Her most significant professional accomplishment was becoming the first female Employee Relations Manager in the entire Johns-Manville Corporation. When interviewing for this position, she was told she might be too feminine and not "tough" enough. She responded, "'Tough guys' wear holsters, chew tobacco, and swear a lot. I am not 'tough', and I don't want to become tough if that is what is required for the job. However, I have strong principles. I have definite opinions. I will speak up. If you want 'tough', then maybe I'm not the person for the job. If, however, you want someone who is strong, then I believe I am the best person for the job." She was valued by her colleagues and the company throughout her career. She mentored many employees into becoming their best.

Georgi had so many friends for whom she cried when they were sad, listened when they needed to talk, and prayed often. She had a witty sense of humor and enjoyed being creative with words and

ideas. She was admired by many for her resilience and strength.

Georgi was known for her unwavering faith and dedication to her church which was modeled to her by her Mennonite parents and grandparents. She remembered praying because she was frightened when she was only four years old. Through all the trials in her life, Georgi turned to God for direction, comfort, and strength. When asked about her spiritual legacy, Georgi wrote, "Don't waste time on things that have no 'eternal significance'. We worry and fret about things that don't matter in the larger scheme of things. How you treat people and your actions can make a difference in their lives and can influence their eternal life." She knew that God loved everyone so she strived to do so, too.

Georgi walked joyfully into heaven on November 21, 2022. She will be greatly missed.

Survivors include: two daughters, Rhonda (Robert) Dealey of Topeka, KS and Melinda (Michael) Cochran of Yukon, OK; five grandchildren, Kristin (Michael) Lowe, Robert Dealey, Cole Cochran, Bryton Cochran, and Anna (Rhett) Bechtel; four great-grandchildren, Elena, Julia, & Nicholas Lowe and Hampton Kate Bechtel; two sisters, Kathy (Greg) Perkins of Fort Worth, TX and Barbara (Richard) Gehring of Lombard, IL; sisters-in-law, Nancy Krehbiel of McPherson, KS and Consuelo Krehbiel of Chicago, IL; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and brothers, Steven Krehbiel and Val Krehbiel.