



In Loving Memory
CELEBRATING A LIFE

Funeral Service

McPherson Free Methodist Church
Friday, August 2, 2024, at 10:30 AM

Officiants

Rev. Dallas Burgeson ~ Rev. Tom Griffith
Rev. Justin Mourn

Congregational Hymns

"Because He Lives" #213
"How Great Thou Art" #4
Judy Shaw, pianist

Casket Bearers

Andrew Shaw ~ Matthew Shaw ~ Isaac Shaw
Adam Hinrichsen ~ Nick Johnson ~ Jacob Hampton

Ushers

Randy Clark ~ Galen Shields

Graveside Service

McPherson Cemetery ~ McPherson, Kansas

Memorial Donations

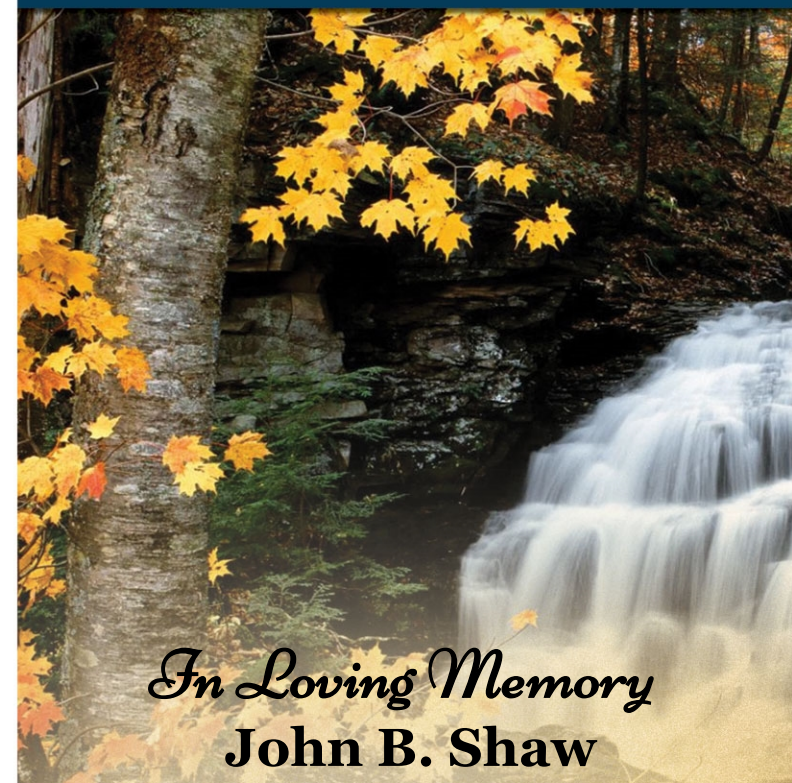
Memorial donations can be made to McPherson Free Methodist Church or Central Christian College of Kansas in loving memory of John.

Appreciation

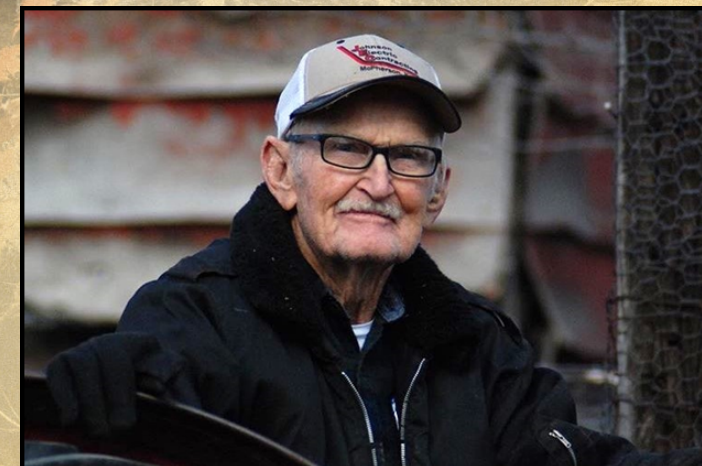
John's family wishes to express their sincere appreciation for all your prayers and kindness, evidenced in thought and deed, and for your presence at this service.

Hope Strength

Stockham Family Funeral Home



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John B. Shaw



December 27, 1924 ~ July 20, 2024

A Celebration of Life *John B. Shaw*

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John Beeson Shaw was born on Dec. 27th, 1924, along with his twin brother, James. They grew up in Nebraska on a farm with their siblings Marian, Paul, Ruth and her twin brother Richard (who passed away between 1 and 2 years of age from an illness). John's loving parents, Orville and Ruby Shaw, came to faith in Jesus after they were married. They raised their children to love the Lord, serve Him faithfully and work hard on the farm. John remembered learning many skills growing up and worked the fields behind a horse driven plow. When he was 18, he left to serve in the United States Army in Japan during WWII. When he returned home, he attended Central College where he met the love of his life, Eunice, who he was married to for 64.5 years. Eunice announced on their 50th wedding anniversary that John hadn't missed a day spending time with the Lord in those 50 years.

John was a hard worker and an entrepreneur. He started out selling vacuums, painted for Pyle Construction, and then painted houses. After

someone asked him if he could cut down a limb on a tree, he decided to start Shaw Tree Service, which he owned and operated for over 60 years. He was well known and respected all over town. He most likely worked on every square block in the city of McPherson, beautifying the landscape by trimming and transplanting trees. John wasn't just a hard worker, he also had a very creative, deep spiritual side. He wrote a book full of poems and always had a testimony ready to share for the Lord's faithfulness to encourage all who would listen. He led his family in "family worship", reading the Bible, kneeling and praying regularly. He encouraged them to read God's word, acknowledge the Lord in everything, to always have hope in Christ, and that Jesus longs for us to just love Him and talk to Him.

He was proud of his family; 6 children, their spouses, his 30 grandchildren and 35 (& counting) great-grandchildren. He created entertainment for them with his amazing inventive playground equipment that his grandkids affectionately called "Dizzyland", where fun (not safety) was the top priority!

John's top priority was his relationship with the Lord. He served his Lord faithfully and loved people well. He was generous as he welcomed many into his home when they needed a place to stay. He also visited shut-ins with compassion, as

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recently as this past year. In the eyes of the community, John Shaw was respected by his example and the way he lived his life. In many people's eyes, he was their hero. He longed to see everyone come to know Jesus and see them again someday in heaven. He often talked about going to heaven to be with his savior, and we rejoice today knowing he is finally home!

Psalm 1 describes him well. ...Blessed is the man who's delight is in the Lord.

Survivors include six children, Robert (Rosemarie) Shaw of Eugene, OR, Timothy (Judy) Shaw of McPherson, KS, LaVonda (Mike) Hinrichsen of Colorado Springs, CO, Karolyn (Jeff) Johnson of McPherson, KS, Rick (Julie) Shaw of Waco, TX, and Lisa (Matt) Hampton of Goddard, KS; sister-in-law, Evelyn Shaw of Greenville, IL; 30 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and many extended family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; siblings, Marian Gowan, James Shaw, Paul Shaw, Ruth Kenyon, and Richard Shaw; and grandson, Levi Hampton.