

"Together Forever"



Graveside Service
McPherson Cemetery
McPherson, Kansas
Friday, April 28, 2023, at 10:30 AM

Officiant
Rev. Emily Spearman Cannon

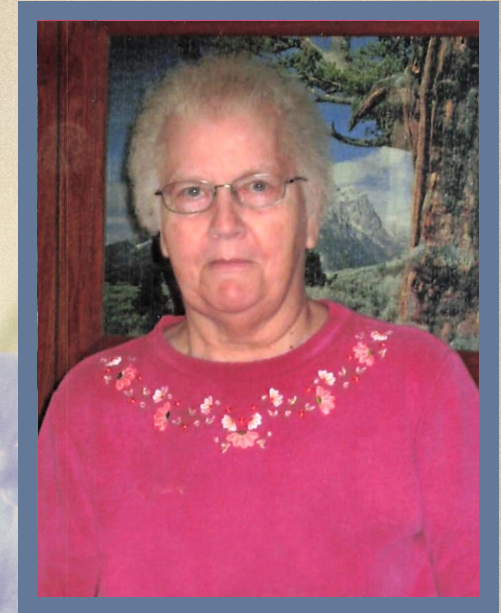
Special Music
"In the Garden" by Alan Jackson
"The Old Rugged Cross" by Alan Jackson

Honorary Pallbearers
Keith Lafferty Bob Lafferty

Memorial Donations
The family suggests that memorial donations be given to the McPherson Senior Center in loving memory of Vila.

Appreciation
On behalf of the family, we wish 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



In Loving Memory
Vila Marie Cooper
January 26, 1942 - April 23, 2023

A Celebration of Life
Vila M. Cooper

Memories

Vila Marie Cooper, 81, of McPherson, KS, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 23, 2023, surrounded by family at Salina Regional Health Center.

Throughout her life, she cooked for the McPherson High School and the McPherson Senior Center. Many might have known her also while working at Daylight Donuts in McPherson.

She was born on January 26, 1942, in Hutchinson, KS, the daughter of Harold and Opal (Harder) Lafferty. She grew up on a farm outside of Inman, KS. She graduated from Windom High School in 1960. On November 25, 1961, Vila was united in marriage to Robert Cooper at the Andover Lutheran Church in Windom, KS. This union was blessed with two daughters, Kay and Patti.

She was a member of Eastern Star and Royal Neighbors of America.

Vila enjoyed cooking for the entire family for birthdays and holidays. Her specialty being fried chicken. She also enjoyed collecting owls and would tell everyone, "No two are alike!" In earlier years, she enjoyed family vacations with the kids and in later years, she and Bob traveled on their own. Above all, Vila loved spending time with her family.

Survivors include: two daughters, Kay Graham and husband, Jerry, of McPherson, KS and Patti Cooper of McPherson, KS; her brothers, Keith Lafferty of Inman, KS and Bob Lafferty of Bishop, GA; and many extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 60 years, Bob in 2022; her parents; brother, Jim Lafferty; and sisters, Doris Richards and Sharon Lafferty.

Honor
Loving Memory

*Please don't be sorry and please don't be sad,
I'm up here in heaven and I'm Oh, Oh, so glad.
I'm free from all sorrow and pain don't you know,
So grieve not, my friends, it was my time to go.
I know you will miss me but there's one thing I would ask,
Just keep on living like you did in the past.
This old world needs you to do all you can,
To make life so much richer for your dear fellowmen.
We'll soon be together but not until you're through,
With your life's work on earth and then I'll be seeing you.*

