

A Celebration of Life

Concordia Wesleyan Church
Concordia, Kansas

Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 10:00 AM

Officiants

Pastor David Redmond Pastor Bob Burns

Musical Selections

Congregational Hymn: "When We All Get to Heaven"

Solos: "Because He Lives"

"If You Could See What I See"

Don Garlow, vocalist / Krista Bryant, pianist

Family Tributes

Alex Kaufmann

John Reber

Brett Reber

Military Honors

McConnell Air Force Base Honor Guard
and American Legion Post #76

Ushers

Dr. Steven Bryant Ben Dreeson

Honorary Pallbearers

Matthew McGonagle Megan Moor John Reber

Callie E. Reber Joe Reber Luke Reber

Aaron Kaufmann Allyssa Savu

Alex Kaufmann Austin Kaufmann

Memorial Donations

Memorial donations are suggested to the Concordia Wesleyan Church or to Razvan & Allyssa Savu (for mission work in Romania).

Appreciation

The greatest comfort during our sorrow was the expression of sympathy conveyed to us in many ways.

We deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness and thank you most sincerely.

The Family of Loren Reber

In Loving Memory CELEBRATING A LIFE

God watched your life at every turn
And knew you'd had your share.
He gently closed your precious eyes
And took you in His care.

Your memory is our keepsake,
With that we will never part,
God has you in his keeping,
We have you in our hearts.

Nothing could be more beautiful
Than the memories we have of you.
To us you were someone special
God must have thought so too.

All our lives we shall miss you
As the years come and go.
But in our hearts you will live forever,
Because we love you so.

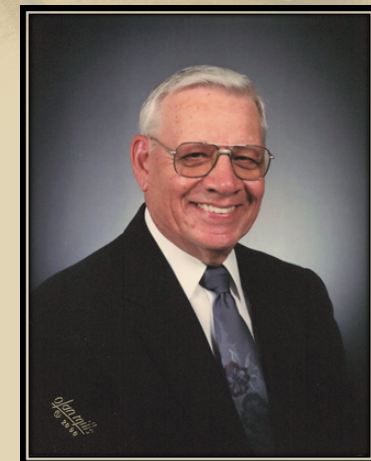
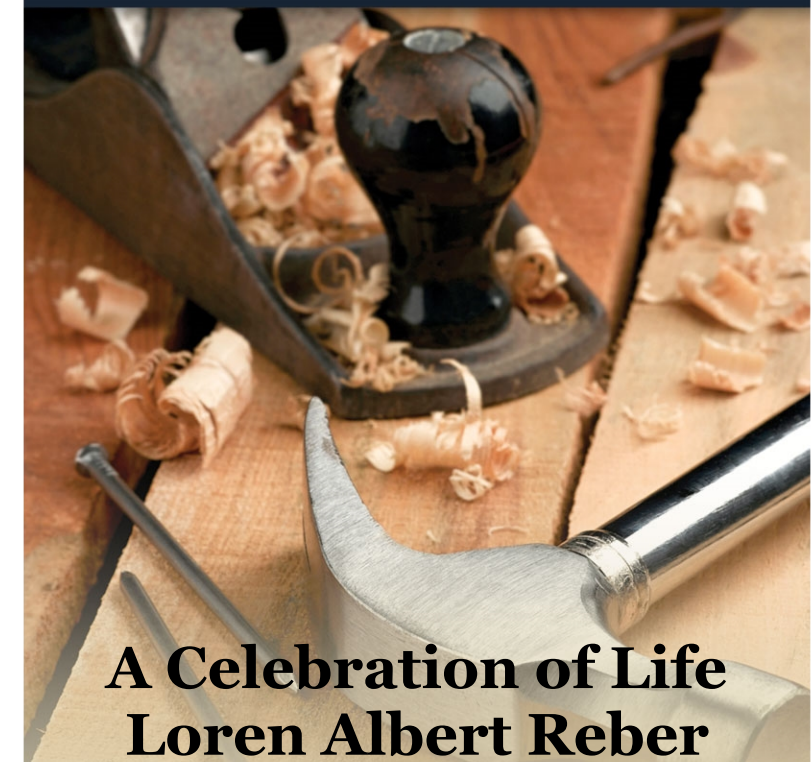
God saw that you were getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So He put His arms around you
And whispered "Come with Me".

We know that you did suffer,
We saw you slip away,
Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.

Your golden heart stopped beating,
Your hands were laid to rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.

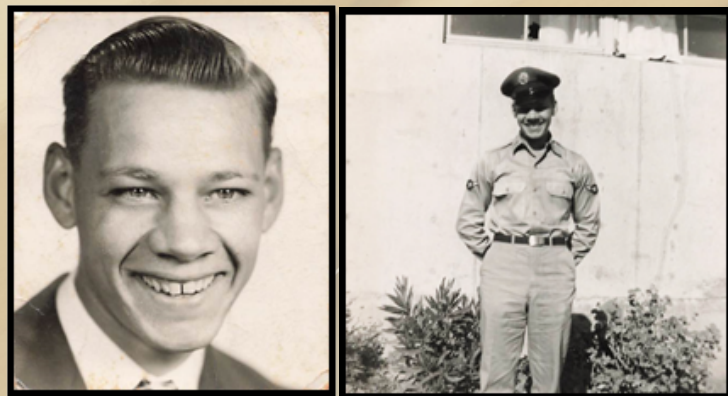
Hope Strength

Stockham Family Funeral Home



September 29, 1931 - December 22, 2022

Loren Albert Reber



Loren Albert Reber, 91, of McPherson, and formerly of Concordia and Ellsworth, passed away on Thursday, December 22, 2022, at his residence in McPherson. Loren was the longtime Agency Manager for Farm Bureau Insurance in Ellsworth County and owned & operated Skelly & Conoco Service Stations in his early career.

Loren was born on September 29, 1931, in Emporia, KS, the son of John Jacob and Ellen Mildred (Peterson) Reber. He graduated from Emporia High School in 1951. On June 7, 1953, Loren was united in marriage to Callie M. Murphy in Emporia. This union was blessed with three children, Lynette, Brett, and Lori.

He was a United States Air Force veteran and served during the Korean War. Loren was a member of the Concordia Wesleyan Church and the Kiwanis Club in Ellsworth.

Survivors include: his loving wife of 69 years, Callie of the home; three children, Lynette (Scott) McGonagle of Smithfield, NC, Brett (Kathryn) Reber of McPherson, KS, and Lori (Allyn) Kaufmann of Concordia, KS; a sister, Shirley Graham of St. Louis,

MO; 10 grandchildren, Matthew (Kelli) McGonagle, Megan (Brandon) Moor, John Reber, Callie Reber, Joseph (Caroline) Reber, Luke Reber, Aaron (Brittney) Kaufmann, Allyssa (Razvan) Savu, Alex Kaufmann, and Austin Kaufmann; eight great-grandchildren, Madilin McGonagle, Caroline McGonagle, Kait McGonagle, Lilli McGonagle, Ellis Savu, Emric Savu, Laker Kaufmann and Thomas Reber; and many extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by brothers, Fred Reber and John Reber.

Beyond his career, when Loren got home from the office, he was anxious to jump on his tractor or head to his workshop to start a new project. Carpentry was his favorite hobby. If Callie suggested an idea for a remodel or a project, she had better be ready because no wall was safe with a hammer in his hand. He was a jack of all trades and did electrical, plumbing and welding or anything else needed for the current project. The last big project of remodeling was completed at age 85 years when he and his 80 year old friend Everett, rebuilt Palmer's house from a shell. In earlier years he worked tirelessly as a trustee for their church helping with repairs and remodeling projects as needed.

All the family and lots of friends were recipients of his handiwork from playground equipment to toy barns, doll houses, play kitchens, and decorative things like quilt racks, wall hangings, shelves and nativity sets. He made a cradle that was used by several grandchildren and greats. He made just about anything ever mentioned and often times the same day it was mentioned. He rarely had a pattern; things were fashioned from his mind's eye and experience. He built an elaborate playground at their Ellsworth farmyard, that was enjoyed by his grandchildren, the Woods' children next door and



kids who just stopped by to play. His woodworking ended after a stroke at age 86. It was a frustrating pill for him to swallow as he moved into a supervisory role for family projects.

Over the years, Loren and Callie did lots of camping and boating. When the kids were growing up he taught them and countless friends to water ski and was an avid water skier himself. Later they enjoyed camping with their camping group and traveling. Their last big trip was to Niagara Falls to celebrate their 60th anniversary. They enjoyed entertaining their church groups and friends, especially outside grilling. They loved to play games. Loren played a mean game of pitch, with high expectations of his partner.

He was never happier than when he was behind the wheel of his tractor mowing acres and acres around their properties. He gave endless tractor rides to the grand kids, and it even continued with his great grand kids in his wheelchair. He loved to "stir-up" the grand kids, usually right before bedtime and then turn them over to their parents to suffer the consequences. He was so much fun to them but was nicknamed "the Agitator" by his kids.

He lived out his faith in service to family and friends and whoever needed help.

His humor, service to others and friendship will be missed!