



A Celebration of Life

First United Methodist Church
McPherson, Kansas

Thurs., Sept. 19, 2024, at 11:00 AM

Officiant

Rev. Andrew Conard

Special Music

Congregational Hymn:

"How Great Thou Art" #77, verses 1 & 4

"Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone"

Kaylee Zeitlow & Anita Wilborn, *vocalists*

Nick Griggs, *pianist*

Ushers

Steve Mulch ~ Kevin Stockham

Graveside Service

McPherson Cemetery

Thurs., Sept. 19, 2024, at 9:30 AM

Memorial Donations

Memorial donations can be made to Deanna Zeitlow's Crohn's Patient's Assistance Fund or Shriners Hospitals for Children in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 North Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

Appreciation & Luncheon

The Zeitlow family wishes to express sincere appreciation for all your prayers and kindness, evidenced in thought and deed, and your presence at this service.

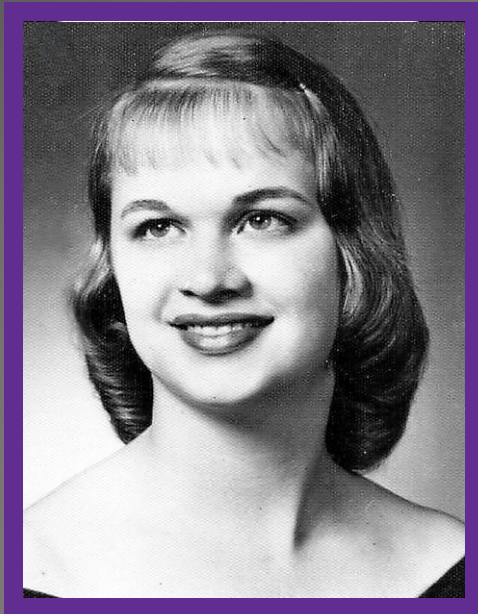
Following the service, the family invites all to stay for a luncheon in Hess Hall.

Stockham Family Funeral Home



In Loving Memory
Deanna Zeitlow
1938 - 2024





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Deanna Jean Zeitlow*

June 15, 1938 - September 11, 2024

Deanna Zeitlow, loving wife, devoted mother, cherished grandmother, and faithful Christian, passed away peacefully at the age of 86.

Deanna was born on June 15, 1938, in McPherson, KS, the daughter of Lloyd Harry and Dorothea Mae (Crowther) White. She graduated from Durham High School and received a degree in Home Economics from Kansas State University in 1960 then taught at Minneapolis High School. On

December 27, 1960, Deanna was united in marriage to Leonard Eugene Zeitlow in Canton, KS. Together, they were the truest of partners, building not only a loving family but also a successful family business that has thrived for over 60 years.

Deanna was the proud mother of Greg and Doug, who looked up to her as a source of inspiration, strength, and love. Her devotion extended to her grandchildren—Andy, Matt, Nick, and Kaylee—whom she adored. Deanna loved watching her grandkids play sports and traveled to as many of their games as possible, always their biggest fan.

A passionate sports fan, Deanna's heart belonged to Kansas State University athletics, but she also had a deep love for the Kansas City Royals and Kansas City Chiefs. In later years, she (with Leonard at her side) was an enthusiastic fan at the KC Royals Spring Training games in Surprise, Arizona.

Deanna loved cooking, reading and had a heart for adventure. She and Leonard traveled often, enjoying both business trips and personal getaways, especially to her favorite destination—Cancun, where she found peace by the sea.

Throughout her life, Deanna faced challenges with grace and courage, including her long battle with Crohn's disease, which she fought for over 55 years. Despite the pain and hardships, she never allowed it to dampen her spirit. She refused to ask, "Why me?" and lived each day with strength and resilience, never letting it get her down.



Her generosity and compassion extended far beyond her own struggles. In her selfless nature, Deanna turned her own experience with Crohn's into an opportunity to help others. She and Leonard created a foundation dedicated to assisting Crohn's patients facing financial hardships after diagnosis. Through her work, Deanna provided crucial support to those in need, offering both hope and practical assistance during difficult times.

Deanna is survived by her loving husband Leonard; her sons Greg (Pat) Zeitlow of Boonville, MO and Doug (Jeanne) Zeitlow of McPherson, KS; her grandchildren Andy (Ellery), Matt, Nick, and Kaylee; her great-grandchild Winter; her brother Dennis White; and her sister-in-law Doris Crowther.

Deanna leaves behind a life well-lived and a family who will forever hold her memory close.