

To my constant and loving family and friends. I want everyone to be happy for me. If you are faithful for little, God will give you much. And He has. I am with my Lord and at peace.

Please don't be afraid, but instead, reach up and find a hand reaching down to give you the strength and comfort that you will need.

I will be taking off this earthly covering with its weariness, and heartaches of this world and putting on a Celestial garment.

Please don't let bitterness come into your hearts.

Tears will flow and I do hope you will miss me for a short time. Don't demand to know why, as God's ways are not our ways. Carry on, as life must go on.

I hope that my spirit will linger among you, and that I may have made a difference to you for the goodness and glory to God. Remember, the line between life and death is so very thin.

I have gained a knowledge of God and His peace through my many illnesses that I would never change.

Please know or find out where you are going in death as well as in life.

~ Love to All



A Celebration of Life
Gypsum City Auditorium
Saturday, February 3, 2024
from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM



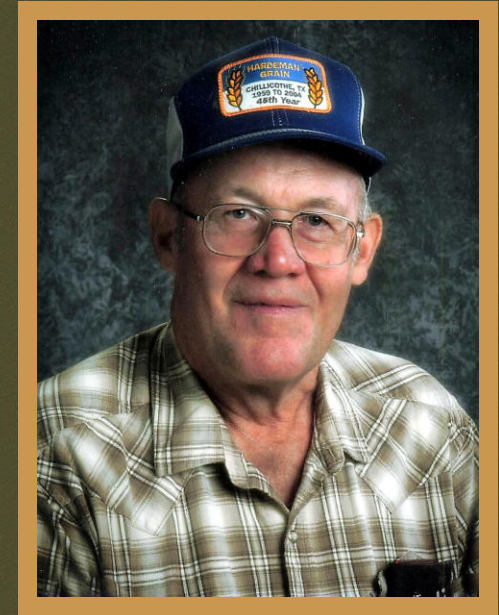
Memorial Donations

Memorial donations may be made to Temple Church, Gypsum, in loving memory of Art.

Appreciation

The Nilson 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.

Stockham Family Funeral Home



In Loving Memory
Arthur "Art" E. Nilson
November 21, 1940 - November 3, 2023



A Celebration of Life
Art Nilson



In accordance with God's sovereignty, Arthur Emanuel (Art) Nilson entered into the realm of this vast earth at St. John's Hospital in Salina, KS, Thursday, November 21, 1940, at 1:33AM, first born of Emanuel (Bud) and Augusta Grace (Schwarz) Nilson of Gypsum.

Art's life designed by God was on His drawing board for a purpose and in Job 14:5, we read "a person's days are determined; you have decreed the number of his months and have set limits he cannot exceed". The length of life isn't what's important. It's that God had his hand of control on that life.

On November 3, 2023, at approximately 6:37 PM, surrounded by family at home, our almighty God opened His arms and welcomed Art into his Heavenly home.

Art's wishes were that his body be donated to science, hoping to help someone in the future to overcome some of the issues that he had faced through life.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father; son, Daniel Thayne; daughter, Tasha Dawn; and granddaughter, Effie Grace Trout.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Anna, a few months shy of their 60th wedding anniversary; son, David of Gypsum; daughter-in-law (wife of Dan), Renee Nilson of Canton; grandchildren, Nick (Amanda) Trout of Gypsum, Elizabeth (Eric) Burden of Okla., Emily (Baily) Trout of Okla., Katheryn (Jordan) Howard of McPherson, Connor Nilson of Canton, Erin (Dylan) Adams of Okla., & Elycia Trout of Okla.; great-grandchildren, Bryleigh and Brayden of Gypsum, Harley & Brynley Burden of Okla., Myles, Donnie, and Aubrey Adams of Okla., and two on the way; three siblings, Eugene (Judy) Nilson of Gypsum, KS, Dorothy (Richard) Eppler of Paola, KS, and Joan (Walter) Arrasmith of Lindsborg, KS.

Growing up on a dairy farm, Art learned the lesson of hard work. And, the old adage, "don't start something you can't finish" was typical of the way he did things.

He attended school at Gypsum, graduating in 1958. In the fall of '58, he enrolled at the Kansas City Bible College, graduating in May 1962 with a BS in Pastoral Studies. In the fall of '62, he enrolled at Sterling College, graduating in '64 with a BA in Business and Accounting.

It was at KCBC that he met his wife, Mary Anna. They were married February 1, 1964. They lived in KC for a short period of time while Art worked as an electrician apprentice, and Mary Anna worked at the Federal Reserve Bank. They learned early on that you can take the boy out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the boy. After looking for work in several other locations, it was decided to come home and help out his dad in the dairy, which opened other avenues of work. He learned AI and was



the American Breeders AI Tech for the area for 18 plus years.

He became active in Farm Bureau and at one point in time, served as the President for the Saline County Branch. As well, he served on the Southeast of Saline School Board for eight years, drove the school bus for ten years, worked for Ken Reitz at Images Recycling in Salina, and did home construction and remodeling with Jim Andrew and Ed Coleman. He and Mary Anna were caretakers of the Gypsum Valley Cemetery #1 for six years.

Art was a lifelong member of the Temple Church, serving on the board and was Missions treasurer, song leader, and Sunday school teacher.

Art's desire was to be like Jesus. Daily, he spent time in Bible study and prayer to attain that likeness. He was truly, a man after God's own heart.

There are special people in our lives that never leave us, even after they are gone.

Art will be laid to rest with family at Temple Church Cemetery.