



Memorial Service
Freedom Chapel
McPherson, Kansas
Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 11:00 AM

Officiating Ministers
Pastor Terry Turner ~ Pastor David Case

Music

Prelude Video Tribute:

"Ring of Fire" by Johnny Cash
"So Lonesome I Could Cry" by Hank Williams, Sr.
"Coal Miner's Daughter" by Loretta Lynn
"Funny Face" by Donna Fargo
"I Saw the Light" by Hank Williams, Sr.
"Top of the World" by The Carpenters

Service:

Congregational Hymn: "Blessed Assurance"
Congregational Hymn: "It Is Well With My Soul"
Solo: "I Want To Stroll Over Heaven With You"
Solo: "Go Rest High On That Mountain"
Dallas Burgeson, vocalist & guitarist
Laura Terronez & Mike Bena, song leaders

Honorary Casket Bearers

Danny Moore ~ Rusty Yarborough
Mark Treder ~ Jason Christiansen

Ushers

David Keene ~ Chuck Loges

Inurnment

Bridgeport Cemetery ~ Assaria, Kansas
(prior to service)

Memorial Donations

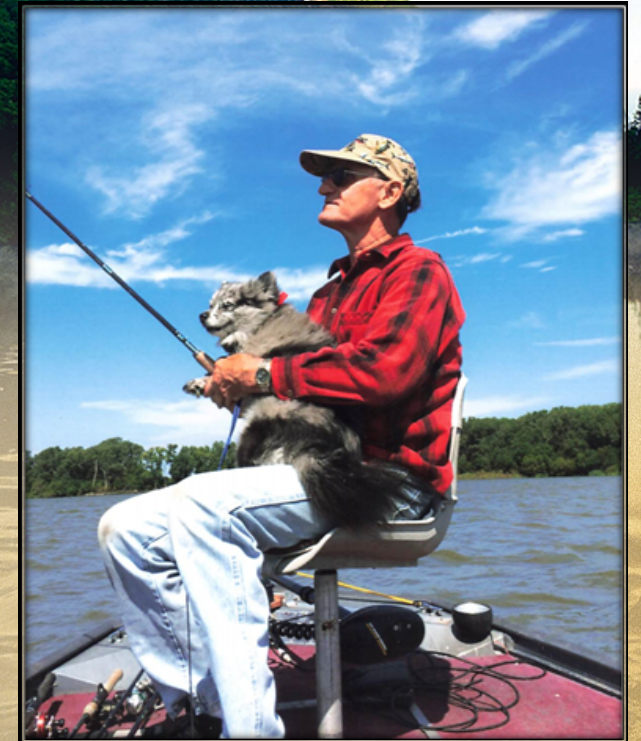
The family suggests that memorial donations be made to Live Free Ministries or Gentiva Hospice in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 North Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

Appreciation

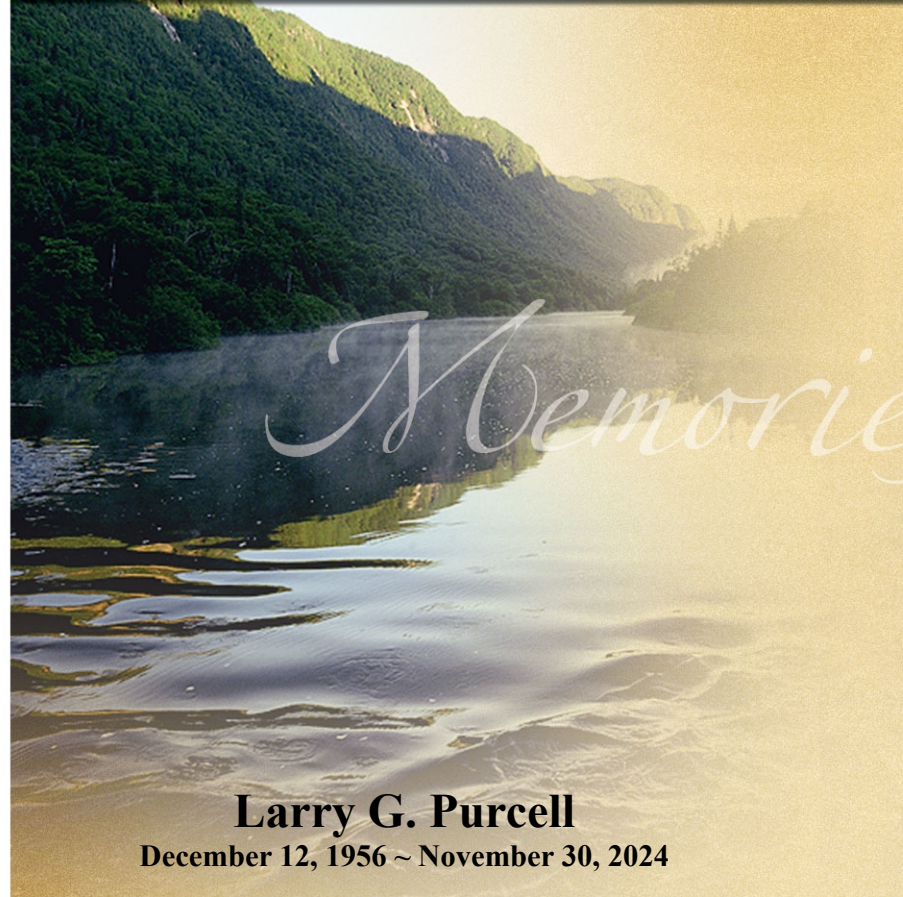
Larry's family wishes to express their appreciation for all your prayers and kindness, evidenced in thought and deed, and for your presence at this service.

Stockham Family Funeral Home

In Loving Memory
Larry G. Purcell



1956 ~ 2024



Larry G. Purcell

December 12, 1956 ~ November 30, 2024

Larry Gene Purcell, born on December 12, 1956, in Crawfordsville, Indiana, lived a life that intertwined faith, family, and humor. Growing up as one of ten children, Larry was known for his mischievous adventures, especially with his brothers, Steve and Marty. From rolling their sisters and cousins down hills in barrels (thankfully stopped by a tree stump) to convincing his sisters to eat “shittin’ poop” (chicken poop), Larry’s childhood was filled with laughter. As an adult, Larry loved the outdoors and could always be found fishing, camping, and hunting mushrooms.

Larry’s journey took him across Indiana, Michigan, Oklahoma, Colorado, and Kansas before settling in Ulysses, Kansas. There, in October 1975, he met Reva Jean Gillberg at Ulysses Irrigation Pipe. They married on March 21, 1976, and welcomed their first son, Eddy, on July 24, 1977. The family moved to McPherson, Kansas, in 1978, where their second son, Anthony, was born on September 7, 1980. Larry’s career spanned various roles, including work at Cargill, Busby Oil Service, Auto Customs Collision and Repair, and ICS, Inc., where he dedicated 30 years before retiring in 2021. Alongside Reva, he also ran L & R Laundry Services for 12 years and later managed Oak Harbor Cottages.

Larry’s faith was the cornerstone of his adult life. He attended the First Church of God in McPherson, where he was faithfully involved until the doors were shuttered. Larry joined the First Assembly of God in December 1985 and became an integral member of what later became Freedom Chapel. He was instrumental in relocating the church to its current location in 1986, faithfully serving on the church board, teaching Sunday school, leading Royal Rangers and Bible Quiz, and opening services. On workdays, Larry was a fixture at church, whether leading painting projects or push-mowing the 3-acre lot. His church family cherished his dedication, leadership, and sense of humor, which shone during church retreats and Labor Day campouts. Larry also helped start the Light for the Lost Steak Team in the late 1990s, a cause close to his heart. Pastor David Case often entrusted Larry to lead Bible studies and preach, and he became a founding board member of Live Free Ministries. He mentored men and women who participated in the

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Omega Project. Larry remained a faithful board member of Live Free Ministries until his death.

Storytelling and humor were legendary of Larry. He spun tales about losing his ring finger, humorously telling kids Reva bit it off, though the injury actually occurred in a 1977 workplace accident. He had a countless number of jokes, including “diesel fitter”, train tracks, and cemetery fences that he always told no matter how many times we heard them. His love of laughter complemented his deep commitment to family, faith, and community. He saw his church as his family, filling the gap with his relatives spread across the country.

Larry passed away peacefully on November 30, 2024, in Moundridge, Kansas, surrounded by loved ones. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Reva; his sons Eddy (Angela) Purcell of Moundridge, KS, and Anthony Purcell (Chris Hays) of Yukon, OK; siblings Jane Rector, Lewis Purcell, Dorothy Treman, Vicki Frazier, Sue Gann, and Marty Purcell; and countless nieces, nephews, church family, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Walter and Elfreda, his twin brother Garry, brother Steve, and sister Virginia Tolliver. Larry’s life, marked by laughter, faith, and selfless service, will be celebrated by all who knew him.