



Graveside Service
Gypsum Hill Cemetery
Salina, Kansas
Friday, October 20, 2023, at 11:00 AM

Officiating Clergy
Rev. Tom Mayse

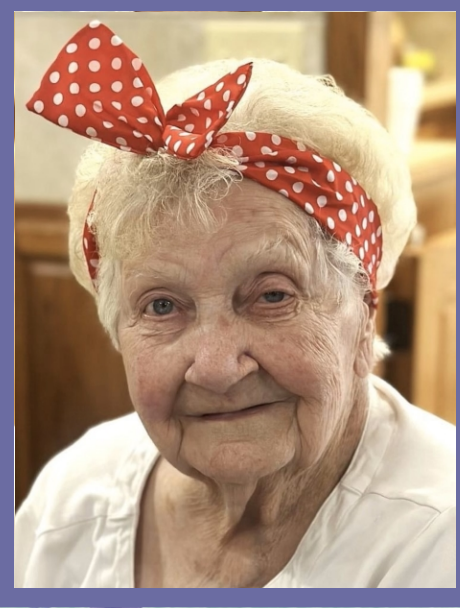
Memorial Donations
Memorial donations can be made to Pine Village,
Moundridge, in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home,
205 N. Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

Appreciation
Lee's family wishes to express sincere appreciation for your
prayers and kindness, evidenced in thought and deed, and for
your presence at this service.



In Loving Memory
Lee Buehrle
April 24, 1930 - October 9, 2023

John 3:16
*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only
begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him
should not perish, but have everlasting life.*



A Celebration of Life **Lee Buehrle**

Lee Buehrle, 93, of McPherson, KS, and formerly of Salina, KS, peacefully passed away on Monday, October 9, 2023, at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita.

Lee was born on April 24, 1930, in Atwood, KS, the daughter of Herman Mark and Charlotte V. (Shaffer) Rummel. She graduated from Atwood High School in 1948 and attended Fort Hays State University.

Lee lived during the depression so she could do just about everything and wasn't scared of anything. Her family was very poor. She was raised by her older half-sister after her mother left the family when Lee was four years old. Her father worked three different jobs to help provide for the family. She married John G. Buehrle the summer after her high school graduation with a

courtship of only seven weeks. They were married on July 31, 1948, in Ellsworth, KS. She was married for 53 years before his passing on May 24, 2002. She could clean and cook any type of game bird, any kind of fish, including frog legs and turtles, that her husband and son brought home. She was known as a wonderful baker, especially her pies and Christmas goodies. There were no recipes as she did everything by feel. One of her famous Christmas goodies was butterscotch that she learned from her dad who was a cook in WWI.

She learned to sew at an early age and made many of her own clothes and clothes for her children. After moving to Salina, she became interested in quilting and made some beautiful quilts and quilted clothes. She was always ready to go fabric shopping when her daughter came to town. She owned, managed, and worked in a small town café that was opened six days a week, serving meals three times a day. She cooked, waited and cleaned tables, washed dishes, ran the cash register and after all that, she paid the bills and balanced the books after everyone went home. One evening, after closing, she was startled by a visitor who wanted a meal, and she made it for him. It turned out to be the movie star Boris Karloff on his way back to Hollywood. She basically worked from sun up to sun down for nearly five years and was forced to quit because of the strain and stress on her body. She was only in her early 30's during that time.

Family was very important to her as well as holiday and birthday celebrations. She was also the family photographer who would nearly blind everyone with the movie camera flood lights. But they preserved many fond memories of family life and the embarrassment was eventually replaced with gratitude. She didn't start working until her two kids were in school. Her great love of dogs began as a child and continued through her entire adult life. She was John's den mother while he was in Cub Scouts, and Karen's party planner for many birthday and slumber parties. The family moved to



Salina in 1972 after John's first year of college. She became office manager at Marietta, Kellogg, & Price law firm and became the main bread winner when her husband had to take early retirement for health reasons. She had this job for 28 years and retired at age 70. Shortly after John passed away, she moved to McPherson where she could be closer to her son. She struggled with dementia for several years but when it became impossible for her to live by herself, she became a resident of Pine Village in Moundridge. She thoroughly enjoyed the people and the staff and participated in all the activities that she could. She loved ice cream and ice tea and was a serious bingo and 5-point pitch player. In her earlier years, she bowled in a competitive league in Atwood and was a member of the TOPS Club and KOPS Club in Salina.

Survivors include: two children, Karen Parsons (Daryl) of Burden, KS and John Buehrle, II (DeeAnn) of McPherson, KS; five grandchildren, Gail Bailey (Bryan), Scott Parsons (Lyndsay), Laura Stapleton, Sarah Buehrle Gunay (Ziya Gunay), and John Buehrle, III (Justine); nine great-grandchildren, Brice Bailey (Shelby), Taylor Buehrle, Daisy Parsons, Gunnar Parsons, Hailey Stapleton, Morgan Stapleton, Colin Stapleton, Ragan Stapleton, and Leo Gunay; two great-great-grandchildren, Darrel Bailey and Brylee Bailey; and many extended family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and siblings, Maxine Draper, Floyd Rummel, Carlyle Rummel, and Herman Vern Rummel.