

**To Each of You I Knew and Loved**  
When I come to the end of the road, and the sun  
has set for me, I want no rites in a gloom filled  
room. Why cry for a soul set free? Miss me a little  
- but not too long, and not with your head bowed  
low. Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me - but let me go. ~ author unknown



**Mass of Christian Burial**

**St. Joseph Catholic Church ~ McPherson, KS  
Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 10:00 AM**

**Celebrant**

Father Benjamin Shockey

**Lector**

Denise O'Connor Munsey

**Readings**

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

Psalm 23

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Matthew 5:1-12a

**Songs**

Be Not Afraid

Amazing Grace

Lord, When You Came to the Seashore

On Eagle's Wings

**Cantors**

Steve & Roberta Burghart

**Guitarist**

Steve Burghart

**Servers**

Adam Guajardo ~ Ethan Miller ~ Eleanor Walline

**Offertory Gift Bearers**

Rhonda Wedel ~ Paula Davis ~ Phil Fendt

**Casket Bearers**

Matt Wedel ~ Justin Wedel ~ Tyler Davis

Tyson Davis ~ Nolan Fendt ~ Cody Delk

**Honorary Casket Bearers**

Larry Gates ~ Jim Caldwell ~ Larry Venable ~ Joyce Tolle

**Ushers**

Doug Fitzmorris ~ Steve Bahr

**Final Resting Place**

McPherson Cemetery

***Military Honors by the V.F.W. Post #2715  
& McConnell Air Force Base Honor Guard***

**Stockham Family Funeral Home**



*In Loving Memory*  
**James "Jim" R. Fendt**  
**Nov. 19, 1940 - Oct. 19, 2023**



*A Celebration of Life*  
**James "Jim" Fendt**  
1940 ~ 2023



James "Jim" R. Fendt, 82, of McPherson, KS, passed away on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at his home in McPherson. He worked as a United States Postal Carrier, retiring on May 31, 2000, and had served in the United States Air Force.

Jim was born on November 19, 1940, in Watertown, WI, the son of Raymond and Loretta Fendt. He graduated from Watertown High School. On February 23, 1963, Jim was united in marriage to Karen Sue Wells at St. Joseph Catholic Church, McPherson. This union was blessed with three children, Rhonda, Paula, and Phil. Jim and Karen were married for 42 years prior to Karen's passing on November 26, 2005.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC).

Survivors include: his three children, Rhonda (Scott) Wedel of Gardner, KS, Paula (Scott) Davis of McPherson, KS, and Phil Fendt of Aurora, NE; grandchildren, Matthew (Crystal) Wedel, Justin (Dani) Wedel, Tyler (Taylor) Davis, Tyson Davis, Emily (Cody) Delk, and Nolan Fendt; great-grandchildren, Ben, Harrison, Ewan, Hugh, Leah, Josie, Bowen, Waylon, and one on the way; and many extended family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and siblings, Shirley Lauderback, Katherine Schlender and an infant brother, Clifford Fendt.

### Dad's Stories

*A Watertown, Wisconsin boy ended up in Kansas and started his career at the post office. We always wondered how he made it around his route because he stopped and talked to everybody. Even in his later years, he would greet you and be able to tell you your address.*

*Jim's little 1988 S10 4.3 pickup made many trips to the dump. He would be outside picking up pine cones, sticks, or just about anything just to make a run to the dump. And yes, he still owned his little S10 . . . you would know it was him with his personalized license plate of BCOOL! Jim Fendt was just that . . . COOL!*

*Big Jimmy didn't live too much outside of the box . . . especially when he was out to eat. He was predictable when he was out to eat as we knew exactly what he would order because he was 2PLAIN (2 plain cheeseburgers).*

*Dad was always in the know, a one-man information highway. He would scour newspapers and clip articles all the while connecting who knew who and making sure to call to see if you knew the latest news.*

*In case you didn't know, dad lived and breathed Green Bay Packers. He was a loyal fan and even a "stockholder." Jim enjoyed a trip to Lambeau Field with his son, Phil, to experience the frozen tundra and watch his beloved Packers play. During this trip, he also revisited his hometown in Watertown, Wisconsin, enjoyed a malt at Mullen's, a cheeseburger at Zweigs, and a fish fry, all of dad's favorite things!*

*Most importantly, Jim Fendt was a beloved husband, father, grandpa and great-grandpa. He will be greatly missed.*

# Honor *Loving Memory*

### Memorial Donations

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Meals on Wheels, McPherson County Community Foundation (MCCF) for the community Thanksgiving/Christmas dinners, or the McPherson County Humane Society.

### Appreciation & Luncheon

Jim's family wishes to express sincere appreciation for your prayers and kindness, evidenced in thought and deed, and for your presence at this service. *Following the graveside service, the family extends an invitation for all to join them for food & fellowship back at the church in the parish hall.*

