



*LeRoy will truly forever and
always be in our hearts.*



A Celebration of Life Service

Countryside Covenant Church
McPherson, Kansas

Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 11:00 AM

Officiant

Rev. Jon Black

Prelude Video Tribute

"Be Okay" by Lauren Daigle

"Heaven Song" by Phil Wickham

"Southern Gospel Medley" by Anthem Lights

"Carry Me Through" by Dave Barnes

"The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)" by Matt Maher

Family Tributes

Special Remarks ~ Tim Kliewer

Scripture Reading ~ Kacen Kliewer, Karsen Greer,
Otto Greer, Sloane Kliewer

Service Music

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand Gospel Medley"

"Jesus Loves Me"

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in this Place"

Michelle King, vocalist & pianist

Casket Bearers

Tim Kliewer ~ Emily Kliewer Greer

Alyssa Ruff Woodbridge ~ Zachary Ruff

Mikala Ruff Motter

Honorary Casket Bearers

Karsen Greer ~ Kacen Kliewer ~ Sloane Kliewer

Otto Greer ~ Mila Greer ~ Brooks Motter

Layton Kliewer ~ Hayes Greer ~ Kellan Kliewer

Blake Woodbridge ~ Riggs Motter ~ Drew Woodbridge

Ushers

Sid Johnson ~ Bob Robertson

Mike Fyler ~ Mike Cullinane

Final Resting Place

McPherson Cemetery (*prior to service*)

Memorial Donations

Memorial donations can be made to the ReUse It Center.

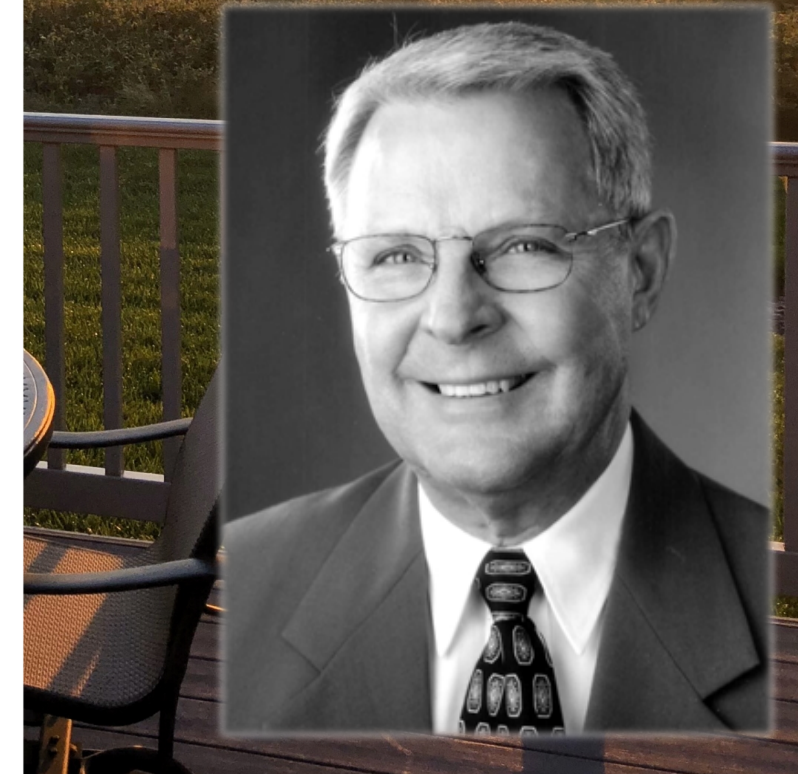
Appreciation & Luncheon

LeRoy's 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 join them for a luncheon in the church fellowship hall.*

Stockham Family Funeral Home

LeRoy Schmidt

1939 - 2024



A Celebration of Life LeRoy Schmidt



LeRoy Gene Schmidt was born on April 26, 1939, into the loving Mennonite family of Otto P. and Linda E. (Martens) Schmidt. They were blessed with strong faith in God and strong farming skills. The family farm was located 2 miles east of Buhler, Kansas.

Many great memories for LeRoy revolve around growing up on the farm and working in the wheat fields from a very young age with plowing, planting and harvesting. He was also quick to tell stories of getting into all kinds of mischief with his many cousins and his twin brother, Leon. It's interesting that their dad, Otto, also had a twin brother, Olin.

The family was actively involved in the Hoffnungsau Mennonite church and rarely missed any of the services or events held there. LeRoy recalled that the church was a real extension of their family as it was full of uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

LeRoy attended Buhler high school and then Bethel College where he excelled in basketball and football. While attending Bethel, on December 19, 1958, LeRoy was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart, Vicki Lou Hayes, at the Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church, Inman, KS. They were blessed with twins, Brenda and Brad, making three generations of twins in the family. A few years later Brenda and Brad were joined by their sister, Jan.

He earned a degree in education at Bethel and began teaching industrial arts, driver's education and coaching football, first at Plevna High School and then Hillsboro. He treasured the memories and had many stories to tell of experiences both in the classroom and on the football field during those years.

After six years of teaching and coaching, LeRoy joined the Reimer Ford dealership in Hillsboro. His gifts of connecting with people with genuine curiosity, and finding common points of interest with just about anybody, allowed him to quickly excel, and he soon accepted the sales supervisor position at the new Reimer Ford dealership in McPherson, Kansas.

The family made the move from Hillsboro to McPherson in 1972. In 1976, LeRoy began working in banking and investment advisory services until his retirement in 2012.

After retiring from his work in finance, LeRoy quickly found joy and fulfillment through volunteering his time at ReUse It Center and coaching his grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's sports and attending their other

Honor
Loving Memory



special occasions and events. His love for time spent with family meant the most to him. Family get-togethers were his top priority and provided a great opportunity for him to share his strong faith while demonstrating the importance of family love.

LeRoy was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Delores Funk.

Surviving LeRoy is his wife Vicki of 65 years, sister Velda (John) Braun, brother Leon (Janet) Schmidt, children Brenda (Dan) Kliever, Brad (Cathy) Schmidt, Jan (Stan) Ruff, seven grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.