



Funeral Service

Stockham Family Funeral Home
McPherson, Kansas
Saturday, June 25, 2022, at 10:00 AM

Officiating Clergy

Rev. Tom Griffith

Special Music

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

"In Heavenly Love, Abiding"

Meghann Rogers, vocalist & pianist

"Abide With Me"

Hannah Crown, vocalist / Meghann Rogers, pianist

Memorial Donations

Memorial donations may be given to Central Christian College in loving memory of Mary.

Appreciation

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

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In Loving Memory
Mary Eunice Crown
May 5, 1923 - June 20, 2022



A Celebration of Life
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May 5, 1923 ~ June 20, 2022

Mary Eunice Crown, daughter of Thomas L. and Martha E. (Cranford) Ensey, was born on May 5, 1923, in McKinney, Texas. On June 20, 2022, with family members present, Mary died in McPherson, Kansas, passing from this earthly life to her longed-for home in heaven.

Mary, along with her brother Thomas Cranford Ensey, was born into a blended family. From prior marriages, her mother had three daughters and her father had three sons. Mary's father served as a Free Methodist pastor and church builder. Every few years during her childhood, whenever church leaders decided to have a new church built, her family would move to a new location in Texas or Oklahoma. She attended Carmen High School in Carmen, Oklahoma, and after her parents were once again called to a new location, Mary stayed behind in Carmen to complete her senior year with a flourish as the 1941 class valedictorian.

Mary began her long association with Central College (now Central Christian College) in the autumn of 1941. There she was known as soft spoken but fun-loving. The caption under her picture in the 1942 Centralian says "Little said is soonest mended," and the 1943 Centralian elaborates: "She is gentle, she is shy, but there's mischief in her eye." Apparently, she was no softie on the basketball court, as she claimed none of the other girls wanted her to guard them. After graduating and spending her junior year at Greenville College in Greenville, Illinois, Central offered her a bookkeeping job for the 1944-1945 school year. After that, she attended Seattle Pacific College in Seattle, WA, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business in 1946.

Mary then returned to McPherson which remained her home for the rest of her life. From 1946 to 1949 she taught in Central's business department where she shaped the lives of many students.

During those years she met her life partner, Milan Wesley Crown. After their wedding in 1949, she took a break from teaching. Thoughts of Central College were never far away as she and Milan raised their sons in a home only two blocks away from the school. In 1966, she took the job of secretary to the academic dean at Central College. With her sons attending school, working so close to home proved to be an ideal situation. She eventually became the college registrar from which position she retired in 1989. Mary paid careful attention to the details of her work. For example, every year, she would check over the commencement ceremony bulletin carefully, ensuring that every student's name was spelled correctly and that all graduation honors were listed properly.

Mary inspired countless numbers of students during her tenure at Central, and she became friends with many of them. Even after her retirement, each Christmas she exchanged cards with quite a few of the Central College alums whom she had nurtured.

Milan's sudden death in 1973 shocked Mary and her sons, but she rose to the occasion, and made sure that her family lacked for nothing. During this time Mary's faith that God would walk beside her family through the valley of death never wavered.

Mary often said that, after Milan died, supporting her sons was a top motive for her to carry on, and she performed that task supremely well by, among many other things, showering her sons with special gifts that she made by hand. Every Christmas there was always

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something new and different. She took up quilting and produced three beautiful quilts that her sons and spouses received on their wedding day, but she didn't stop with her sons. Many lucky folks received the blessing of one of Mary's quilted wall hangings.

After suffering the grief of Milan's death, Mary developed many close friendships. As it turned out, her long life after the experience of losing her husband meant she could shepherd many of those friends through their own times of mourning.

Despite deteriorating hearing, Mary continued to faithfully attend the Free Methodist church for as long as she was able. As her health slowly declined, she continued to pray for her family and friends.

Survivors include her sons, Ronald Wesley Crown (Annerose) of Crestwood, MO, Stanley Joel Crown (Bernice) of High Ridge, MO, and Dwight David Crown (Lori) of McPherson, KS; grandchildren, Thomas Crown (Sara) of Overland Park, KS, Rebekah Collins (Kyle) of Webster Groves, MO, Joel Crown (Stephanie) of High Ridge, MO, Hannah Crown of New York, NY, Brad Crown (Megan) of McPherson, KS, and Tyler Crown (Mollie) of Colorado Springs, CO; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

In addition to Milan, Mary was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Thomas Cranford Ensey; stepsisters, Lois Hanson, Mattie Lee Harrell, and Hazel Trawick; and stepbrothers Clarence Ensey, Willis Ensey, and Lee Ensey.