

"Hymn of Promise"

words by Natalie Sleeth

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.



In Loving Memory
CELEBRATING A LIFE

Memorial Service

New Gottland Covenant Church
McPherson, Kansas
Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 2:00 PM

Officiant

Pastor Dan Parry

Prelude Video Tribute

"I Stand All Amazed"
"Teach Me To Walk"
"The Lord Is My Shepherd"
recordings by Ryan Tilby

Service Music

"Allelujah"
"Hymn of Promise"
"While My Guitar Gently Weeps"
Chuck Vetter, vocalist & guitarist
Glenna Balsick, pianist (prelude & postlude)

Memorial Donations

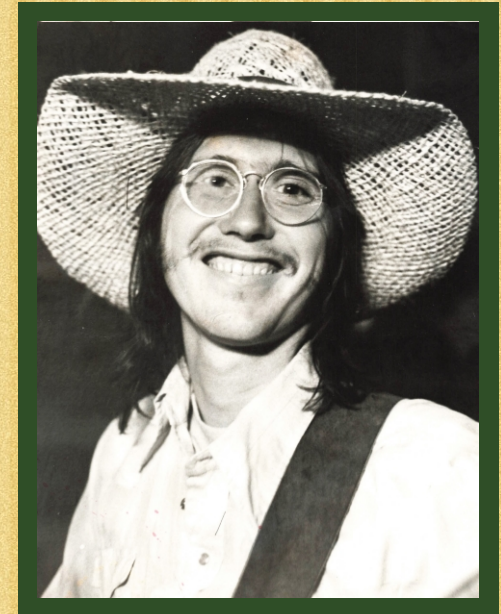
Memorial donations can be made to the Cat House of
McPherson in care of Stockham Family Funeral
Home, 205 N. Chestnut St., McPherson, KS 67460.

Appreciation

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

Strength

Stockham Family Funeral Home



In Loving Memory
Daniel S. Christensen
February 15, 1956 - July 9, 2024



Honor
Loving Memory

Memor

A Celebration of Life
Daniel Steven Christensen

Daniel Steven Christensen, 68, formerly of Florida and McPherson, KS, passed away on July 9, 2024, at his residence in Springfield, MO.

Daniel was born February 15, 1956, the loving son of Howard E. "Chris" and Carol "Sue" (Matlack) Christensen. Dan was named for the song, "Oh, Danny Boy", one of his mom's favorites. When he was 6 or 7, he went to his mom and asked if he could change his name to Jack. (He had an Uncle Jack.) When asked "why?", he replied that "Danny was a little boy's name, and Jack was a big boy's name". His mom then suggested they could call him Dan. He thought for a moment and replied, "That would be okay". From then on, it was Dan. During his youth years, he was a member of the McPherson First Baptist Church. He was active in church youth groups, going on mission trips, and camps. Dan was active in Boy Scout Troop 117, reaching the rank of Life Scout.

Dan also had a morning paper route while in junior high. Boy, did he get in trouble one day when his folks discovered he had driven the family car on his route. Later, he worked at the Happy Chef and W.R. Mill.

Dan graduated from McPherson High School in 1974, attended Fort Hays University, and then continued in Job Corps, becoming a certified painter.

Following Job Corps, he returned to McPherson, KS and started working for a contractor who was building the Sterling Drug facility. During the next two summers (in the 1980s), he left to work at Yellowstone Park in Montana. It was there that he met a girl and followed her to Florida. He continued painting in Florida, painting signs and getting into screen process painting. During this time, he encountered computers. Dan said, "I was dragged, kicking and screaming into the computer age." But, after completing his schooling, he made his living at a computer. He then continued his education at Manatee State College in Florida and received Associate and Technical Degrees in computer programming. He stayed at Manatee State College working in the communications department and taught beginning computer classes. Following retirement from the college, he began working for a company editing computer school books. He then moved to Missouri in the fall of 2023, wanting to be closer to Kansas.

Daniel was an excellent guitar player. Dan taught himself to play, and he played in the jazz band in high school. One of his fondest memories was playing his guitar with Bryce Luty in his band. For many years, he continued to play, mostly for his own

and friends' enjoyment. He also played the trombone in the junior high and high school bands. His favorites were the blues and jazz. At one time, he had an extensive vinyl record collection, including the greats such as Miles Davis and John Coltrane and even Elvis Presley.

He was an avid reader. His reading level was above most. What we tend to avoid, he devoured; James Joyce, Faulkner, and those Russian writers, whose names we can't pronounce. He read history and biographies and the list of 100 books you should read before you die. Dan's reading stretched into any area he had an interest in.

He was an enthusiastic bicyclist. Upon retirement at 60, he took to riding his bicycle in earnest. He would get up before dawn and ride bike trails around his neighborhood. Riding 15 to 20 miles a day was usual. He rode alone and later with a friend.

Dan was a dependable worker and a faithful and loyal friend.

He lived life to the adage, "Less is more".

Survivors include his mother, Sue Christensen of McPherson, KS; a sister, Darla (Shawn) Phillips of Wichita, KS; a brother, Neil Christensen of St. Louis, MO; niece and nephew, Katie Christensen of McPherson, KS and Erik Christensen of St. Louis, MO; and many extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his father, Howard "Chris" Christensen.