

## *The Final Flight*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard His call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the end of the day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah, yes, these things too I will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a love one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

### **Funeral Service**

Countryside Covenant Church  
McPherson, Kansas  
Friday, August 16, 2024, at 10:30 AM

### **Officiant**

Rev. Jon Black

### **Prelude Video Tribute**

*Gaither Music:* "Because He Lives"  
"He Touched Me"  
"How Beautiful Heaven Must Be"  
"It Is Well With My Soul"  
"Peace In The Valley"

### **Congregational Hymns**

"Amazing Grace"  
"How Great Thou Art"  
Bobbie Kaufman, pianist & song leader

### **Casket Bearers**

Jim VanGoethem ~ Jerod Corbus ~ Jori VanGoethem  
Dawson VanGoethem ~ Gary Mehl ~ Lance Lochmann

### **Honorary Casket Bearer**

Dick Keefer

### **Ushers**

Gary Stucky ~ Craig Spencer

### **Final Resting Place**

McPherson Cemetery

*Military Honors provided by*

*American Legion Post #24 and VFW Post #2715*

*"Taps" by Mark Casebeer, trumpet*

### **Memorial Donations**

Memorial donations can be made to Countryside  
Covenant Church in care of Stockham Family Funeral  
Home, 205 North Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

### **Appreciation & Luncheon**

Lonnie'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 burial at McPherson Cemetery, the family  
invites all back to the church for food and fellowship.

*Stockham Family Funeral Home*



*In Loving Memory*  
**Lonnie R. Ensminger**  
May 22, 1938 - August 12, 2024

*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*  
*Lonnie Ensminger*

*May 22, 1938 ~ August 12, 2024*

Lonnie Ray Ensminger, 86, a lifetime McPherson County resident, peacefully entered the arms of Jesus on Monday, August 12, 2024, surrounded by his loving family at Bethesda Home in Goessel, KS.

Lonnie was born May 22, 1938, in McPherson, KS, the son of Clarence Ray and Lillian Grace (Hulse) Ensminger. He attended elementary school in a one room school, West Fairview, and graduated from McPherson High School in 1956. On August 19, 1961, Lonnie was united in marriage to Loueen Marie Lough at the Hebron Lutheran Church in Burdick, KS. This union was blessed with daughters, Lona and Lori.

He was a machinist, mechanic, and Assistant Superintendent of Electrical Production at McPherson Board of Public Utilities where he worked for 41 years, retiring in 1998. Following retirement, he enjoyed tinkering with Cushman motor scooters.

Lonnie was a United States Navy veteran and was a member of the American Legion Post #24. He enjoyed riding motorcycles and Cushman scooters, camping, traveling in his 5th wheel trailer, and spending winters in Rio Grande Valley, TX. For many years, Lonnie and Loueen loved being winter snow birds in Texas. He belonged to the Kansas Cushman Club and was a member of Countryside Covenant Church. Most of all, he loved his God, God's word,

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and his family. He and Loueen had a blessed marriage and wonderful relationship with their daughters and grandchildren, crediting it all to their forgiving and loving Lord. He loved spending time with family and working on projects with and for anyone.

He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 63 years, Loueen "Weenie" Ensminger; two daughters, Lona Corbus and Lori (Jim) VanGoethem, all of McPherson, KS; a sister, Twila (Gary) Mehl of McPherson, KS; three grandsons, Jerod (Katelyn) Corbus, Jori VanGoethem, and Dawson (Zoe) VanGoethem; two great-grandchildren, Jay Stutzman and Emelia Corbus; and many extended family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence & Lillian Ensminger, and siblings, Darrell Ensminger, Wayne Ensminger, and Richard Ensminger.