

## *She is Gone*

*A poem by David Harkins*

You can shed tears that she is gone  
or you can smile because she has lived.

You can close your eyes and  
pray that she will come back  
or you can open your eyes  
and see all she has left.

Your heart can be empty  
because you can't see her  
or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on  
tomorrow and live yesterday  
or you can be happy for tomorrow  
because of yesterday.

You can remember her and  
only that she's gone  
or you can cherish her  
memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind,  
be empty and turn your back  
or you can do what she would want:  
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

### Funeral Service

Trinity Lutheran Church  
McPherson, Kansas

Friday, December 29, 2023, at 10:00 AM

### Officiant

Rev. Tim Leaf

### Eulogy

Stan Strom

### Service Music

#### Solos:

"You Are So Beautiful"

"Somewhere Over the Rainbow"

Dale Leach, vocalist / Ryan Mackey, accompanist

#### Congregational Hymns:

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

"I'll Fly Away"

Paxton Leaf, pianist

### Pallbearers

Grant Perkins ~ Jaryl Perkins ~ Jon Jantz

Kyle Phipps ~ Mike Smith ~ Bob Ruxlow

### Honorary Pallbearers

Jonathon Strom ~ Bernie & Larry Tredway

Larry Bruce ~ Cindy & Larry Webster

Anne Clark ~ Trish Bruner ~ Steve Johnson

JD Perkins ~ Joe Hudec ~ Anita & Lane Bomberger

### Ushers

Rick Witte ~ Ted Odle

### Final Resting Place

New Gottland Lutheran Cemetery

### Memorial Donations

The family suggests that memorial donations be made to the Steve Jukes Scholarship Fund or Trinity Lutheran Church in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 North Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

### Appreciation

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

*Stockham Family Funeral Home*



## *In Loving Memory* **Darlene J. Jukes**

*August 31, 1931 - December 18, 2023*

*Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a well-preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, sweets in one hand, beer in the other, body thoroughly worn out and screaming, "Yumpin' Yiminy, what a great Ride!"*

## *A Celebration of Life* *Darlene Jeanette Jukes*

Darlene J. Jukes, 92, of McPherson, KS, peacefully passed away on Monday, December 18, 2023, at McPherson Health & Rehab.

Darlene Jeanette Strom was born August 31, 1931, at McPherson Hospital, McPherson. Her parents were Clarence William and Joy Ingeborg (Nyquist) Strom. They lived on a farm in New Gottland.

At the age of five, Darlene became very ill after having had a smallpox vaccination while she had a bad cold. It settled in her hip joint and malformed it. As a result of the illness, she started at a country school "Scandia" a year late. A kind teacher jumped her from second grade to fourth grade so she wasn't a year behind. She attended that school through eighth grade. She attended McPherson High School and graduated in 1949. While a senior, she worked for two years for Darrah-Aurell & EK Carey Drug Co.

On April 8, 1951, Darlene married Norman E. Jukes at Ft. Worth, TX. She had met him at a Lutheran Bible Camp four years earlier and dated him. Norm was in the Air Force and was stationed at Randolph AFB in San Antonio. They lived in San Antonio and she worked for Gilcrease Oil Company. Their son, Steven Lewis, was born January 21, 1954, at Brooks General Hospital in San Antonio. In 1955, the Jukes family moved to Wichita, and Norm got

into the insurance business. They lived in Wichita and Tulsa until February 1960, when they moved to McPherson.

Norm went into business with Howard McInteer while Darlene was a stay-at-home mom. In 1965, their friends, Chris and Stormy Heiner, were transferred out of town and their daughter, Linda, was to be a senior. So, Linda lived with the Jukes family during her senior year of high school and became their "daughter" from then on.

On March 4, 1987, Steve's accident happened at Cargill. He was manager at the Salt Plant in Hutchinson. Steve was burned very badly. Norm had a heart attack on March 9, and died on March 12. Steve died March 23, 1987.

In September 1987, Darlene went to work for her friend, Carol Schroeder. Previously, they had been neighbors in Wichita. The Schroeders had the PizzaCo office in McPherson. Darlene worked for Carol for 19 1/2 years and retired from there in April 2006.

Darlene was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, U & I Dinner Club, American Legion Auxiliary, Friends in Council, Domestic Art Club, Chapter HI of PEO, Beta Omicron Sorority of ESA, Thursday Bridge Club, ONO Bridge Club, and McPherson Hospital Auxiliary. She was a former board member of the McPherson Hospital Foundation and a local hospice organization. She was also on the Drug Abuse Committee.

Darlene was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence Strom & Joy Strom Lindberg; husband, Norman Jukes; son & daughter-in-law, Steven & Janice Jukes; sister & brother-in-law, Virginia & Dempsy Perkins; and brother & sister-in-law, John & Nancy Strom.

Darlene is survived by granddaughter, Kristen Jukes and husband, Doug Boleski; Linda Fitzgerald; nieces & nephews; and many wonderful friends that meant a lot to Darlene.

FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A *season*,  
AND A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE UNDER HEAVEN:

A TIME TO BE BORN,

AND A TIME TO DIE;

A TIME TO PLANT,

AND A TIME TO PLUCK UP THAT WHICH IS PLANTED;

A TIME TO KILL,

AND A TIME TO HEAL; A TIME TO BREAK DOWN,

AND A TIME TO BUILD UP,

*a time to Weep*

AND A TIME TO LAUGH;

A TIME TO MOURN, AND A TIME TO DANCE;

A TIME TO CAST AWAY STONES,

AND A TIME TO GATHER STONES TOGETHER;

A TIME TO

*Embrace*

AND A TIME TO REFRAIN FROM EMBRACING;

A TIME TO SEEK, AND A TIME TO LOSE;

A TIME TO KEEP, AND A TIME TO CAST AWAY;

A TIME TO REND, AND A TIME TO SEW;

A TIME TO KEEP SILENCE, AND A TIME TO SPEAK;

A TIME TO LOVE, AND A TIME TO HATE;

A TIME FOR WAR, AND A TIME FOR *Peace*

- ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8