



Funeral Service
 Countryside Covenant Church
 McPherson, Kansas
 Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at 10:30 AM

Officiants
 Rev. Jon Black Rev. Lynn Black

Prelude Video Tribute Music
 "Will the Circle be Unbroken"
 by The Carter Family & Johnny Cash
 "Holes in the Floor of Heaven" by Steve Wariner
 "There You'll Be" by Faith Hill
 "Somewhere Over the Rainbow"
 by Israel Kamakawiwo'ole

Service Music
 "Go Rest High on That Mountain" by Vince Gill
Congregational: "The Old Rugged Cross" by Alan Jackson
 "When I Get Where I'm Going" by Brad Paisley

Casket Bearers
 Preston Diederich DJ Hilzer Skyler Hilzer
 Landon Unruh Zach Graber Trevor Smith

Ushers
 Darren Diederich Rolan Unruh

Final Resting Place
 McPherson Cemetery

Memorial Donations
 Memorial donations can be made to Celebrate
 Recovery in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home,
 205 North Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

Appreciation & Luncheon
 Carol's family wishes to express their sincere gratitude
 for your prayers and kindness, evidenced in thought
 and deed, and for your presence at this service.

Following the burial, the family invites all back to the
 church for food and fellowship.

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A Celebration of Life
Carol J. Norris
 June 25, 1944 - July 19, 2023

A photograph of a monarch butterfly with orange and black wings perched on a white flower. The background is a soft-focus green and white floral scene.

Memories

Carol J. Norris, 79, of McPherson, KS, peacefully passed away on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, surrounded by family at Angel Arms, McPherson.

Carol was born on June 25, 1944, in Haddam, KS, the daughter of Kenneth Elvin and Louisa Jane (Nieman) Rhine. She graduated from Haddam High School and attended Emporia State University. On June 20, 1964, Carol was united in marriage to Robert “Bob” Henry Norris in Haddam, KS. This union was blessed with a daughter, Kendra. Bob preceded Carol in death on March 1, 2018.

Carol owned and operated McPherson Answering Service and McPherson Cab Company. She attended Countryside Covenant Church.

Survivors include: her daughter, Kendra Kuchta (Donald) of McPherson, KS; six grandchildren, Preston Diederich (Allie), Misti Unruh (Landon), Kali Graber (Zach), D.J. Hilzer (Lucy), Skyler Hilzer (Amanda), and Nikki Smith (Trevor); 15 great-grandchildren; half-siblings, Susan “Sue” Peltier (David) of Concordia, KS, Linda Friess (J.D.) of Neodesha, KS, Robert “Bobby” Mahurin of Sparks, NV, Janet “DeeDee” Blair of Modesto, CA, and Jean Mahurin of Millbrae, CA; and many extended family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Kenneth Rhine; mother, Louisa Mahurin; step-mother, Garnett Rhine; and husband, Robert “Bob” Norris.

A Celebration of Life *Carol Jeanette Norris*

In the life of Carol, we find a story of strength, perseverance, and adaptability. She faced challenges that would have tested the resolve of many, but she never let her physical limitations define her spirit. Born at a time when polio was a threat to many, Carol faced adversity early in life. Contracting the disease at the age of 8 left her physically impaired, taking away her ability to walk. From an early age, Carol knew that walking with crutches was a part of her reality. However, she never allowed this to hinder her from experiencing life to the fullest. With determination in her heart, she traversed up and down stairs, proving time and again that she could conquer any obstacle in her path. As time went on, Carol faced another transition, this time to a wheelchair. Though this may have seemed like a daunting change, Carol adapted with grace and acceptance. The wheelchair did not define her; rather, it allowed her to continue living life on her own terms. She

remained as independent as ever, showing us that true freedom comes from the strength within our hearts, not the mobility of our bodies.

After retirement, Bob and Carol's life was filled with the best of both worlds - they relished the thrill of traveling during winters in Texas, and at the same time, cherished the comfort and warmth of their summer home in McPherson, near their daughter Kendra and grand and great-grandchildren.

On March 1st, 2018, Carol had to say goodbye to her dear companion, Bob. The pain of losing someone so close can be overwhelming, and Carol faced the challenge of navigating life without him by her side. Kendra and the family provided the support and assistance she needed. They became her pillars of strength, offering physical and emotional care, and ensuring she felt loved and valued every step of the way.

Let us honor Carol by embracing the qualities she embodied: strength, resilience, love, and compassion. May her memory serve as a reminder that life's challenges are not meant to define us but to shape us into the best versions of ourselves.