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In Loving Memory

CELEBRATING A LIFE

Funeral Service

Organ Music and Slides *Steve Gustafson*

Prelude: Resonance Trio:
"Peace, O God" J. Fyock/arr. D. Masterson
Dan Masterson, Bryan Hess, Bruce Wagoner

Hymn: "Move in Our Midst" #418

Welcome, Scripture, and Prayer: Psalm 139:1-11
Chris Whitacre

Resonance Trio: "Hymn to Hope" R. Lovland

Eulogy for Jeanne Lee Jacoby Smith
Written by son Adam Smith Karlene Tyler

Litany of International Experiences Jd. Bowman

Hymn: "Mine Are the Hungry" #142

Tribute from the Center for Caring, Empowerment,
and Peace Initiatives Rebecca Dali

Hymn: "In the Bulb there is a Flower" #614

Postlude: Resonance Trio: "Canon in D" Pachelbel

Pallbearers

Adam & Zealand Smith
MiRan, Adaronda & Sierra Jacoby

Ushers

Tom & Jan Hurst



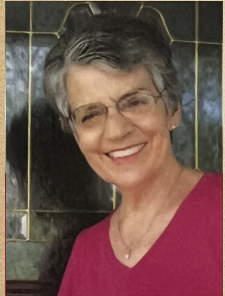
In Loving Memory
Jeanne Lee Jacoby Smith
November 30, 1944 - March 13, 2023

A Celebration of Life Service

McPherson Church of the Brethren
McPherson, Kansas
Saturday, March 25, 2023, at 11:00 AM

Graveside Service

McPherson Cemetery
McPherson, Kansas
Saturday, March 25, 2023, at 9:30 AM



Memories

Jeanne was born November 30, 1944, in Gettysburg, PA to Mildred and Glenn Jacoby as the oldest of nine children.

Along with her husband of fifty-six years, Herb, she is survived by her son Adam Smith (daughter-in-law: Danielle; grandson: Zealand) and a daughter MiRan Jacoby (son-in-law Vern; granddaughters: Adaronda and Sierra).

As a child, Jeanne's family home had no indoor plumbing. During her childhood, her house burned to the ground, and the family had to live in a garage. Her mother made her clothes from feedbags. Her parents did not attend church. Nonetheless, despite this poverty, her household was filled with love and laughter. And because of the difficulties that her family experienced, she always extended her hand to those who were poor, disabled, or discriminated against.

As a youth, Jeanne demonstrated her life-long love of the church by serving as coordinator of

the Southern District youth after winning three yearly **Christian Peacemaker** speaking contests. Jeanne furthered her education at Elizabethtown College (B.A.), James Madison University (M.A.) and **Kansas State University (Ed.D.)**.

After teaching in the public schools, Jeanne became **Director of Publicity at McPherson College**. She later became a **Professor of English and Curriculum/Instruction**. She did post-doctoral work at **Oxford University** and **Harvard University**.

Jeanne always manifested her social conscience. She designed **Apple/Bread Festivals for CROP** and an Alternative Christmas Market. She designed a Bible Scouts program for children, instituted at several churches.

Along with her husband Herb, she engaged in many social adventures internationally: starting **libraries** for children and taking **PET wheelchairs to Ethiopia**; teaching **Twa Pygmies English in Rwanda**, working at a leprosarium and teaching Dalits, former untouchables at a Seminary in India.

During a sabbatical year, she and Herb taught at **Hokusei Gauken University in Japan**. They also taught at Cochin University and four years at the **Gujarat School of Theology in India**.

She traveled to sixty countries, co-leading thirty educational/cultural trips of students and alumnus to twenty-five countries, five continents.

Jeanne published in many professional journals. She edited a volume on child trafficking in south Asia, **Scarlet Daughters** by Dr. Sarada Srideviamma. Her poignant book **Refugees: A Family's Search for Freedom** received international acclaim.

In recent years, McPherson College established the **A. Herbert and Jeanne L. Smith Foundation for International Service Learning**. This fund now provides scholarships to current students at the College.

She and Herb recently financed the administration building in Jos, Nigeria for the **Center for Caring, Empowerment, and Peace Initiatives**. This facility treats particularly women who have been traumatized. The building is named after them. This is an organization started by Drs. Rebecca and Samuel Dali. There will be a memorial service for Jeanne in Jos, Nigeria next month.

In her own words, "As a young person, I never dreamed that I would live such an extraordinary life with my beloved husband Herb."

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