



WHEN I GO

**When I go, don't learn to live without me
just learn to live with my love in a different way.**

**And if you need to see me, close your eyes
or look in your shadow when the sun shines.**

I'm there.

**Sit with me in the quiet,
and you will know that I did not leave.**

There is no leaving when a soul is blended with another.

**When I go, don't learn to live without me,
just learn to look for me in the moments.**

I will be there.

Donna Ashworth, from "LOSS"



Funeral Service

Stockham Family Funeral Home
McPherson, Kansas
Monday, September 25, 2023, at 10:30 AM

Officiating Clergy

Father Benjamin Shockey

Musical Selections

Opening: Gather 613 ~ "The Lord is My Hope"
by On A Wing and A Prayer
Closing: Gather 874 ~ "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
by Helena

Readings

Wisdom 3:1-9
2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10
John 14:1-6

Lectors

Travis Myers ~ Craig Archer

Casket Bearers

Jason Archer ~ Craig Archer ~ Travis Myers
Taylor Myers ~ Leah Silsby ~ Garrett Silsby

Final Resting Place

McPherson Cemetery

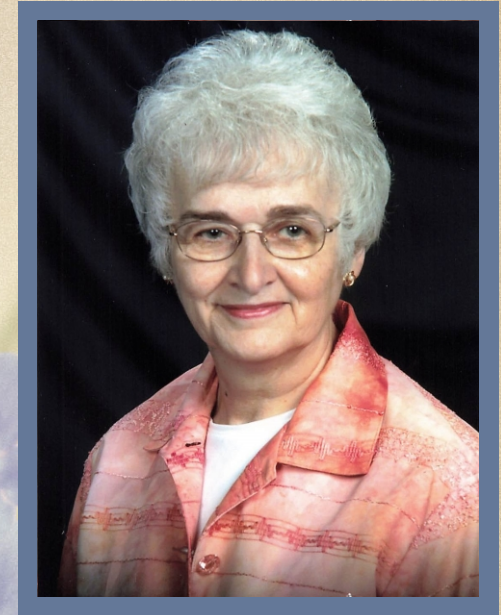
Memorial Donations

Memorial donations can be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 North Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

Appreciation

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

Stockham Family Funeral Home



In Loving Memory
Rita M. Owens
Oct. 27, 1940 - Sept. 17, 2023



A Celebration of Life
Rita M. Owens

Rita Marie Owens, 82, of McPherson, KS, peacefully passed away on Sunday, September 17, 2023, surrounded by family at Hospice House, Hutchinson.

Rita was born on October 27, 1940, in York, NE, the daughter of Louis Vincent and Helen Marie (Haupt) Kaspari. She graduated from McPherson High School in 1958. She worked as a secretary for Farmers Alliance Mutual Insurance and CertainTeed.

On March 19, 1960, Rita was united in marriage to John “Johnny” Everett Owens in McPherson, KS. This union was blessed with three children, Terri, Jeff, and Julie. Johnny preceded Rita in death on June 5, 2017.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

While raising her family, Rita enjoyed league bowling and was one of the first women to reach a 600 series at Starlite Lanes in McPherson. The kids enjoyed dad’s “cooking” on league nights (McDonald’s). Rita was an avid reader and passed her love of reading to her kids. The public library was a regular stop throughout her life, even just a few weeks ago. Rita’s favorite pastime, though, was spending time with her family. Once the grandkids arrived, Johnny and Rita spent many hours through the years babysitting, playing games and attending sporting events, concerts, and other activities. They loved visits from their grandkids as they got older. Rita also looked forward to any opportunity to see her great-grandkids, remarking how much fun Johnny would have had playing with them. These past several years, Rita enjoyed jigsaw and word puzzles and always looked forward to Jeff’s visits home from Colorado so they could start another jigsaw puzzle together.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and brothers Bernard Kaspari and James Kaspari.



Survivors include: three children, Terri (Mark) Archer of McPherson, KS, Jeff Owens of McPherson, KS, and Julie (Lyle) Silsby of Canton, KS; six grandchildren, Jason (Samantha) Archer, Craig (Haley) Archer, Travis (Juliana) Myers, Taylor (Darci) Myers, Leah Silsby, and Garrett Silsby; eight great-grandchildren; a sister, Dorothy (Steve) Ulrey of Houston, TX; sisters-in-law, Enid Wilmeth of Ft. Collins, CO and Pearl Kaspari of Sutherland, NE; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family members.