



**A Celebration of Life Service**  
First United Methodist Church  
McPherson, Kansas  
Saturday, March 9, 2024, at 10:00 AM

**Officiant**

Rev. Emily Spearman Cannon

**Words from Family & Friends**

Nichelle Chastain ~ Brooke Fowler ~ Will Gaeddert  
Kris Poss ~ Darry Johnson ~ Geri Freiberg ~ Scot Loyd

**Prelude Video Tribute Music**

"Jealous of the Angels" by Donna Taggart, "Never Not Remember You" by Cooper Alan, "Dust in the Wind" by Kansas, "Live Like You Were Dying" by Tim McGraw, "When I Get There" by P!nk, "Humble and Kind" by Tim McGraw, "Yesterday" by The Beatles, "Show Me Around" by Carly Pearce, "Better Together" by Jack Johnson, "When I Get Where I'm Going" by Brad Paisley, "Forever Like That" by Ben Rector, "I Will Always Love You" by Kristin Chenoweth & Dolly Parton, "Imaginary Tea" by Jon McLaughlin, "(I've Had) the Time of My Life" by Bill Medley & Jennifer Warnes, and "Here Comes the Sun" by The Beatles

**Service Music**

*Processional:* "Blessings"

*Congregational Hymns:* "How Great Thou Art"

"Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone"

Nick & Miriam Griggs, piano & vocals

*Recessional:* "Somewhere Over the Rainbow"

by Israel Kamakawiwo'ole

**Casket Bearers**

Kris Poss ~ Todd Ulsaker ~ Craig Holman

Rob Epp ~ Larry Malm ~ Tim Unruh

**Ushers**

Mike Moore ~ Bryce Brewer ~ Brian Kynaston

**Final Resting Place**

North Inman Cemetery

**Memorial Donations**

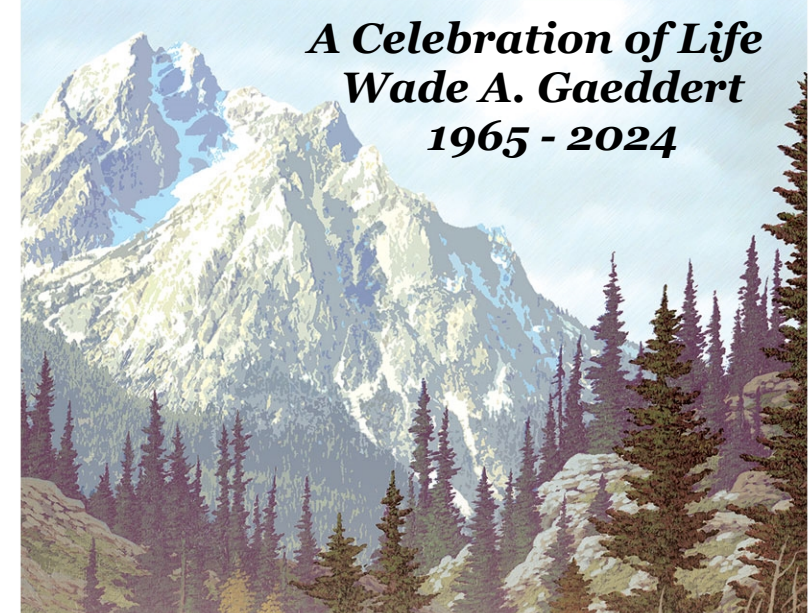
The family suggests memorial donations be made to First United Methodist Church, McPherson Family YMCA, Life's Bridges Hawaii, Inc., Pleasant View Home (Inman), or Bethany College (Lindsborg) in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 North Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

**Appreciation & Luncheon**

Wade's family wishes to express sincere appreciation 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 (in Hess Hall) for food and fellowship.*

*Stockham Family Funeral Home*

***A Celebration of Life***  
***Wade A. Gaeddert***  
***1965 - 2024***





## A Celebration of Life Wade Arlin Gaeddert

March 27, 1965 ~ February 15, 2024



With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Wade Arlin Gaeddert, MD, who passed away on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at the age of 58. His final moments were spent in the serene embrace of Princeville, Hawaii, on the picturesque island of Kauai, where he and his beloved wife, Angie, were enjoying a peaceful vacation.

Born on March 27, 1965, in the town of Moundridge, KS, Wade was the son of Arlin Dean and Beverly Anne (Wiegand) Gaeddert. After graduating from Inman High School in 1983 and Bethany College (Lindsborg) in 1987, he pursued the noble path of healing, earning his doctorate degree from the University of Kansas Medical School. He would later further his medical expertise during his residency in Columbia, MO.

During his transformative years at Bethany College, fate intertwined his journey with that of Angela Karen Poss, his soulmate. Their union in marriage took place in 1990 in Angie's hometown of Hugo, CO.

Dr. Gaeddert served the McPherson community for many years as an Ear, Nose, & Throat specialist, working in the McPherson branch of the Hutchinson Clinic. His reputation as a caring and skilled physician was widely known, bringing patients from near and far to seek his medical expertise. Along with being a devoted doctor, he wholeheartedly loved his family. He was a wonderful son, husband, father, brother, and most recently, a grandfather who relished every moment spent with his grandchildren. Wade was humble and inclusive, genuinely caring for those around him.

Wade possessed an abiding affection for the great outdoors, whether it be snow or water skiing, traversing landscapes through hiking, or finding solace by the lakeside. Many cherished moments were often with the company of family and friends, singing karaoke and creating everlasting memories.

Wade leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion and is survived by his cherished wife of 34 years, Angie, and their three children: Nichelle (Nate) Chastain and their children, Otto and Hugo, of Kansas City, MO; Brooke (Ethan) Fowler and their daughter, Maren, of Jackson, MS; and William (Louie) Gaeddert of Lenexa, KS. Other family members include his siblings: Wylene (Doug) Lengel of McPherson, KS; Dawn (Gary) Belknap of Elkhorn, NE; and Keena (Michael) Lechner of Lee's Summit, MO; his step-

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father, Loren Regier of Inman, KS; and a multitude of cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family members, colleagues, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Arlin Gaeddert; mother, Beverly Gaeddert-Regier; and an infant brother, Lyle Dean.

### THE DASH

*The poem by Linda Ellis*

*I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.*

*He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning...to the end.*

*He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what matter most of all was the dash between those years.*

*For that dash represents all the time they spend alive on earth and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.*

*For it matters not, how much we own, the cars...the house... the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.*

*So, think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left that still can be rearranged.*

*To be less quick to anger and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.*

*If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile...remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.*

*So, when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash, would you be proud of the things they say about how you lived your dash?*