

Service of Remembrance

McPherson Church of the Brethren
200 N. Carrie, McPherson, KS
Saturday, May 11, 2024, at 1:00 PM

Officiants

Rev. Kathryn Whitacre ~ Rev. Chris Whitacre

Special Music

"My Jesus I Love Thee"
"Hallelujah Chorus" from Messiah
Dan Masterson, piano; Ellen Gilbert, organ

Congregational Hymns

"Praise I Will Praise You Lord #76
"Wonderful Grace of Jesus" #150

Scriptures

Psalms 100:1-5
Isaiah 25:1
I Corinthians 13:1-6, 13

Ushers

Al Wagoner ~ Deb Wagoner ~ Bruce Wagoner

Final Resting Place

McPherson Cemetery

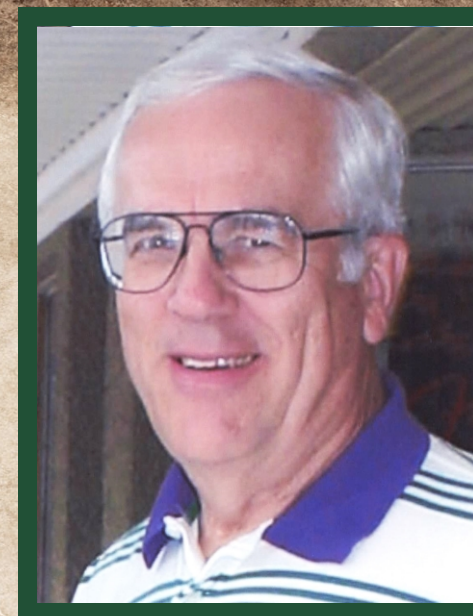
Memorial Donations

Memorial donations may be made to McPherson Church of the Brethren Video and TV Ministry or The Cedars Resident Assistance Fund in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 North Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

Appreciation

The Hoch 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

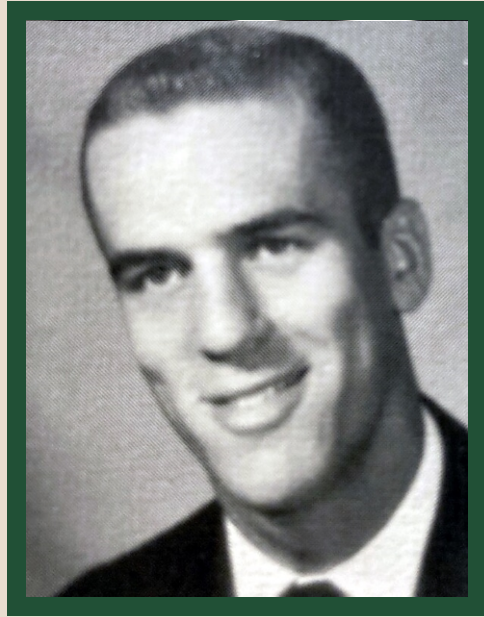


In Loving Memory
Arthur "Art" A. Hoch
January 19, 1942 - March 27, 2024

Isaiah 40:31

But those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.





A Celebration of Life
Arthur "Art" A. Hoch

Art was born January 19, 1942 near Dwight, Kansas to Harry and Opal Engstrom Hoch. He grew up on a dairy farm where hard work was the norm but found fun living in the country. His name came from his grandfathers – Arthur Hoch and Andrew Engstrom. Art passed away peacefully at McPherson Hospital March 27, 2024.

Art graduated as valedictorian at Dwight High School.

Art & Karen first dated at McPherson College April 13, 1961. They were married at Waka, Texas, Church of the Brethren, April 13, 1963.

He graduated cum laude from McPherson College in 1963 with Elementary Education and Sociology degrees. In 1966 he earned his master's in School Administration from Emporia State.

They lived in Buhler, Emporia, Ashland, and Burlington, returning to McPherson in 1970 where he sold insurance a short time, until encouraged to return to the classroom.

Art was a 5th grade school teacher and principal for a total of twenty-eight years, many of those years at Park and Roosevelt schools.

In 1992 he began working at The Cedars as Administrator for Independent Living, retiring in 2004. He was in charge of the (old) Cedars Towers, and the Cedars Village. He enjoyed helping new residents plan their home.

To their marriage were born two sons, Mike and Scott.

He enjoyed many hobbies, including leathercraft, crosswords, trivia, and was always up for a game of cards. Later in life, he found a love of finding and fixing antique radios. At one point, he had over 140 radios, and wrote articles for the Sentinel about them. Art found great challenge in genealogy, doing library and internet research, "cemetery hunting," and doing photography for Find-A-Grave. Art read, researched and presented non-fiction topics such as Doc Brinkley, Abraham Lincoln, Ku Klux Klan, Tulsa Race Massacre and Old Tube Radios.



Art received the Kiwanis Outstanding Young Educator and Jaycees Distinguished Service Award at Burlington. He was McPherson College 1995 Class Agent of the Year, and was awarded for over 10 years as National Weather Observer for McPherson.

He volunteered for McPherson College Alumni Board, Meals on Wheels, McPherson Food Bank, Washington Elementary, ReUselt Center, and was on boards of Food Bank and The Cedars. Church service included Sunday School teacher, board chair, moderator, choir, and history book chair.

Art and Karen moved to The Cedars Village in 2016. He served two terms on Village Council.

Survivors are wife Karen, son Mike (Melanie) and Isabella; son Scott (Shanna), Skylar (Gretchen), Foster, and Thatcher; sisters-in-law Shirley Hoch and Patsy Hoch; sister-in-law Mary Stephenson (Terry); nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents, and brothers Lowell, Don, and Willis.