







A Celebration of Life Barbara Sue Krentzel





Barbara Sue (Klein) Krentzel, 85 of McPherson, KS passed away on Sunday, March 17, 2024, at Pleasant View Home of Inman, KS.

Barbara was born on January 23, 1939, in Larned, KS, the daughter of DeLloyd Clarence Klein and Isabell Olive (Schasteen) Klein. She was the 3rd child born of 13 (6 sisters and 6 brothers). She graduated from Hanston High School in 1958. On May 28, 1958, Barbara was united in marriage to Marion Charles Krentzel in Hudson, KS. They recently celebrated 65 years of marriage. This union was blessed with the birth of two daughters, Deborah and Deirdra (DeeDee). They started their married life in Hudson, KS, then Great Bend, KS, making McPherson, KS their home for the last 60 years.

Barbara or Barb, as she was referred to, had various jobs through the years including babysitting, McPherson County Courthouse, and several jobs in retail including Woolworths, JC Penney, Mary Ann Clothiers, and our local Health Food Market.

Survivors include: two daughters, Deborah Gerhardt and Deirdra (Rodney) "DeeDee" (Kevin) Nelson all of McPherson, KS; grandchildren, Tiffany (Jeff) Parker of Manhattan, KS, Tiara (Brandon) Boyd of Lawrence, KS, Levi (Courtney) Gerhardt of McPherson, KS, Dallas Nelson (Madison) of Kansas City, MO, and Darcie Nelson of McPherson, KS; five great-grandchildren, Layla Parker, Mason Gerhardt, Tinley Boyd, Avery Gerhardt, and Maren Boyd. She is also survived by brothers, Bob Klein of Fort Dodge, KS, Eldon Klein of Dodge City, KS, Jody Klein of Dodge City, KS, and Steve Klein of Enid, OK; sisters, Kay Parks of Manhattan, KS, Donna Sherman of Wichita, KS; and many extended family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Marion Krentzel, who recently passed, December 30, 2023; sisters, Carolyn Hertel of Garden City, KS, Phyllis Allison of Colorado Springs, CO, Ruby Rebel of Colorado, Pat Klein of Wichita, KS; and brothers, Richard Klein of Jetmore, KS, and Jack Klein of Dodge City, KS.

Memories of Barbara

Barbara grew up on a farm that didn't have running water or electricity until she was in high school. A couple of her chores consisted of hauling water into the house and milking the cows. They also raised cattle, pigs and chickens. They grew a large garden and canned much of what they grew which is how she acquired her green thumb. As one of the older children, with many siblings, she had plenty of responsibilities taking care of the younger children and helped other families as a nanny.

Hobbies that Barbara enjoyed were ceramics, sewing, making many of the girl's clothes, knitting, scrapbooking, painting, genealogy, working in the yard, and attending dirt track

races.

Barbara and Mac enjoyed going to all of the grandkids sporting activities, including track, gymnastics, wrestling, baseball, basketball, volleyball, softball, cheerleading, dance and football, putting many miles on their vehicle.

From Her Grandchildren

Grandma always had the most beautiful nails. I remember looking through all of her nail polishes and her painting my nails. Grandma was just a phone call away. Any time we would need a ride to school or picked up from practice, she and grandpa would be right there to get us, and they were always at all of our sporting events, cheering us on. ~ Tiff

My memories of you, grandma. You were the first to really introduce me to "real makeup". I remember you taking me to Dillard's where we got an eyebrow pencil. You did this because we have the same eyebrows which are very sparse, so, you knew exactly how to help. It is still something I do to this day and before grandpa's funeral, I filled yours in too. I believe the career path I chose was because of you. You loved crafting, decorating, making things better than before, and changing things around, and so do I. Now, not only do I do it for myself, but I do this for customers every day. ~ Tiara

The memory that sticks out is grandma and grandpa were taking me to a baseball tournament in Larned, KS, and grandma passed three semis at once without returning to her lane on a two-lane highway. ~ Levi

I remember her always having her hair done and permed, and her nails were always painted. I would always get a heart necklace for Christmas. ~ Darcie

When the restaurant Perkins was here, we would meet grandma and grandpa there every Sunday for breakfast. Sometimes after breakfast, we would go to the "Gerhardt Ranch" LOL, just to see baby calves and kittens. This is when grandma and grandpa would let Dallas drive the Dodge Omni when he was learning to drive. When Perkins closed, we then started going to McDonalds to eat every Sunday until "COVID". ~ Dallas & Darcie