

For God so *loved*
that He *Gave* the world,
His only
begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in Him
should not perish but have
Everlasting
- John 3:16 *life.*

Visitation & Viewing

Stockham Family Funeral Home
McPherson, Kansas

Sunday, April 26, 2026, from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM

Graveside Service

White Chapel Memorial Gardens
Wichita, Kansas

Monday, April 27, 2026, at 12:00 PM

Officiant

Rev. Jeff Gannon

Memorial Donations

The family suggests that memorial donations be made to the Cat House or MCCF (McPherson County Community Foundation) which will be used to expand the fencing and play area for the Shelter dogs at the McPherson Animal Shelter in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 North Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

Appreciation

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

Stockham Family Funeral Home



Celebrating the Life of Katherine Rae Braden



The LORD is my *Shepherd;*
I shall not want.

He maketh me
lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters,
He restoreth my
soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death.

I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies
Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over
Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD *forever.*
- Psalm 23

Katherine Rae Braden, 84, passed away peacefully on the morning of April 21, 2026, with grace and quiet strength. Born on February 17, 1942, in a small farmhouse near Thayer, Kansas, to Truman and Elizabeth Cooper, she learned early the values of hard work, faith, and caring for others.

Katherine married her high school sweetheart, Gary Braden, raised two sons, and together they built a loving home and family. She was known for her warm smile, gentle laugh, and thoughtful nature. A devoted record keeper, Katherine never forgot birthdays or important moments and was well known for her handwritten letters, thank-you notes, and words of comfort.

Her kindness extended beyond her own family. She cared for neighborhood children, ensuring they were fed and clothed when needed, and opened her home to many. Her kitchen table was a place of welcome, conversation, and homemade treats.

Katherine was preceded in death by both parents, her husband Gary Braden, and her older brother Gary Cooper. She is survived by: son Jeff Braden, wife Jennifer, and grandson Josh; son Jim Braden, wife Natalie, and their three children and three grandchildren; sister-in-law Stephanie Cooper; and many dear friends.

She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.