

Psalms 91:1-2 AMP

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High Will remain secure and rest in the shadow of the Almighty (whose power no enemy can withstand).

I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust (with great confidence, and on whom I rely)!"



In Loving Memory
CELEBRATING A LIFE

A Celebration of Life Service

New Hope Evangelical Church
McPherson, Kansas
Monday, October 12, 2026, at 11:00 AM

Officiant

Pastor George Bocox

Musical Selections

Processional: "Homesick For Heaven" by Phil Wickham
"Thank You Jesus For The Blood" by Charity Gayle
"Gratitude" by Brandon Lake
Recessional: "Well Done" by The Afters

Final Resting Place

Peace Lutheran Church Cemetery
Albert, Kansas
(at a later date)

Memorial Donations

Memorial donations are suggested to New Hope Evangelical Church in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 North Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

Appreciation & Luncheon

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

Following the service, the family extends an invitation for all to join them for food & fellowship at the church.

Strength

Stockham Family Funeral Home



A Celebration of Life
Anna M. Folkerts
October 1, 1942 - September 30, 2026



Celebrating the Life of Anna Marie Folkerts



Romans 10: 9-10 (RSV)

...if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

Anna Folkerts, 83, of McPherson, Kansas, passed away peacefully on September 30, 2026, at Cedar Ridge Long Term Care Facility, surrounded by her loving family, just one day before her 84th birthday.

Anna was born October 1, 1942, in Dyersburg, Tennessee, to Dean and Esther (Newell) Toothaker. She graduated from Manhattan High School in Manhattan, Kansas, and attended Clark School of Business in Topeka, where she became a Certified Shorthand Reporter. She worked as a freelance court reporter in Salina before accepting a position in Great Bend, where she met the love of her life, Wendel Folkerts.

Anna and Wendel were united in marriage on August 5, 1967, in Fort Collins, Colorado. Together they shared 55 devoted years of marriage until Wendel's passing.

After raising her family, Anna returned to school and furthered her education at Barton County Community College and Colorado Christian University, earning a degree in Human Resource Management at the age of 48.

A woman of deep faith, Anna faithfully served her church and community throughout her life. While her children were at home, she taught Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, and middle school Bible studies, and prepared church newsletters and bulletins for two congregations. She later wrote and led Bible studies in her home and church, seeking to help others understand God's grace through Jesus Christ and their identity in Him. Anna was a longtime member of Women's Aglow and served as a guest columnist for the *McPherson Sentinel* from 2008 to 2012, sharing encouraging, faith-centered articles.

Anna also dedicated 17 years of service to the Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, holding several leadership positions before being recognized as a Lifetime Member.

Family was one of Anna's greatest joys. She treasured family gatherings, studying God's Word, and sharing praise and worship with her daughters and granddaughter, Katlyn. She enjoyed coffee and conversation with friends at the YMCA and New Hope Evangelical Church, loved animals, watching football, and was known for her warm spirit, steadfast faith, and genuine interest in others.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wendel Folkerts; her parents, Dean and Esther Toothaker; her sister, Dee Kitterman; and her son, Oliver Murdock of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Anna is survived by her children: Bret Folkerts of Hays; Chad (Lori) Folkerts of Rush Center; Jeni (Terry) Hanken of McPherson; and Jill (Mark) Reifschneider of McPherson; her grandchildren, James (Sara) Folkerts, Jenna (Chris) Reynolds, Cole (Madelynn) Hanken, Trey Hanken, Drew (Kariana) Hanken, Katlyn Reifschneider, Jack (Christyna) Reifschneider, and Bo Reifschneider; and her great-grandchildren, Isabella, Everett, and William Folkerts, Oliver and Owen Reynolds, Liliana Keller, and Elsie and Bennett Reifschneider, with another great-granddaughter expected in December. She is also survived by her beloved brother, Roger (Cindy) Toothaker of East Windsor, New Jersey; and by many treasured cousins, nieces and nephews.

Anna's unwavering faith in Jesus Christ, sweet spirit, and enduring love for her family will be remembered and cherished by all who knew her.