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Visitation

**Stockham Family Funeral Home
McPherson, Kansas
Thursday, August 14, 2025, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM**

Video Tribute Music

**"The Bandit" by Jerry Reed
"Simple Man" by Lynyrd Skynyrd
"Spirit in the Sky" by Norman Greenbaum
"Into the Mystic" by Van Morrison
"My Old Man" by Zac Brown Band
"Free Bird" by Lynyrd Skynyrd**

Graveside Service

**McPherson Cemetery
McPherson, Kansas
Monday, August 18, 2025, at 10:00 AM**

Military Honors

**American Legion Post #24, V.F.W. Post #2715,
& McConnell Air Force Base Honor Guard
"Taps" by Mark Casebeer, trumpet**

Officiating Clergy

Rev. Jeremy Bower

Memorial Donations

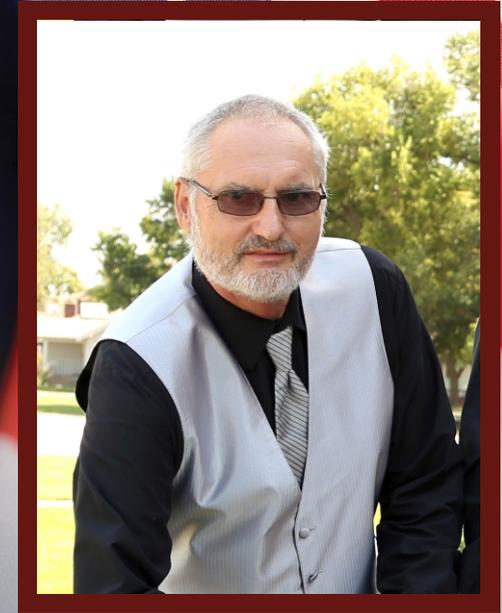
**The family suggests memorials be given to the
McPherson American Legion Post #24 in care of
Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 North
Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.**

Appreciation & Luncheon

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

***Following the graveside service, the family invites
all to the McPherson American Legion for food &
fellowship.***

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**In Loving Memory
Benny G. Petersen
August 12, 1950 - August 5, 2025**



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A Celebration of Life
Benny Petersen

Benny Gale Petersen, 74, of McPherson, KS, peacefully passed away on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, surrounded by family at McPherson Hospital.

He was born August 12, 1950, in Rock Rapids, Iowa, the son of Vern and Mary Etta (Higginbotham) Petersen. Benny was the youngest of 5 children: William "Bill", Leroy "Butch", Jerry "Pete", Karen "Sues", and Benny. He attended multiple elementary schools in Iowa before moving to Kansas with his family in 1961. Benny attended Lindsborg Elementary, Roosevelt Elementary, and Park School before settling into the Galva district, graduating from Galva High School in 1970. Soon after graduation, he joined the United States Air Force. He proudly served his country for seven and a half years including one year of service in Turkey during time of war. In December of 1977, he was honorably discharged as Sergeant of the United States Air Force.

Upon returning to McPherson, he worked for Kansas Jack, Kit Manufacturing, and Hesston Hay and Forage/AGCO. During his working years, Benny welcomed three children: Patrick, Misty, and Tyler. He enjoyed watching his children grow and learn, teaching them to work on vehicles and small engines in various aspects. In his spare time, he could be found tinkering around with small engines, welding, or watching movies with his kids.

After 20 plus years as a machinist with AGCO, he retired. Benny was able to fill his time with his beloved grandkids. Audrey, Andrew, Joseph, Axton, Ember, Rachel, Sarah, and Colter. He enjoyed sharing pictures of his grandkids with all his family and friends. Benny especially enjoyed when his beloved grandkids came to visit. He kept a large tote full of toys to entertain them while at his house. In addition to his many shop-projects, Benny often enjoyed trips to Maxwell, quick fishing trips, sitting outside his house with family watching traffic go by, or visiting other family and friends to lend a helping hand.

Benny will be remembered for his humor, hard work, helpfulness, and love for his family.

"It is hard to forget someone who gave us so much to remember."

– Unknown



Survivors include his three children: Patrick Petersen of Pratt, KS, Misty (Dusty) Peterson of Topeka, KS, and Tyler (Chelsey) Petersen of Moundridge, KS; brother, Leroy "Butch" (Grace) Petersen of McPherson, KS; sister, Karen Koehn of McPherson, KS; eight grandchildren: Audrey Petersen, Axton Petersen, Andrew Peterson, Joseph Peterson, Rachel Peterson, Sarah Peterson, Ember Petersen, and Colter Petersen; and many extended relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother & sister-in-law, William "Bill" & Mary Petersen; a brother, Jerry "Pete" Petersen; brother-in-law, Dave Koehn; nephews, Mark Koehn and Marty Koehn; and great-niece, Heidi Unruh.

