

## A Celebration of Life

Concordia Wesleyan Church  
Concordia, Kansas

Saturday, February 22, 2025, at 10:30 AM

### Officiants

Pastor David Redmond    Pastor Bob Burns

### Musical Selections

*Congregational Hymn: "Freely Freely"*

*Solos: "The King Is Coming"*

*"Because He Lives"*

Don Garlow, vocalist / Krista Bryant, pianist

### Family Tributes

Alex Kaufmann

### Ushers

Steven Bryant    Dr. Daniel Garlow

### Honorary Pallbearers

Matthew McGonagle    Megan Moor    John Reber

Callie Ventura    Joe Reber    Luke Reber

Aaron Kaufmann    Allyssa Savu

Alex Kaufmann    Austin Kaufmann

### Memorial Donations

Memorial donations are suggested to ECF Spiritual Life Center Fund in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 North Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

### Appreciation

*The greatest comfort during our sorrow was the expression of sympathy conveyed to us in many ways.*

*We deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness and thank you most sincerely.*

*The Family of Callie Reber*

*In Loving Memory*  
CELEBRATING A LIFE

### Our Mothers

We really haven't lost our mother,  
though we've said our last goodbyes,  
though there's heartbreak in the  
parting – no one's mother really dies.

If you love to hear the old songs  
for the memories they bring,  
it's because you had a mother who  
taught your heart to sing!

When you stop to help a neighbor,  
search your heart and you will find it  
because you had a mother who  
taught you to be kind.

If you go to church when weary  
seeking God to guide your way,  
it's because you had a mother  
who taught you how to pray.

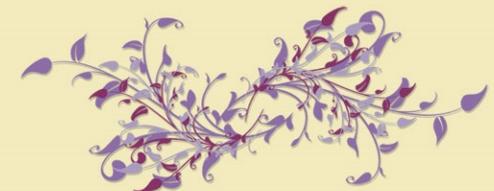
No, we haven't lost our mother,  
though we've said our last goodbyes.  
Through our thoughts and deeds, she's living.  
No one's mother really dies!

*Hope Strength*



## *A Celebration of Life* **Callie M. Reber**

May 23, 1935 - February 12, 2025



Isaiah 26:3-4

You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you,  
all whose thoughts are fixed on you!  
Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord God is the eternal Rock.

## Callie Reber



Callie M. (Murphy) Reber, 89, of Concordia, formerly Ellsworth and McPherson, went to be with her Lord Jesus Christ on Wednesday, February 12th, 2025.

Callie Margaret Murphy was born in Emporia, KS to Calvin Earl Murphy and Blanche (Johnson) Murphy on May 23rd, 1935. She graduated from Emporia High School in 1952 then attended Clark's Business College, Topeka, KS. Callie used her training as a secretary for several years. On June 7th, 1953, she was united in marriage to her high school sweetheart, Loren Albert Reber, in Emporia, KS. This union was blessed with three children, Lynette, Brett, and Lori. Loren preceded Callie in death on December 22, 2022. Callie stayed at home with the kids, baby sat, sewed for people, was the first lady school bus driver in Madison, KS, sold Avon, was a teller and secretary at Columbia Savings and Loan, Emporia, and worked part time at the Ellsworth Reporter. From 1975-1982 she owned and operated Callie's Card Corner.

Over the years, Callie was active in numerous clubs and organizations serving as an officer in nearly all of them. She was a charter member in both Hospice and Ambassadors in Ellsworth, KS. She was an active member in Smoky Hill DAR, Learn & Earn Investment Club, Red Hat Society, Couples Pitch Club, Square Dancing Club, T.O.P.S. Club, P.E.O. Chapter EV, Bunco, Christian Women's Outreach, and several bridge clubs.

Callie loved the Lord and committed her life to Jesus and was baptized in 1972. She served and attended Methodist churches until 2014 when she joined the Concordia Wesleyan Church. Callie attended many Bible studies and was active in Sunday school, UMW & Circle.



Callie's most treasured mission outside of family was her founding role and continuing service at the Ellsworth Correctional Facility where she served on the Community Relations Board and Spiritual Life Center Board of Directors for several decades. For this passion, she was awarded the 1993 Ellsworth Correctional Facility volunteer of the year secretary's commendation of the Kansas Department of Corrections.

Survivors include: her children, Lynette (Scott) McGonagle of Smithfield, NC, Brett (Kathryn) Reber of McPherson, KS, and Lori (Allyn) Kaufmann of Salina, KS; ten grandchildren, Matthew (Kelli) McGonagle, Megan (Brandon) Moor, John Reber (Mary Vernon), Callie (Ryan) Ventura, Joseph (Caroline) Reber, Luke Reber, Aaron (Brittney) Kaufmann, Allyssa (Razvan) Savu, Alex Kaufmann, and Austin Kaufmann; 11 great-grandchildren, Madilin McGonagle, Caroline McGonagle, Kait McGonagle, Lilli McGonagle, Thomas Reber, Charlotte Reber, Laker Kaufmann, Van Kaufmann, Ellis Savu, Emric Savu, and Baby Savu; and many extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and brother, Earl Murphy; and sister, Sally Estes.