



Strength Hope

Funeral Service
Freedom Chapel
McPherson, Kansas
Friday, March 14, 2025, at 2:00 PM

Officiant
Pastor Terry Turner

Prelude Video Tribute Music
"Who I Am" by Jessica Andrews, "Where Her Heart Has Always Been" by Alan Jackson, "Like My Mother Does" by Lauren Alaina, "Please Remember Me" by Aaron Neville & Linda Ronstadt, "In the Garden" by Alan Jackson, "Take Me Home, Country Roads" by John Denver, "All My Life" by Linda Ronstadt & Aaron Neville, "Simple Man" by Lynard Skynyrd, "Mamas" by Anne Wilson & Hillary Scott, "If You've Got the Money, I've Got the Time" by Willie Nelson, "I Called Mama" by Tim McGraw, "Unforgettable" by Nat "King" Cole, "Meanwhile Back at Mama's" by Tim McGraw, "I'll Fly Away" by Alan Jackson, "Old Pictures" by The Judds, "Supermarket Flowers" by Ed Sheeran

Service Music
"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" by Chris Tomlin & Holly Halliwell
"It Is Well With My Soul" by John Berry
"Lead Me Home" by Jamey Johnson

Casket Bearers
Kristopher Burge ~ Shane Burge ~ Alex Zaharis
Matthew Mikulecky ~ Adam Meisinger ~ Dean LeGron

Final Resting Place
McPherson Cemetery

Memorial Donations
The family suggests donations go towards funeral expenses and can be made payable to Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 North Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

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

Stockham Family Funeral Home



In Loving Memory
Rosella Christensen
April 2, 1936 - March 6, 2025



A Celebration of Life Rosella Christensen

Memories

Rosella Christensen, 88, of McPherson, KS, peacefully passed away on Thursday, March 6, 2025, surrounded by family at Angel Arms, McPherson. She was a homemaker.

She was born April 2, 1936, in Stirrat, WV, the daughter of Albert Jenkins and Pearl Kirk. Rosella was first married to John "Bob" Burge. She later married Charles R. Christensen on March 28, 1978. He preceded her in death on November 19, 2001.

Rosella was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include son, Kirk Burge (Debbie) of McPherson, KS; daughter, Christa Meisinger (Adam); six grandchildren, Jara LeGron (Dean), Misty Souder, Mindy Mikulecky (Matt), Kristopher Burge (Jodi), Shane Burge, and Ella Pearl Meisinger; two sisters, Helen George of Thompson Station, TN and Phyllis Greenslate (Bill) of Winchester, KY; brother, Jerry Kirk (Nancy) of Fort Wayne, IN; numerous great-grandchildren; and many extended family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert & Pearl Kirk; husband, Charles Christensen; four brothers, Marshall Kirk, Bob Kirk, James Kirk, and Bill Kirk; two sisters, Jean Cherpitel and Bettye Jane Gustus; four infant siblings; two sons, Jeffrey Burge and Jerry Burge; granddaughter, Kylie Holder; and companion, Harold Englebrecht.

Just.....a coal miner's daughter from the Appalachia Mountains of West Virginia. Pearl and Albert Kirk had 14 children and Rosie was number eight. They moved from coal mining camp to coal mining camp throughout their family life. Times were tough all the time but certainly prepared one to face any challenge.

Just.....a sister creating that family dynamic of mischief, laughter, worry, support and most of all, love.

Just.....a wife shaping her own family. Married three times, she always believed in love and kept faith in family. Always seeking to keep family first and doing her best to support her mate.

Just.....a mother to four children. Three boys and one girl would give her that special purpose in life to rise above all obstacles. They would love her and test her and teach her, getting her ready to be a devoted grandmother.

Just.....a grandmother. Guidance counselor, provider, best buddy, nurturer, safety net and most important...."Spoiler". These are just a few of Rosie's qualifications.

Just.....a friend. Always a pot of coffee or a listening ear to anyone. Usually, some cake or other treat would be included. You were welcome and loved no matter what baggage you brought.

Just.....a person all her own with unique and special talents. What a cook! Her kitchen always a bit of heaven. Writing was a special gift that only a few knew. And they say Bingo is a game of luck but passion for the game made for some profitable fun! But her greatest gift is her gift of servitude. She gave any and all to whomever was in need. Always.

Finally.....Rosie's life was humble but it was full. It was hard but it was rewarded. There was much sorrow but much joy as well. She was JUST a blessing from God that has touched our lives.



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