



Memorial Service

McPherson church of Christ
McPherson, Kansas
Saturday, April 12, 2025, at 11:00 AM

Officiant

Michael Bruns

Service Music

"How Great Thou Art"
"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"
"Amazing Grace"

Final Resting Place

Milford Cemetery, Milford, Kansas

Memorial Donations

Memorials are suggested to Hospice and Homecare of Reno County or The Morrison House in Salina, Kansas.

Appreciation & Luncheon

Norma's family wishes to express their sincere appreciation for your prayers and acts of kindness, expressed in thought and deed, and for your presence at this service.

Following the service, all are encouraged to stay for a meal and a time of visitation with the family.

Stockham Family Funeral Home



In Loving Memory

Norma E. Bruns

August 26, 1918 - January 30, 2025

Do not say, "Do not weep."
Only time and tears take
away grief. Grief is the
price we pay for love.



IN
Remembrance

Memories

Norma Elizabeth Martin Bruns

Norma E. Bruns, 106, of McPherson, KS, and formerly of Abilene, KS, passed away on Thursday, January 30, 2025, at Pine Village, Moundridge.

Norma was born on a farm east of Milford, KS on August 26, 1918, the second of six children born to Charles Ernest Martin and Johannah Augusta (Steinbruck) Martin. She grew up in the Longford area, graduating valedictorian of the Longford High School class of 1936. She started her teaching career that fall under a Normal Training Certificate, just two weeks after her 18th birthday. She later got her Bachelor's degree from Kansas State University and continued teaching until 1980.

Norma taught at several one-room schools in the Milford and Longford areas, as well as in public schools in Junction City, Chapman and Abilene. She taught a great number of students over the years and most always had a positive attitude and great hopes for each one. At age 99, Norma was putting names on pictures of her students from 1943.

She also taught me that a cinnamon roll will catch fire in a microwave if you cook it long enough (9+ minutes, but who is counting?). These things you learn from life's experiences.

Norma loved music and played piano. After her prized piano at home became unrepairable,

she had the shell made into two blanket chests. Her passions were family and friends, music, birds, books and her devotion to God.

She married Kenneth Ivan Bruns on January 24, 1950 and had one child, Kendall Dean Bruns. They were later divorced.

She outlived her parents, five siblings, a niece (Sherry Puckett) and four nephews (Tom Diehl, Lowell Brown, Dana Brown and Stephen Brown).

Norma is survived by her son Dean and his wife Julie of McPherson, KS; grandchildren Jayme (Roy) Hamilton of Phoenix AZ, Michael (Amanda) Bruns of McPherson, KS, and Carolyn (Lee) Collins of Stem, NC; great-grandchildren Braedon Hamilton, Aliya Bruns, Evan Bruns, and Annalise Collins (another is expected in June).

Other survivors include nieces Denise (Mike) Poorman of Lynnwood, WA and Pam (Carl) Rowson of Savage, MN; nephews Terry (Diana) Owens of Los Fresnos, TX and Martin (Kay) Brown of Omaha, NE.

She cherished a great many friendships over the years.

Norma was fiercely independent, resourceful, and at times, more than a little bit stubborn. With help from her family and other caregivers, Norma was able to stay in her own home until the final three months of her life.

