



In Loving Memory
CELEBRATING A LIFE

A Celebration of Life
First Baptist Church
McPherson, Kansas

Saturday, May 30, 2026, at 10:00 AM

Officiant
Pastor John Pattison

Prelude Video Tribute Music
"Blessings" ~ Laura Story
"Girls Just Want to Have Fun" ~ Cyndi Lauper
"Thy Will"" ~ Hillary Scott & the Scott family
"Because He Lives" ~ Gaither Vocal Band

Service Music
"Blessings" ~ Laura Story
"You Are My Sunshine" ~ congregation (a cappella)
"Friends" ~ Katie Sears, vocalist / Mary Funk, pianist

Ushers
Ken Schroeder ~ Tal Boese

Memorial Donations
The family suggests memorials be used for final expenses and payable to Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 N. Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

Appreciation & Luncheon
Kimber's family wishes to express sincere appreciation for your prayers and kindness, evidenced in thought and deed, and for your presence at this service. *Following the service, all are invited to the fellowship hall for a luncheon.*

Hope Strength
Stockham Family Funeral Home



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Kimber J. Mellinger
February 1, 1971 - May 19, 2026



"Sunshine mixed with a little bit of Hurricane!"

*Celebrating the Life of
Kimber Mellinger*

Memor

Kimberlie “Kimber” Janine Mellinger, 55, passed away peacefully on May 19, 2026, surrounded by loved ones at the KU Medical Center after a hard-fought battle with liver disease.

Kimber was born on February 1, 1971, in Waukegan, IL to Robert and Janice (Carlock) Mitchell. Kimber attended the Zion Benton Township Schools. It was there that she met and fell in love with her high school sweetheart, Royal Mellinger. They graduated in the class of 1989.

The two moved to McPherson, Kansas and attended Central Christian College where they graduated in May of 1991. Royal and Kimber were wed on October 10, 1992, at Wesley Free Methodist Church in Waukegan, IL. During their marriage, Kimber and Royal welcomed two beautiful children, Doralynn and Nickolas, into their lives.

Kimber was best known for kindness, generosity, and laughter. She brought a joyful and colorful spirit everywhere she went. Kimber held many working positions within the community including Walmart, First Baptist Church, Eisenhower Elementary, and the McPherson County Courthouse. Kimber also had a passion for helping others. Kimber participated in many volunteer opportunities with her most notable positions being the Director of the AWANA program at the First Baptist Church and a board member of the McPherson Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

Kimber was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Robert “Robb” Mitchell.

*Honor
Loving Memory*

She is survived by her loving husband, Royal Mellinger; daughter, Doralynn (Ryan) Black of Waverly, IA; son, Nickolas Mellinger of Topeka, KS; aunt & uncle, Joyce (Bill) Stein of Winthrop Harbor, IL; father/mother-in-law, George & Orvetta Mellinger of Jackson, MI; brothers/sisters-in-law, Al (Diane) Mellinger of Jackson, MI and Brian (Deb) Mellinger of Waukegan, IL; and many extended relatives and friends.

