



### **Proverbs 3:5-6**

**Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.**

### **Funeral Service**

First United Methodist Church  
McPherson, Kansas  
Friday, February 7, 2025, at 10:30 AM

### **Officiating Minister**

Rev. Andrew Conard

### **Music**

#### ***Prelude Video Tribute:***

"Here Comes the Sun" by The Beatles  
"Red Rubber Ball" by The Cyrkle  
"How Sweet It Is To Be Loved By You" by James Taylor  
"Put A Little Love In Your Heart" by Jackie DeShannon

#### ***Service:***

Hymn: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" UMH #526  
Hymn: "In the Garden" UMH #315, verses 1 & 3  
Recording: "Untitled Hymn (Come to Jesus)"  
by Chris Rice  
Hymn: "When We All Get to Heaven"  
UMH #701, verses 1 & 4

Amy Warner, pianist

### **Final Resting Place**

McPherson Cemetery

### **Memorial Donations**

Memorial donations can be made to Lincoln Elementary School or the Alzheimer's Association in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 North Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

### **Appreciation & Luncheon**

Dianna's family wishes to express their sincere appreciation for all your prayers and kindnesses, evidenced in thought and deed, and for your presence at this service.

Following the graveside service, the family invites all back to the church for food and fellowship in the Serve Center.

**Stockham Family Funeral Home**



*In Loving Memory*  
**Dianna Heidebrecht**

**December 13, 1949 - January 25, 2025**



## *A Celebration of Life* Dianna Heidebrecht

It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Dianna Heidebrecht, a devoted mother, beloved teacher, and cherished friend. Dianna left this world on January 25, 2025, at the age of 75.

Dianna Fay Christensen was born on December 13, 1949, in McPherson, KS. She grew up in Galva, KS as the oldest of three children. Dianna enjoyed swimming and playing sports--particularly softball and basketball.

Dianna attended McPherson High School and graduated in 1967. After graduation, Dianna

attended McPherson College where she played basketball and served as one of the team's rovers. This meant that she could play both offense and defense and was allowed to run the entire length of the court. In 1968, Dianna transferred to the University of Kansas. She graduated with distinction in 1971 having earned her Bachelor's of Education degree. During her college years, Dianna worked at Southwestern Bell as a switchboard operator.

After graduation, Dianna embarked on a lifelong career as an educator. She began teaching 5th grade at Park School in McPherson. Most of her career was spent as a proud member of the Lincoln Elementary School staff where she taught various grade levels and also served as a guidance counselor. Her dedication to her students was unparalleled. She often devoted extra time and money to students who were less fortunate by providing them with clothing and food for the weekend.

In 1972, she married Mark Heidebrecht. Her most fulfilling and important job of motherhood began in 1979 when William Paul was born and again in 1983 when Ann Christine completed the family. As a mother, she instilled in her children the values of kindness, integrity, and perseverance. Her love and guidance will forever be a guiding light in their lives.

Dianna's nurturing soul extended beyond her role as a mother and teacher. She had a natural ability to make others feel seen and heard, and her friendship was a source of comfort and joy to all who knew her. Dianna moved to Overland Park in 2013 to be closer to family. She loved being able

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to spend more time with her grandchildren and was often able to see them in sports and in school events. Watching Dianna with her grandchildren was pure joy. Her friend group grew quickly due to her compassionate nature and willingness to help others. She shared her love and wonder of life with everyone generously. As Dianna transitioned to Tallgrass Creek in 2022, her volunteering continued. She would often help other residents and enjoyed doing things for others every day. Dianna was originally known as "Grandma Gaga" because she was gaga over her grandchildren. As more grandchildren were born, she proudly became known as "Button." Although it's unclear how this nickname came about, it's believed to be because she would push the buttons on Christmas ornaments that were strategically placed just out of the reach of her grandchildren. There's a saying "Mothers are like buttons. They hold everything together." Dianna indeed did that.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Glen and Maurine Christensen. Dianna is survived by her son Will Heidebrecht (Erin) of Olathe, KS, her daughter Ann Dark (Cale) of Overland Park, KS, her brother Michael Christensen of Overland Park, KS, and her sister Debbie Unruh (Mark) of McPherson, KS. Dianna had 5 wonderful grandchildren who were the light of her life. (Addison, Callin, & Mason Heidebrecht and Shae & Carter Dark)