

A Time For Everything

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (NIV)

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

Memorial Service

Stockham Family Funeral Home
Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 10:30 AM

Officiant

Pastor George Bocox

Prelude Video Tribute Music

"Take It Back", "Keep Talking", & "High Hopes"
(songs from *The Division Bell Album* by Pink Floyd,
one of Alan's favorites)

Service Music

"Learn To Be Still" by The Eagles
"Turn! Turn! Turn!" by The Byrds
"Amazing Grace" by Alan Jackson

Final Resting Place

McPherson Cemetery

Memorial Donations

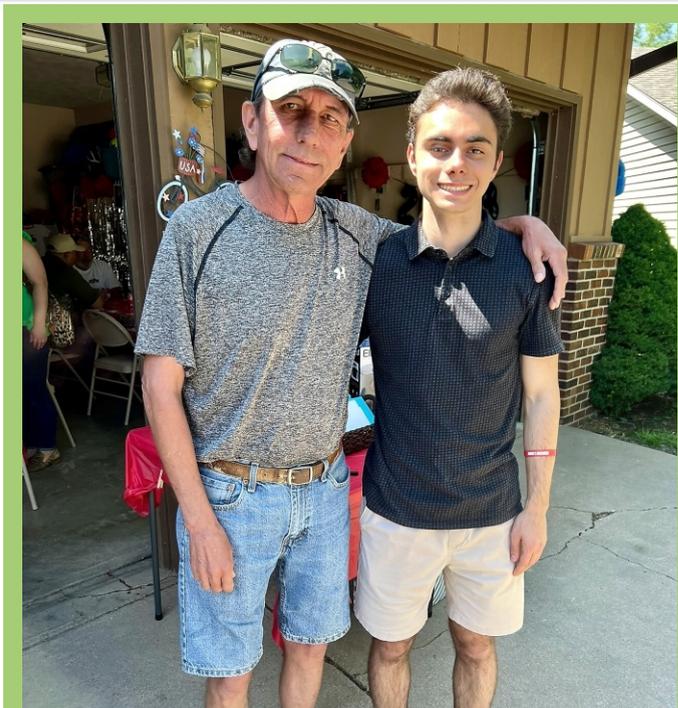
Memorials can be payable to Stockham Family Funeral Home (for the benefit of his son's college education) or to Gentiva Hospice in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 North Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

Appreciation & Luncheon

Alan'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 graveside service, the family invites all to join them for food and fellowship at the First Baptist Church.

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Celebrating A Life

In Loving Memory Alan D. Graves



June 8, 1962 - May 7, 2025



A Celebration of Life *Alan D. Graves*

Alan Douglas Graves, 62, of McPherson, KS, passed away Wednesday, May 7, 2025, with family by his side at McPherson Hospital.

He was born June 8, 1962, in Wichita, KS, the son of Roger Duane and Clarice Vayneta (Coate) Graves. He graduated from McPherson High School in 1980 and later received an electronics degree from Southeastern Technical College in Vidalia, GA. In 2004, Alan was united in marriage to Tina M. Wilson, and this union was blessed with a son, Layne Alan Graves.

Alan worked at McPherson Board of Public Utilities for 23 years and was a Power Plant Operator. Prior to that, he worked as an auto mechanic.

Alan's family and friends lovingly remember his quick wit, dry sense of humor, and trademark sarcasm. Above all, they will remember Alan as a devoted father who always prioritized his son, Layne, who was his pride and joy. Providing and showing up for Layne was paramount. Layne wants everyone to know how kind his dad was, recalling how his dad taught him manners, how to be polite, how to put others first, and the importance of giving to others. This trait was demonstrated in how often Alan fixed things for his friends and neighbors. Alan was extremely intelligent and known as a jack of all trades, skilled at working through problems, taking anything apart, and putting it back together.

Alan was also known for being fiercely independent. But at the end of his life, Alan had to depend on others in significant ways. As Alan saw and felt all of the unconditional love engulfing him, a new acceptance and surrender fell over him. His final days were wrapped in beautiful and powerful moments with Layne, his mom, siblings, and friends. One of the last things he clearly said, with tears rolling down his face, was: "I'm happy."

He was preceded in death by his father, Roger Graves, and a sister-in-law, Margaret Graves.

Honor *Loving Memory*

Survivors include his loving son, Layne Graves of McPherson, KS; mother, Clarice Graves of McPherson, KS; siblings, Candace (Phillip) Rapping of Cincinnati, OH, Jeffrey Graves of Lyons, GA, Audrey (Lew) Faust of Manhattan, KS, and Rebecca (Tracy) Swanson of Ozark, MO; eight nieces & nephews; and many extended relatives and friends.

