



Funeral Service

First Christian Church
McPherson, Kansas

Friday, April 25, 2025, at 10:30 AM

Officiant

Pastor Lynn Scott

Prelude Video Tribute Music

"Hallelujah" - Cloverton, "In Color" - Jamey Johnson,
"Bad Moon Rising" - CCR, "American Pie" - Don Mclean
"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" - Chris Tomlin

Service Music ~ recordings by Elvis Presley

Processional & Recessional:

Theme from "2001: A Space Odyssey" & "See See Rider"

"Take My Hand, Precious Lord"

"How Great Thou Art"

"Peace in the Valley"

Casket Bearers

T.J. Rausch ~ Ashley Walker ~ Cale Rausch
Connar Rausch ~ Jordan Martens ~ Brandon Martens

Honorary Casket Bearers

Mike Mitchell ~ Rick Trease ~ Rick Bresse
Kelly Mathis ~ Fritz Kessler ~ Steve Wheeler

Ushers

Rick Trease ~ Rick Bresse

Graveside Service

McPherson Cemetery

Military Honors presented by

American Legion Post #24 and V.F.W. Post #2715

"Taps" - Mark Casebeer, trumpet

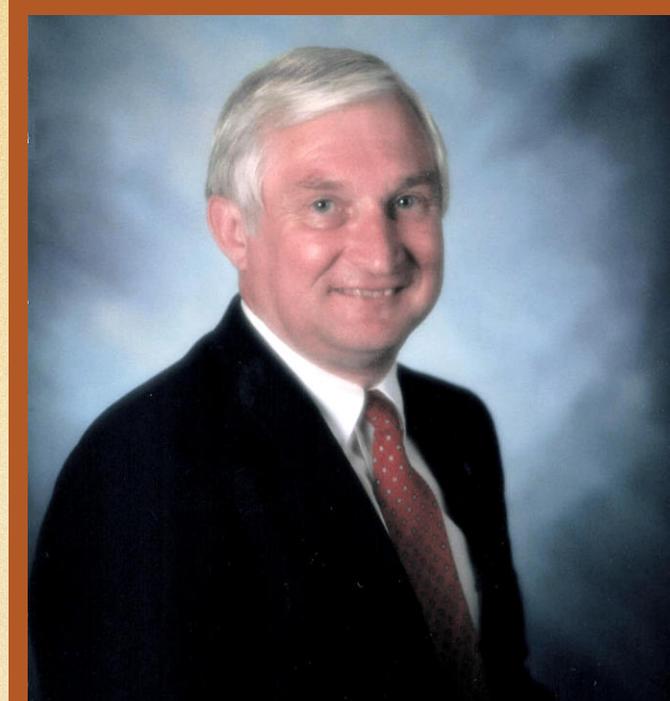
Memorial Donations

The family suggests memorials be given to the First Christian Church, McPherson Museum, Hospice House (Hutchinson), or McPherson County All Schools Day c/o Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 North Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

Appreciation

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

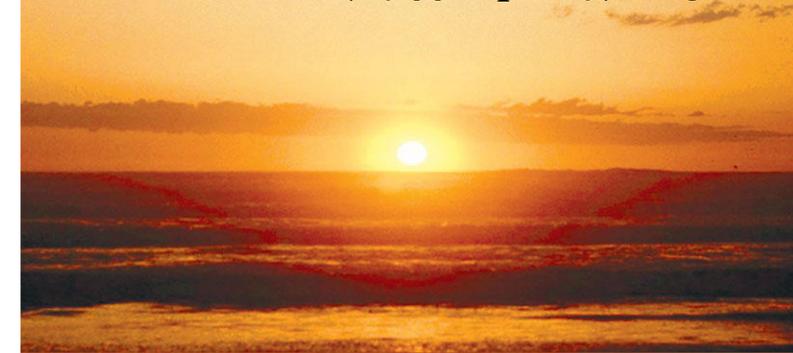
Stockham Family Funeral Home



In Loving Memory

Michael A. Rausch

November 28, 1944 - April 19, 2025



A Celebration of Life Michael A. Rausch



Michael Arthur Rausch, 80, of McPherson, KS, peacefully passed away Saturday, April 19, 2025, with his wife, Diane, by his side at Hospice House, Hutchinson. Mike was in the insurance & banking industry for many years and in the early 1990s, while working at Security Title, he purchased the business and owned it until December 2009.

Mike was born November 28, 1944, in McPherson, KS, the son of Carl Arthur and Alice Marie (Sjogren) Rausch. He graduated from McPherson High School in 1962 and continued his education at McPherson College, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration & Management in 1966. He then served in the Kansas Air National Guard for six years, reaching the rank of Staff Sergeant.

On June 11, 1966, Mike was united in marriage to Diane Louise Ebberts in Wichita, KS. This union was blessed with two sons, Jason and Jon.

Mike was a faithful member of the First Christian Church and longtime volunteer, historian, & 2024's Grand Marshal for McPherson County All Schools Day. For nearly 50 years (since 1974), serving countless hours, Mike had been one of those people behind the scenes making McPherson's All Schools Day a reality. He was a past President's Award recipient for McPherson Chamber of Commerce and served on the boards for the McPherson Museum and McPherson Hospital. He was a member of the Rotary Club International, Masonic Lodge #172, and the American Legion Post #24. He received a Citation of Merit from McPherson College and helped with high school and college football games on the chain gang.

Mike is remembered fondly by his family for his love for animals, his grandchildren, and his love for good food (especially potato salad). Mike always had a passion for his grandchildren joining him in the All Schools Day parade and sneaking them Orange Crush soda. He was often known to "wander off", causing his kids to "accidentally" leave him at a putt-putt golf course in Colorado. "You got dad?"

He had an extensive record collection, numbering near 10,000 45 RPM vinyl records. He had a copy of every 45 record that ever appeared on the Billboard top 100 chart.



One of his best memories in life was selling his two Mustangs to take his family to Hawaii for Mike and Diane's 50th wedding anniversary. If there is one thing he loved more than his family, it was Elvis Presley. He took Kathy, Diane's sister, to Graceland for three full days and was able to see Elvis twice in person.

Mike was very opinionated, had a temper, and was a tad bit of a perfectionist. He was never afraid to share those thoughts and feelings with his family. In fact, he encouraged it. Like the time he told four-year-old Audrey to go to bed, and she responded with, "No Michael, Grandma says", or when Jon was doing something in a particular way that Mike didn't like, causing Cody to state, "You're doing it wrong!" However, the thing that probably made Mike the most angry was when Jason threw an entire line of already caught catfish back into the river.

He is remembered lovingly for his sense of humor, his love of laughter, and the constant acceptance of his family.

He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Diane of the home; two sons, Jason (Monique) Rausch of Washington, IA and Jon (Jan) Rausch of McPherson, KS; brother, Craig (Mary) Rausch of McPherson, KS; sister, Missy (Harold) Curl of McPherson, KS; six grandchildren, T.J. (Tara) Rausch, Ashley (Jonah) Walker, Cale Rausch, Connor Rausch, Jordan (Kellea) Martens, and Brandon (Brooke) Martens; seven great-grandchildren; and many extended relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl & Alice Rausch, and sister & brother-in-law, Sonya & Lynn Christy.