



In The Garden

1 I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.

Refrain:

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

2 He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.

3 I'd stay in the garden with Him
Tho' the night around me be falling;
But He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling.

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Mary Marlene Funk, age 86, passed away on July 15, 2026, at Salina Regional Hospital in Salina, Kansas.

Marlene was born on January 25, 1940, in Hays, Kansas, to Paul Levi and Ursula “Tot” (McGaughey) Wilson.

On October 3, 1959, she married the love of her life, Robert Keith “Jigger” Funk, in McCracken, Kansas. Together, they built a loving home in WaKeeney, where they raised their three daughters and shared a lifetime of family, faith, and service.

After graduating from beauty school, Marlene devoted herself to her family, embracing her role as a wife and mother with unwavering love and dedication. Yet her caring spirit reached far beyond her home. She believed deeply in serving others and generously gave her time and talents to her church and community throughout her life.

A faithful member of the United Methodist Church in both WaKeeney and McCracken, Marlene taught Bible classes and Sunday School, helping to nurture the faith of countless children and families. She was a proud member of the Order of the Eastern Star for 64 years, as well as the Red Hat Society, PEO, Joint Efforts Club, and Frieda’s Alley Rats. Her commitment to her community was evident through her many volunteer efforts. She served for three years as chair of both the Trego County Fair Parade and the WaKeeney Halloween Parade, was a dedicated Girl Scout leader, volunteered with Meals on Wheels, and lent a helping hand to many other community organizations whenever she was needed.

Marlene is lovingly remembered by her daughters, Anita Butler and husband Jeff, of McCracken; Shari Funk, of WaKeeney; and Kelly Weber and husband Mike, of Ness City; her grandchildren, Ursula Pohlman (Nate), Spencer White (Whitney), Levi White (Rachel), and Mason Coats (Dakota); her great-grandchildren, Rowan White; Kailynn and Layton White; and Blakely Coats; her twin sister, Anna Arlene Gilbert, of McCracken; and her sister-in-law, Verlene Braden.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Ursula “Tot” Wilson; her beloved husband, Bob Funk; her brother, Jack Wilson; and her brother-in-law, Babe Gilbert.

MARY MARLENE FUNK

January 25, 1940 - July 15, 2026

Memorial Service

United Methodist Church

WaKeeney, Kansas

Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

Officiants

Pastor Jim Satran

Pastor Bob Clemence

Vocalist

Kizmin Wilson

Pianist

Deb Purinton

Music Selections

“Spirit Song”

“Emmanuel”

“In The Garden”

Honorary Bearers

Hardy Howard Marshall Cleland

Matt Clark Alex Cleland

David Green Curt Fabrizius

John Richards Dan Albert

Ernie Littlechild Gary Heronemus

Interment

McCracken Cemetery

McCracken, KS

Memorials To

Shriners Hospital for Children

United Methodist Church, WaKeeney