





Funeral Service
Buhler Mennonite Church
Buhler, Kansas
Monday, November 2, 2026, at 11:00 AM

Officiant
Rev. Willmar Harder

Musical Selections
Recording:
"When We All Get To Heaven" by Alan Jackson
Congregational Hymn: "The Old Rugged Cross"
Sara Janzen, pianist

Pallbearers
Rodney Penner ~ Raymond Penner ~ Rhett Penner
Riggin Penner ~ Reval Penner ~ Brad Schroeder
Dale Evans ~ James Frenya

Final Resting Place
Buhler Municipal Cemetery

Memorial Donations & Luncheon
Memorial donations are suggested to Buhler Mennonite Church, Sunshine Meadows Retirement Community, or Community Care Hospice in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 N. Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

Following the committal service at the cemetery, the family extends an invitation for all to join them for food and fellowship back at the church.

Stockham Family Funeral Home



In Loving Memory

Patricia "Pat" P. Penner

August 23, 1946 - October 26, 2026



2 Timothy 4:7 - I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.



Celebrating the Life of Patricia "Pat" P. Penner

Patricia “Pat” Pauline Penner, 80, of Buhler, KS and formerly of Inman, KS, peacefully passed away on Monday, October 26, 2026, with family by her side at Sunshine Meadows Retirement Community in Buhler.

Pat was born on August 23, 1946, in Havre, MT, the daughter of Wesley William and Ida Augusta (Hall) Whitaker. A dedicated student, she graduated as valedictorian of Gildford High School in Montana.

On April 2, 1965, Pat was united in marriage to LaVern D. Penner in Buhler, KS. Their marriage was blessed with two sons, Rodney and Raymond, who became the center of Pat’s world. Pat and LaVern shared 57 years of marriage filled with love, partnership, and countless memories before his passing on September 22, 2022.

Throughout her life, Pat devoted herself to both her work and her family. In her earlier years, she served as a nurse aide for Dr. Price at McPherson Hospital and worked as a cook at Ruthie’s Cafe in Inman. Together, she and LaVern owned and operated Penner’s Grain & Distributing, a custom harvesting business. Following, they spent many years working as independent truck drivers. Above all her many roles and accomplishments, Pat cherished being a mother. She was a loving and devoted mom who took great pride in her sons and held a special place in her heart for her family.

Pat attended Buhler Mennonite Church, where she found fellowship and spiritual comfort. Her faith was an important part of her life, and she especially enjoyed church services and gospel music.

Survivors include two sons, Rodney Penner (Sarah Orem) of Buhler, KS and Raymond Penner of Hutchinson, KS; sisters, Lorraine Lee of Sequim, WA and Myrtle Ann Farber of Rice Lake, WI; a brother, Ken Whitaker of Billings, MT; eight grandchildren, Rhett Penner (Stephanie), Saraya Penner, Hadyn Penner, Riggin Penner, Reval Penner, Dalton Orem, Marissa Orem, and Dakota Orem; seven great-grandchildren; and many extended family and friends.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and six siblings.

Honor Loving Memory

As I Sit In Heaven



As I sit in heaven
and watch you everyday
I try to let you know with signs
I never went away

I hear you when you’re laughing
And watch you as you sleep
I even place my arms around you
To calm you while you weep

I see you wish the days away
Begging to have me home
So I try to send you signs
So you know you are not alone

Don’t feel guilty that you have
Life that was denied to me
Heaven is truly beautiful
Just you wait and see

So, live your life, laugh again
Enjoy yourself, be free
Then I know with every breath you take
You’ll be taking one for me

~ Author unknown