

**Mass of Christian Burial**

**St. Joseph Catholic Church ~ McPherson, KS  
Friday, January 2, 2026, at 10:00 AM**

**Celebrant**

Fr. Michael Kerschen

**Lectors**

Mandi Heinz ~ Zach Stein

**Readings**

Wisdom 3:1-6, 9

Psalm 23

2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1

John 12:23-28

**Songs**

Here I Am, Lord

Eye Has Not Seen

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

On Eagle's Wings

**Musicians**

Steve & Roberta Burghart

**Servers**

Braylon Bina ~ Lincoln Engelbrecht ~ Vivian Engelbrecht

**Offertory Gift Bearers**

Jadan Wolfsbauer ~ Colby Heinz ~ Mandi Heinz

Emma Stein ~ Zachary Stein

**Casket Bearers**

Zachary Stein ~ Colby Heinz ~ Lee Gleason

Tommy Twohig ~ Cole Wolfsbauer ~ Blake Herrmann

**Ushers**

Steve Bahr ~ Eldon Huschka

**Graveside Service**

Saint Nicholas Cemetery ~ Kinsley, KS

Friday, January 2, 2026, at 3:00 PM

Celebrant: Fr. Tim Hickey

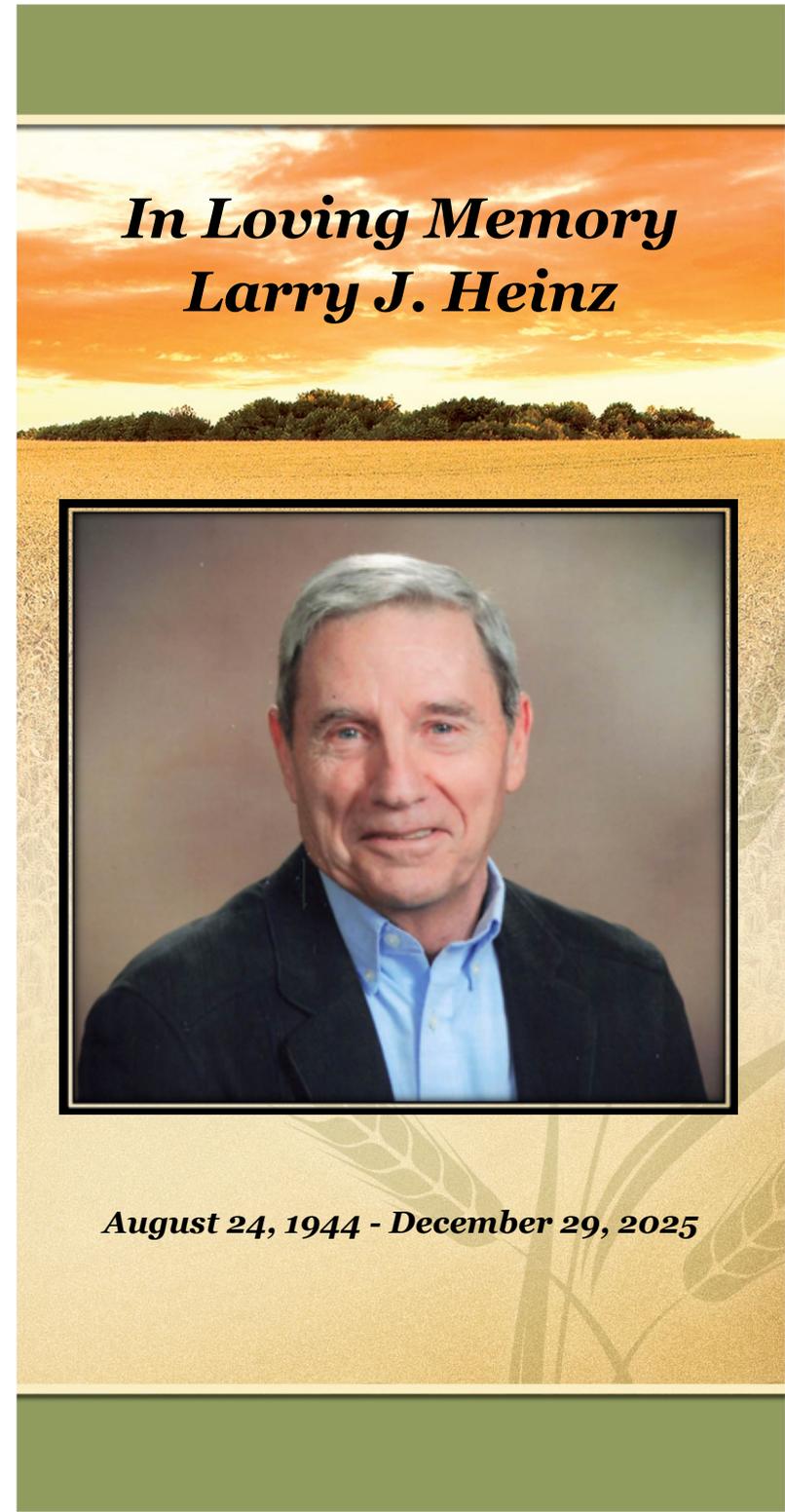
**Memorial Donations**

Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph Catholic Church or the Ronald McDonald House (Wichita) in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 N. Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

**Appreciation & Luncheon**

Larry'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. *Following the funeral mass, all are invited to stay for food & fellowship in Parish Hall.*

**Stockham Family Funeral Home**



## Larry John Heinz

### Final Harvest

He was bound to the land  
from the day of his birth  
His roots anchored deep in  
the fertile earth  
Nurtured, sustained, by  
the soil he grew  
And his life, like his furrows,  
ran straight and true.

In faith, each spring, he  
planted the seeds  
In hope, to reap his  
family's needs  
With patience, he waited  
for the harvest to come  
To gather the fruits of  
his labor home.

Ever turning the seasons,  
the years sped past  
Till the final harvest  
came at last  
Then claimed anew  
by beloved sod  
He was gathered home  
to be with God.

Larry John Heinz passed away after a brief illness on December 29th, 2025, in McPherson, Kansas. He was 81 years old.

Larry was born on August 24th, 1944, in Dodge City, Kansas to Milton and Sybil Heinz. He was one of three children. He was raised in Kinsley, Kansas and spent his childhood farming with his Grandfather, Dad and Uncle. He graduated from Saint Mary of the Plains college in Dodge City in 1966 and immediately following, joined the Air National Guard during the Vietnam war era. Larry and Ann (Twohig) had a whirlwind courtship and were married on November 5th, 1966. This marriage would stand the test of time for 59 years and had two children, Kathy and Dan.

Once his obligations to the Air National Guard were met, he tried his hand at a number of careers which included insurance adjusting, bookkeeping, trucking, and a motel owner and operator just to name a few. However, none of those things stuck as he had always wanted to farm. That dream came true for him in 1975 when he moved the family to Syracuse, Kansas and began farming. He embodied everything you imagine when you think of a farmer. He had a love for the land and made sure to leave it better than he found it. He loved the equipment and tilling the soil. He made sure

Honor  
*Loving Memory*

his word was his bond and honesty and keeping his commitments was paramount. He was a good neighbor and was always thrilled when he had something they needed to borrow or if they needed an extra set of hands to get something done.

Larry was a consummate conversationalist. He loved to visit with family and friends and made lifelong friends wherever he went. He had a great sense of humor and loved to tease his family and friends who also loved to reciprocate. He had a deep faith in God and never missed a holy day or weekend mass.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents Milton and Sybil. He is survived by his wife Ann Heinz, sisters Julie Gleason and Mary Herrmann, daughter Kathy and her husband Rick Stein, son Dan and his wife Jenny (Gutsch) Heinz, grandchildren Jadan Wolfsbauer and her husband Cole, Colby Heinz, Mandi Heinz, Emma Stein, and Zachary Stein, and many nieces, nephews, and extended family members.