

Psalm 23

(New King James Version)

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.
He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
For You are with me; Your rod
and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the
Lord Forever.

*Celebrating
a Life*



Visitation

Stockham Family Funeral Home
205 N. Chestnut, McPherson, KS
Tuesday, April 7, 2026, 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Memorial Service

City Church
601 S. Gildersleeve, McPherson, KS
Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 2:00 PM

Officiant

Senior Elder David Dixon

Music

Video Tribute:

"I Can Only Imagine" by MercyMe
"How Great Thou Art" by Carrie Underwood
"What a Wonderful World" by Louis Armstrong
"Dancing with the Angels" by Monk & Neagle

Service Music:

"Amazing Grace" by Elvis Presley

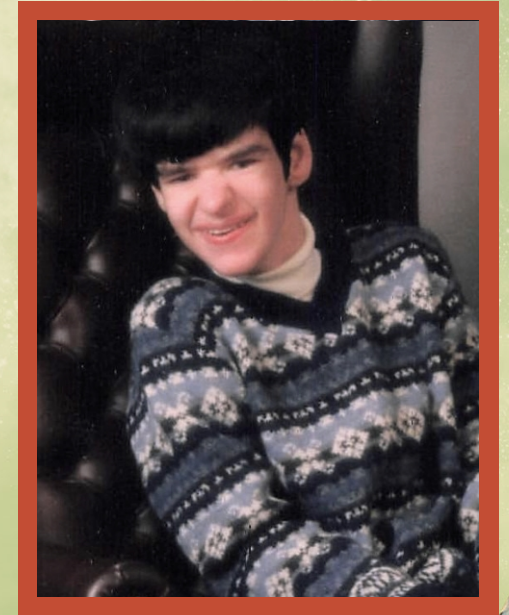
Memorial Donations

Memorials are suggested to Disability Supports and can be sent to Stockham Family Funeral Home.

Appreciation

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

Stockham Family Funeral Home



In Loving Memory

Amber Dawn Mannel

January 9, 1979 - April 3, 2026

*Celebrating the Life of
Amber Dawn Mannel*

Memories

Amber Dawn Mannel, 47, of McPherson, Kansas passed away peacefully on April 3, 2026, at her home.

Amber was born on January 9, 1979, at Memorial Hospital in McPherson, Kansas, to Dutch and Stacey (Shadduck) Mannel.

Her sister, April, was two years old at the time of her birth. When Amber was nine months old, she began receiving services through the Early Education Center Home-Based Program. When she was nearly three, she transitioned to the center-based program with the Reno County Education Cooperative.

While attending Elreka Grade School, a placement in residential care was recommended when she reached the age of six. Although her

parents worked diligently to meet the additional demands of her care, they recognized that she would benefit from a structured setting designed to provide the supervision she required, and they agreed to a placement at Winfield State Hospital. According to stories shared, even in a highly supervised setting, Amber was quick and determined, and at times would leave her group unexpectedly. She remained there until she turned thirteen.

At that time, she moved into foster care with Stuart and Sheree Leppke and attended McPherson Special Education, beginning at Roosevelt Elementary and later continuing at McPherson Middle School and McPherson High School.

M.C.D.S. provided Supportive Home Care Workers, who supported Amber in participating in community activities, often alongside the families of her caregivers. During several summers, she also enjoyed spending a week at the Kansas Jaycees Cerebral Palsy Ranch near Augusta.

When Disability Supports was formed in 1996, Amber began receiving services through the organization. She moved into an apartment at age twenty.

*Honor
Loving Memory*

After graduating from McPherson High School in 2000, she attended the Disability Supports Community Enrichment Center, where she enjoyed day trips and a full schedule of activities.

Amber enjoyed spending time in the warmth of the sun, as well as walking, swimming, outings, amusement rides, and time with friends and family.

Amber experienced various health challenges. Following a recent hospital stay, she began receiving hospice services through Gentiva Hospice, which allowed her to return to her apartment. She was lovingly supported by her Disability Supports Family, who provided compassionate care during her final days.

Amber is survived by her sister, April Mannel of Great Bend, and her foster parents, Stuart and Sheree Leppke. She was preceded in death by her mother, Stacey (Shadduck) Mannel, and her father, Dutch Mannel.