



Hope Strength



Memorial Service
First Christian Church
McPherson, Kansas
Friday, November 14, 2025, at 10:30 AM

Officiating Clergy
Pastor Lynn Scott

Special Music

Video Tribute: "Love Me Tender" by Elvis Presley
"Love Me" by Elvis Presley
"Free Fallin" by Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers
"How Great Thou Art" by Elvis Presley
"I Won't Back Down" by Johnny Cash
Congregational Hymn: "Amazing Grace" #546
Recording: "I Want To Hold Your Hand" by The Beatles
Recessional: "Green Onions"
by Booker T. & The M.G.'s
Carolyn Mathis, pianist

Ushers

Doug Fallis ~ Dave Thiessen

Memorial Donations

Memorials may be given to MHS Booster Club or the First Christian Church in c/o Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 N. Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

Appreciation & Luncheon

Mark's family wishes to express sincere appreciation for all your prayers and kindness, evidenced in thought and deed, and for your presence at this service. *Following the burial at McPherson Cemetery, the family invites all to join them at the McPherson American Legion for food and fellowship.*

Stockham Family Funeral Home



In Loving Memory
Mark A. Wash
Sept. 24, 1965 - Oct. 30, 2025

Mark Alan Wash was born on September 24, 1965, in Killeen, TX, the son of Roy and Wanda Marie (Rounds) Wash. He graduated from McPherson High School in 1984 and went on to earn a degree from Kansas State University. On September 30, 1995, Mark was united in marriage to former wife Elizabeth Anne (Wheeler) Sweet in Prairie Village, KS. Together, they had three children: Hayden Grace, Adison Faith, and Zachary Justice Wash.

As a child, Mark's father, Roy, described him as dedicated and driven, always striving to do his best in everything he pursued. Roy shared that Mark was always the first to comfort a friend in need and was a dependable, caring son to his parents throughout the years. Mark's love for sports started early, with Roy coaching him in Babe Ruth Jr. Baseball, where his talent and drive quickly became clear.

Mark grew up in McPherson, where he built many lifelong friendships through his involvement in sports. At McPherson High, he broke records and earned numerous awards in basketball, football, and track and field. Mark was a four-time state champion in pole vaulting, winning the 5A State titles in 1982 (14'0"), 1983 (14'8" meet record), and 1984 (15'7" meet record), along with multiple invitational championships and recognition as McPherson High School's Athlete of the Year in 1984. He also earned ribbons at the 1980 AAU Junior Olympics for track and field. Later, Mark had an accomplished amateur golf career, winning multiple tournaments including a hole-in-one contest that earned him a new truck.

Along with his love for athletics, Mark had a deep passion for music. He enjoyed bands like Green Day, KISS, and Mötley Crüe, and he especially loved seeing live shows. During college, Mark joined Geoff Kaufman and Dave Thiessen to form their band *The Twisters*, which later became *The Phaetons*. Mark played drums in the rockabilly and blues group, well-loved for their original songs and captivating stage presence that always drew a crowd.

Later, Mark and Dave teamed up with Doug Fallis and Rob Gibson to form Petty Cash, a country band that got even better with the addition of Sam Shilts. Both bands kept the music alive for years, packing venues and getting crowds moving at every show.

Along with being a great friend, athlete, and musician, Mark was a beloved father of three. His and Beth's first-born daughter, Hayden, was born in 1996. Hayden describes her dad: "I always felt my dad was a confident and self-assured man. He might have seemed quiet or reserved to some, but those who knew him saw his great sense of humor and easygoing spirit. As a child, I remember him running around the backyard with me, doing silly dances just to make me laugh, and curling up on the couch with him while he watched football or golf. I'll always cherish him singing me to sleep with Elvis songs, seeing him perform in his bands, and watching our favorite shows together.

In recent years after I moved to Lawrence, we often talked over the phone, where he continued to share his wisdom and laughter with me. I love him so much, and I will miss him deeply."

Their second-born daughter, Adison, was born on March 3, 2000. Adison describes her dad: "I'm so lucky to have had a version of this 'cool guy' musician who played dolls with me, performed bedtime Elvis concerts (always obliging to 'just one more song!'), and Scooby Doo impressions on command.

My dad was fiercely loyal and protective of his children. Even into my adult years, I don't know if he ever truly saw me as anything except his little girl. As an adult I've had the privilege of just sitting, laughing and talking about anything for hours. Every phone call would end with an 'I love you' and plans to talk again soon.

He always pushed me to be my best, cheering me on from the little league soccer sideline to phone calls

about career accomplishments. I will forever feel close to him when I listen to the music he created and loved."

Their youngest son, Zachary, was born on June 18, 2002. Zach describes his dad: "As someone to live up to. He was often a man of few words, but when he did speak you would listen. He was witty, heartfelt, and humble. This last week, in conversations with friends, I've been describing him to those that didn't know well. In doing so, I've felt the need to emphasize that my dad was truly exceptional, which has not been hard to do- he's got all the stats and figures to prove it. I was inspired at a young age to be a musician like him, and so he taught me the basics on guitar. Since, I've continued to grow as a musician, and would always defer back to him for advice or suggestions. I've been listening to his CDs this week as well, and the more that I do, the more and more I realize the skill and talent he had, that I plan to live up to."

Mark entered into eternal rest on October 30, 2025, at the age of 60.

Survivors include three children, Hayden Wash (29) of Lawrence, KS, Adison Wash (25) of Denver, CO, and Zachary Wash (23) of Lawrence, KS; his father, Roy Wash of McPherson, KS; a sister, Rowena Heart of McPherson, KS; former wife, Beth (Eric) Sweet of McPherson, KS; and many extended relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Wanda Wash, and grandparents, Hazel & Jasper Rounds and Irene & Elvin "Skeet" Wash.

The Wash family would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of love, memories, and support. His hometown of McPherson and the many friends he made there meant the world to him. Your kindness and shared stories remind us how deeply he was loved. With genuine gratitude, thank you for continuing to honor his memory.