



Oh, To Be A Child Again

Oh, to be a child again
So free from fear and care.
When Mama kissed the hurt away,
Made it easier to bear.

To pick the daisies in the field,
The wild roses along the way.
To gaze at puffy clouds above
While lying on the hay.

But years have gone and days are spent.
The toil of life must be.
The body's bent and oft time weak.
Oh, youth, you've fled from me.

Dear God above, you've known my life.
Both bad and the good.
I've tried to walk so close to you.
Have I done all I should?

One day this life will soon be passed.
Your bosom shall be my rest.
Then once again, as a child I'll be.
Safe, like my Mama's breast.

By Gerlene Bryant

Hope Strength

Visitation

Stockham Family Funeral Home
McPherson, Kansas
Thursday, August 27, 2026, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Graveside Service

Gypsum Hill Cemetery
Salina, Kansas
Friday, August 28, 2026, at 10:30 AM

Officiant

Eugene Miles, Jr.

Recorded Service Music

"God Sends A Season"
"I Saw the Face of Jesus Today"
"I Went Home To Be With Jesus Today"
~ written and sung by Gerlene

Memorial Donations

Memorial donations are suggested to Cross Way Bible Baptist Church, McPherson, or Sunflower Terrace Assisted Living, Lindsborg, in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 North Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

These gifts honor the places and people who supported Gerlene and reflect the faith and community she cherished.

"Words of Remembrance"

May you have a wonderful life and enjoy all that God has done for you and yours.

Because He first loved me, Sister Gerlene

Stockham Family Funeral Home



In Loving Memory

Gerlene L. Bryant

April 9, 1938 - August 19, 2026





Celebrating the Life of Gerlene Louise Bryant

Gerlene Louise (Brozek) Bryant, 88, of Lindsborg, KS, and formerly of Galva, KS, peacefully passed away on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at Salina Regional Health Center.

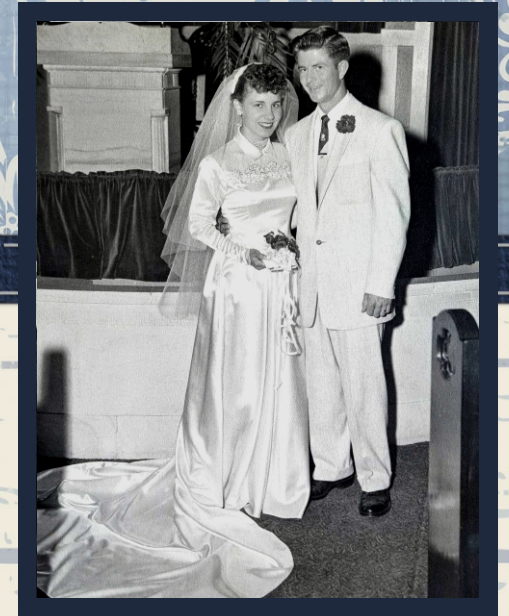
Gerlene's story began April 9, 1938, on the family farm near Glendale, KS, where she was born to Antone "Tony" and Verna Layola (Weis) Brozek. Life on the farm shaped her in quiet, lasting ways — the rhythm of chores, the closeness of family, and the wide Kansas sky that seemed to watch over every season. She was educated in the Glendale Grade School and graduated from Brookville High School in 1956, carrying with her a steady work ethic and a gentle spirit that would define her life.

On June 5, 1955, she married the love of her life, Joe D. Bryant, at the First Methodist Church in Salina. Their marriage was a partnership built on devotion, humor, and the kind of everyday loyalty that becomes the foundation of a long and meaningful life together. Gerlene began their marriage as a military wife. She and Joe later moved to North Carolina, where both worked for Duke Energy Corp., building careers until their retirement. In 2005, they returned home to Kansas — back to the familiar landscapes and communities that had shaped their early years. Gerlene and Joe shared 68 years of marriage before Joe's passing on November 2, 2023, a loss she carried with quiet strength and deep love.

Gerlene's faith was the steady center of her life. She was a devoted member of Cross Way Bible Baptist Church (formerly King's Hiway Baptist Church) in McPherson, where she poured her heart into worship and fellowship. God gifted her with many songs of faith, and she shared them generously — singing for congregational services at King's Hiway and other churches, offering her voice as an act of devotion and encouragement. Her music was always about love. She cherished her church family deeply, and above all, she cherished her Savior, Jesus.

She is survived by her sister, Maxine Davis of Salina, KS, several nieces and nephews, and dear friends Kris and Cheri' Hanschu and their family, who held a special place in her heart. Each carries memories of her warmth, her faith, and the quiet ways she showed her love.

Gerlene was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Joe, her brother Harold Brozek, her sister Lois Gish, and her infant brother Myron Gale Brozek. Though she knew loss, she met each season with grace, holding close the memories of those she loved.



Proverbs 3:5, 6 (KJV)

Trust in the Lord
with all thine heart;
and lean not unto thine
own understanding.

In all thy ways
acknowledge him,
and he shall
direct thy paths.

