

## *Mary J. Rockefeller*

Mary Jolene Rockefeller, 70, of McPherson, KS, peacefully passed away on Monday, March 2, 2026, surrounded by family at Ascension-Via Christi St. Francis Regional Medical Center, Wichita.

Mary was born as a triplet, along with Matt and Mark, on August 9, 1955, in McPherson, KS, the daughter of George Thomas and Gloria June (Hutchinson) Cook. She graduated from McPherson High School in 1973 and received her Dental Lab Technician certificate from Texas State Technical Institute in 1977. On December 13, 1974, Mary was united in marriage to Timothy James Rockefeller in Lawrence, KS. He preceded her in death on August 29, 2016.

She owned & operated Rockefeller Dental Lab since 1992 and was a dental lab technician for over 40 years.

Survivors include her three children, Callie Rockefeller (Oscar Armbruster) of Haysville, KS, Emily Bartlett (Cody) of McPherson, KS, and James Rockefeller (Brittany) of Hutchinson, KS; siblings, Gary Cook (Pat) of Washington and Georgia Premer (Gale) of Hutchinson, KS; eight grandchildren, Xia Rockefeller, Amelia Armbruster, Maxwell Armbruster, Adelaide Armbruster, Augustus Armbruster, Norah Bartlett, Ellis Bartlett, and Winona Rockefeller; and many extended relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George & Gloria Cook; husband, Tim Rockefeller; and siblings, Matt Cook and Mark Cook.

### Appreciation

Mary'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*

### A Celebration of Life

Stockham Family Funeral Home  
McPherson, Kansas

Tuesday, March 10, 2026, from 5 to 7 pm

### Video Tribute Music

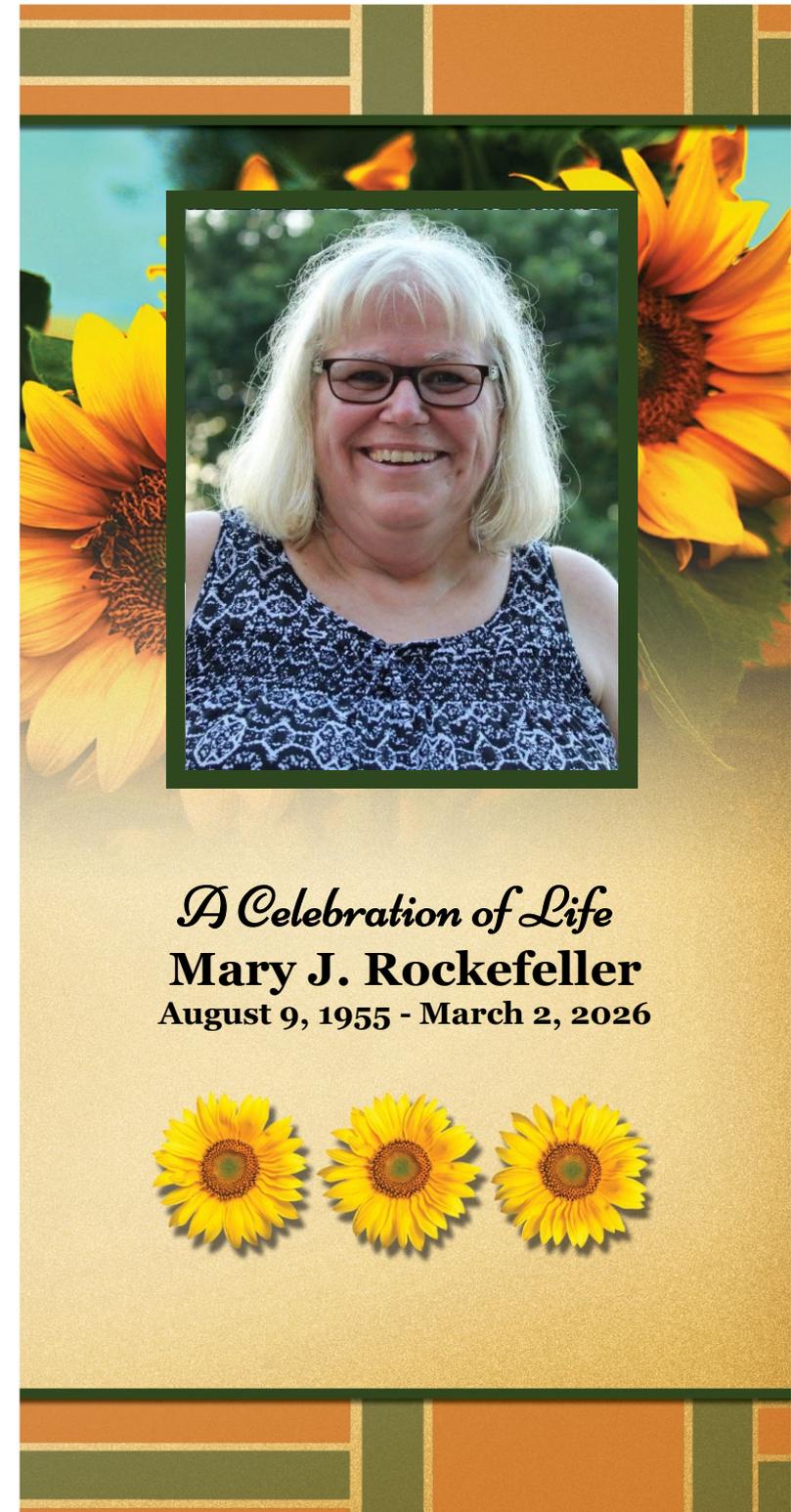
"Supermarket Flowers" by Ed Sheeran  
"Dancing in the Sky" by Liv Harland  
"Jealous of the Angels" by Donna Taggart  
"Somewhere Over the Rainbow"  
by Israel Kamakawiwo'ole

### Final Resting Place

McPherson Cemetery

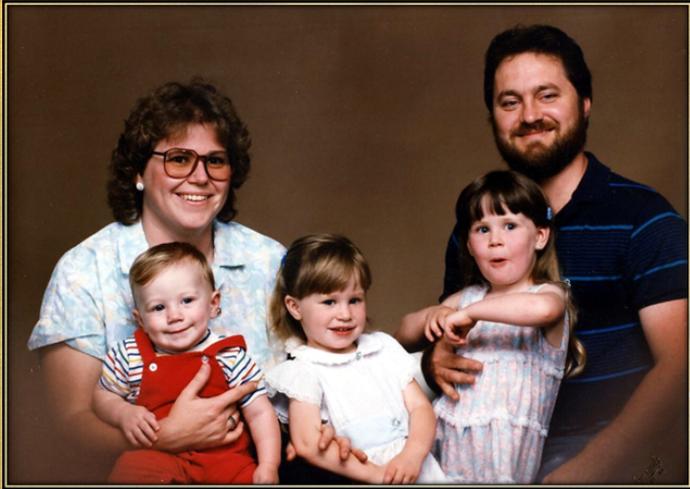
### Memorial Donations

Memorial donations may be given to the Susan G. Komen Foundation in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 North Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.



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**Mary J. Rockefeller**  
August 9, 1955 - March 2, 2026





Mom, I don't know how to put into words everything that you were to me. You were more than a parent; you were a role model, confidant and friend. You worked hard and loved your family deeply. As a mother, I hope my children feel the same love I felt from you. You never knew a stranger and could talk to anyone like an old friend. Your smile radiated joy to those around you. Growing up, you were always supportive of my interests. You sacrificed uncountable hours driving me to practice and games and spent your weekends baking in the sun at softball tournaments. You always encouraged me to pursue my interests even if it took me far from home. Even as an adult, you supported and encouraged me. You truly became my best friend. I still can't believe you're gone. There were several times this week I wanted to send you a text or call. I will deeply miss our long rambling chats that run late into the night. I'll miss seeing my kids light up when they call Nana to talk or the uncontrollable excitement when they get to visit Nana. We love you and we miss you.

~ Callie

My mother was my role model, my friend, and my greatest source of love, and guidance. She taught me what it means to be strong, compassionate, and devoted. Her love, strength, and selflessness shaped my life and those around her in ways words can barely capture. She faced life's obstacles and difficulties with quiet strength, never complaining, never asking for more than what she had, and always finding a way forward. Her resilience wasn't loud but was powerful. It showed in the way she cared for others, the way she kept going, and the way she always put family first. Family was everything to her. It was the center of her world and the purpose behind so many of her sacrifices. She worked, worried, and hoped not for herself, but so that those she loved could have opportunities and happiness. Through her dedication and belief, she helped make my hopes and dreams possible. She showed me what true love looks like: patient, selfless, enduring, and unconditional. She had the kind of love that doesn't disappear when someone is gone. It lives on in the people she shaped, the values she passed down, and the memories we hold close. My children said it best, "We didn't get enough time. We want more." We are grateful for the time we had with her, for the wisdom she shared, and for the love she gave freely. Her legacy lives on in all of us - in the way we care for one another, in the strength we show during difficult times, and in the importance we place on family. She was not only an amazing daughter, sister, mother, and nana, but a remarkable person whose presence made the world warmer and kinder. Thank you, mom, for your sacrifices, your strength, your endless love for



your family and friends. I hope to continue down the path you and dad helped create for my family.

~ Love you forever, Em

I've been struggling with what to say about my mom, because how do you even start to explain how important she was not just to myself, but also my siblings, our spouses, and children. She was everything you could ask for as a loving parent and grandparent. Now there are just the memories we've made in the time we had to try and fill the void left in our broken hearts. I will always hold dear every trip to nana's and our almost bi-weekly calls. I'll finish with a quote from the children's book "Love you Forever" that she read to me often as a child, "I'll love you forever, I'll like you for always, As long as I'm living, My Mommy you'll be".

~ James