



***Starlyn 'Star' Dianne Gipson***  
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***Celebration of Life***  
**Starlyn "Star" Dianne Gipson**  
**October 27, 2022**  
**First Mennonite Church - Hutchinson KS**

**Prelude**

Pauline Buller, organ

**Welcome & Prayer**

Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

**Scripture Reading** *Psalm 85:8-13*

**HYMN** *Great is Thy Faithfulness* VT 419

**Life Stories**

**Obituary**

Andrea Springer

**Open Sharing** – *a microphone will be brought to you if you would like to share memories or a story of how Star impacted your life.*

**HYMN** *Be Still, My Soul* VT 664

**Scripture Reading** *Micah 6:6-8; Matthew 25:31-46*

Pastor Jim Unruh

**Meditation**

Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

**HYMN** *Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God* VT 653

**Benediction**

Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

**Postlude**

*Inurnment in the First Mennonite Church Columbarium will take place directly after the service, followed by coffee and cookies in the foyer. You are all welcome to stay!*

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Starlyn “Star” Dianne Gipson, 74, of Hutchinson died October 16, 2022 at Diversicare of Hutchinson. She was born August 28, 1948 to J. R. “Bob” Gipson and Virginia Palmer.

A graduate of 1966 graduate of Newton High School, Star received her Bachelor’s degree from Bethel College and Master’s Degrees from both UC Davis and Friends University. She was a firm believer in the positive impact of higher education in people’s lives. Her career in higher education included teaching and supervising in the Early Childhood Education program as well as student counseling at Hesston College and she retired from Hutchinson Community College as Executive Director of Academic Support. She continued to teach online courses for HCC in 2022.

Star’s ongoing support of students as well as fellow faculty and staff is one of the legacies of her long career. She is remembered by her former students for her excellent teaching skills, wise counsel, and easy, giving spirit. Her colleagues and friends remember her for those same traits, as well as her encouragement, listening ear and genuine friendship.

Star truly loved and valued children. She adopted Alex in 1984. Alex says his mom shared many things with him, his favorite memories being all the places they traveled together (they only missed two states!). He’s grateful to his mom for teaching him to be independent and for teaching him acceptance of himself and others. He affirmed that Star’s faith was at her center and that she lived it daily.

Star was an active member of First Mennonite Church in Hutchinson. She served in a variety of volunteer roles over many years – from Sunday School teacher, Worship Leader,

to work with local poverty programs. Star's ministry was in service to others with a focus on "the least of these".

She is survived by her son, Alex; friends Kenneth Cornelsen, Michelle Sherriff, Jarrett Sherriff, Rob (Sarahjane) Cornelsen; and many friends around the area and across the country.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother and her best friend, Connie Cornelsen.

Her memorial service will be Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am at First Mennonite Church in Hutchinson. Inurnment will be directly after the service in the First Mennonite Church Columbarium. Memorial donations may be made to First Mennonite Church (52 Rambler Rd Hutchinson KS 67502).