

Barbara Lynn Friesen

August 16, 1956 – October 18, 2026

Barbara Lynn Friesen
Memorial Service
October 26, 2026 @ 10:00am
First Mennonite Church – Hutchinson KS

Prelude Russell Goering
Welcome & Prayer Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger
Scripture Reading ***Psalm 28:1-2, 6-8***

HYMN ***It is Well With My Soul*** VT 617

Life Sketch Kip Nelson
HYMN ***How Great Thou Art*** VT 436

Scripture Reading ***Luke 2:1-20; Hebrews 10:23-25a***
Meditation

HYMN ***Praise God (Dedication Anthem)*** VT 70
Benediction Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

Postlude Russell Goering

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Everyone is invited to a lunch in the basement fellowship hall directly after the service (an elevator is available). During the meal there will be opportunity for sharing memories and stories.

Graveside service is at 2:00 p.m. at Haven of Rest Cemetery, Hillsboro. A reception will follow at First Mennonite Hillsboro.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to First Mennonite Church Hutchinson or American Legion Auxiliary Unit #68, in care of Elliott Mortuary, 1219 N. Main, Hutchinson, KS 67501.

Life Sketch

Barbara Lynn Friesen, 70, died October 18, 2026, at Via Christi-St. Francis, Wichita. She was born August 16, 1956, in Alexandria, VA, to Tommy and Betty (Corbin) Turpin. Barbara was lovingly adopted by Raymond and Violet (Trotter) Peters.

Barbara grew up in Lehigh, KS, and graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1974. She later graduated from Salt City Business College. Barbara retired after almost 20 years of service at the Hutchinson Clinic. Her interests and hobbies were wide and varied. She enjoyed knitting dishrags, baby blankets, bowling, motorcycle rides and traveling with her husband, Gary. In addition, Barbara played the piano and organ and was quite the collector from music boxes, to flamingoes, to hundreds and hundreds of nativity scenes. Every year, she looked forward to Christmas, her favorite holiday, knowing her children and grandchildren would be visiting. Barbara was a member of First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 68.

On May 25, 1974, she married Gary L. Friesen, at the Lehigh Mennonite Church, Lehigh, KS. Barbara is survived by: her husband of 52 years, Gary of Hutchinson; children, Kerry Buttler of Hutchinson and her children, Branson and Olivia, Kim Friesen (Laura) of Eagle River, AK and their children, Gage Friesen (Miriam) and their children, Hazel Friesen and Amelia Friesen, Kadon Friesen, and Malia Friesen, Kelly Friesen (Natalie) of Monument, CO and their children, Madelyn, Samantha, and Ezekiel, and Kristy Ehart (Jeremy) and their son Addison of Hutchinson; siblings, Gary Peters (Merilyn), Stephanie Thomas (Mark), Pam Stone, Larry Turpin, Brenda Kerns, Barbara Sprouse; sister-in-law, Shirley Whitcraft; brother-in-law, Clay Rupp; numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends; and the “5 F’s”.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Rick Turpin and Sheldon Peters; sister, Connie Rupp; and brother-in-law, Dave Stone.