



## Rachel G. Schmidt

September 11, 1935 - April 27, 2018

Rachel Penner Schmidt, 82, Eudora, Kansas, passed away on April 27, 2018, surrounded by her family. She was born on September 11, 1935, in Inman, Kansas, to Frank and Bertha Penner. Rachel graduated from Inman High School in 1953, where she was homecoming queen and an active member of the choir.

In 1954, Rachel married Stan Regehr. They had three children together and an employment opportunity moved them to Topeka, Kansas. They later divorced. In Topeka, she held various retail jobs, including managing the Olive Branch, and was an office manager in several medical practices. Rachel eventually retired from The Menninger Foundation.

On August 9, 1986, Rachel married Randy Schmidt. Together, they traveled to 46 states, three provinces and two countries, including Australia. Rachel was a member of Southern Hills Mennonite Church, where she was very active as a youth leader and Sunday school teacher. Rachel also volunteered with the Mennonite Disaster Service, including Katrina relief and Greensburg tornado relief. Her love of helping others also led her to volunteer at the Lawrence Community Shelter and Visiting Nurses Association.

Rachel and Randy moved to Eudora in 1994, where they built their ideal country home, close to her children. It was there where she was truly able to enjoy the outdoors and her green thumb flourished. Other than gardening,

Rachel enjoyed music, concerts, sewing, jigsaw puzzles, playing cards with friends, making zwieback, and was an avid reader, including the Bible. She loved spending time with her family and friends, especially her Wednesday afternoons “out with the girls.”

Rachel is survived by her husband, Randy Schmidt of Eudora; three children, Greg Regehr (Debbie) of Baldwin City, Kansas, Kim Brooks (Brad) of Eudora and Brenda Finucane (Bill) of Eudora; three step-children, Linda Schmidt of New York, New York, Mark Schmidt (Carla) of Lawrence, Kansas and Ryan Schmidt of Topeka; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sister, Marvella Ratzlaff (Marlan) of Moundridge, Kansas; sister-in-law, Verna Lee Penner of Inman; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Milferd Penner.

Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 6, 2018, at Southern Hills Mennonite Church, 511 SE 37 Street, Topeka KS 66065.

A celebration of Rachel’s life will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 7, 2018, at Southern Hills Mennonite Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Southern Hills Mennonite Church, or the Mennonite Disaster Service, in care of the church.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Southern Hills Mennonite Church  
511 SE 37th Street  
Topeka, KS 66605

## Memorial Service

MAY 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Southern Hills Mennonite Church  
511 SE 37th Street  
Topeka, KS 66605

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rachel G. Schmidt*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rachel G. Schmidt.*



May 06, 2018 at 04:44 PM



“ *The SHMC Lawrence Small Group purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Rachel G. Schmidt.*



**The SHMC Lawrence Small Group** - May 04, 2018 at 09:40 AM



“ *Brenda (Bill, Haley & Alexis), Thoughts, prayers and condolences on the passing of Rachel. God bless you all at this sad and difficult time,*



*John B. Finucane Independence, MO*

**John B Finucane** - May 03, 2018 at 01:54 PM

ME

“ Our love and prayers are with your family.  
Rachel was so loved by our women's blanket group at the Lawrence  
Community Shelter.  
We will all miss her gentle love and care for every person she met.  
God bless you all. Mary and Mike Easterday

-----  
**Mary Easterday** - May 03, 2018 at 11:08 AM

RM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I was so sorry to hear of  
her passing. She was a wonderful lady.

-----  
**Rachel Moulden** - May 03, 2018 at 11:00 AM

FF

“ From the Marvella and Marlan Ratzlaff family  
purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family  
of Rachel G. Schmidt.



-----  
**From the Marvella and Marlan Ratzlaff family** - May 02, 2018  
at 05:10 PM

FF

“ From the Milferd and Verna Lee Penner family  
purchased the Rays of Light Spray for the family  
of Rachel G. Schmidt.



-----  
**From the Milferd and Verna Lee Penner family** - May 02, 2018  
at 05:06 PM