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# TODAY NEWSLETTER



The newsletter for  
 alumni and friends of  
 Central Christian College





# LOST IN THE LAND OF LANDRY



I recently returned from a trip to Dallas. Most of my trips to the Dallas area never require me to leave the airport. However, on this trip I actually drove down to Dallas, which means I was totally dependent on my own navigational skills. It has been some time since I actually drove to, and through, the Dallas/Fort Worth area and boy, how things have changed. Navigating your way around the Metroplex, at least to the uninitiated, is a harrowing experience.

The Dallas highway system is made up of a tortuous number of loops, highways, byways, freeways, frontage roads, toll roads, merge lanes, and zip passes. Adding to the mayhem of the situation is the painful reality that some roads simply change names; as if some interdimensional gateway transmuted my vehicle between two points in inner space. One second I was driving on Stemmons North, and then suddenly I was on Tom Landry Highway. It was as if I had been abducted from one reality and returned to another.

During one navigating nightmare, I was working my way around the interchange of 135E and Interstate 30. Listening to the traffic radio, I learned that this interchange was called the Horseshoe – but, no wait – it just became the Mixmaster. Whoops, wrong again, it is

part of the Canyon. Dear God...who knew that the Dallas Highway Department shared a Trinitarian theology with Christians– allowing one highway to maintain three distinct personalities, while sharing the same point in time and space.

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**“WELL, OBVIOUSLY I SURVIVED. THOUGH I REALLY FEEL LIKE I SHOULD HAVE EARNED A MERIT BADGE OR SOMETHING.”**

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Of course, being the modern gent that I am, I had my trusty map app right beside me. Confident in its ability to get me to my destination, I input the address and away I went. Who knew that within 15 minutes I would start arguing with my phone, as though it was a living being? It was not so much that the app was wrong. It knew exactly what it was doing. It just did not seem to understand that in the midst of Dallas traffic, my ability to get from the right on-ramp to the left off-ramp in less than a half-a-mile was a task beyond my power. Actually, I am surprised that the app itself did not express its frustration back at me, as it consistently had to create updates and workarounds in response to my inability

to follow its simple instructions. I would not have been at all surprised to hear a digitized sigh, followed by the words, *Give it up, dude.*

Well, obviously I survived. Though I really feel like I should have earned a merit badge or something.

As I reflected back on the experience, it caused me to wonder about our own journey and our dependency on God’s Word. Life can many times be like driving through a metroplex; a chaotic campaign that requires us to navigate through a complicated interchange of highways and byways. Like common pedestrians, we have a destination, but the journey from here to there is filled with interchanges and points of interests.

Navigating our way is not always an easy task. One wrong turn can make a fairly straightforward journey into a perilous voyage into the unknown. Even seemingly simple excursions can become quickly mired in a myriad of choices and decisions, leading us farther and farther away from our intended path. There are even times when you believe all is well, and then suddenly find yourself adrift – lost in an undesirable detour.

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## FIRST WORD

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That is why, as a College dedicated to providing a Christ-Centered Education for Character, God's Word continues to play a vital role in the educational process. Like the navigational tool located on my phone, God's Word is a "lamp for our feet, a light on our path" (Psalm 119:105 – NIV). As a guide, it can provide the best routes to, and through, numerous destinations and objectives. It knows what paths to avoid and what roads to evade. It knows the scenic routes and emergency exit plans. It is aware of the current traffic patterns and danger points. With it (Him), we can find our way through. It is a trustworthy guide.

That is why Central Christian College of Kansas remains dedicated to helping students open God's map app, learning to trust and obey, which is not always easy in a world where a myriad of other voices are also giving directions, making us doubt the route offered by His Word.

Believe me, during my time in Dallas, there were times that it seemed like I was just going the wrong way, even though the map app said this was the way to go. However, if I would have ignored it – made my own way – I would still be stuck in some Dallas junction between here and forever.

The Word of God will never steer us wrong.

Continue to pray with, and for us, as we continue to place God's Word in the center of all we do, and may we all confidently navigate our time here until we hear those blessed words in heaven, "You have reached your destination".

Blessings,



**Dr. Lenny F. Favara**  
President | CC '89, '91



## UPCOMING CHAPEL SPEAKERS - MARCH

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE OF KS



**3.06**

Bishop Ryan Mackey



**3.13**

Pastor Steve Crawford



**3.27**

Pastor Matt Ferrell





# The Event

COME CELEBRATE A MCPHERSON LEGEND

FEATURING SPEAKER STEVE HENSON

4.11.19



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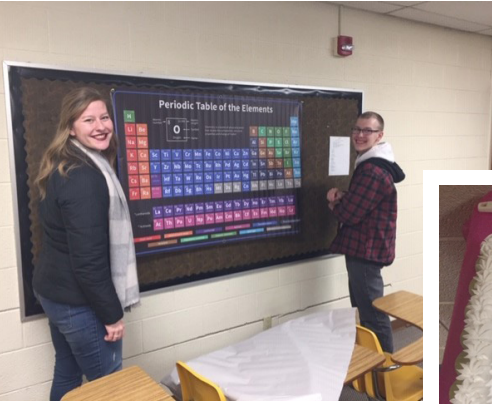
THEME | *"Return On Investment"*

STEVE HENSON IS CURRENTLY  
THE HEAD BASKETBALL COACH  
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
TEXAS-SAN ANTONIO





## ACROSS CAMPUS



### PICTURED ABOVE

Students Meghan Morey (CC '19)  
and James Perry (CC '22)



Above are pictures from our celebration in the Natural Science Department of the 150th anniversary of the periodic table. The American Chemical Society has proclaimed 2019 the International Year of the Periodic Table.



## SPARKS RECEIVES CREDENTIALS

Professor Jamie Sparks (CC '09) - a Psychology Instructor and Campus Counselor here at Central - recently completed her Clinical License for Marriage and Family Therapy. The process included over 5,000 hours of post graduate work doing therapy, supervision, and other professional related work.

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Thank you on behalf of the Advancement Office at the College.

**Dr. Dean Kroeker**

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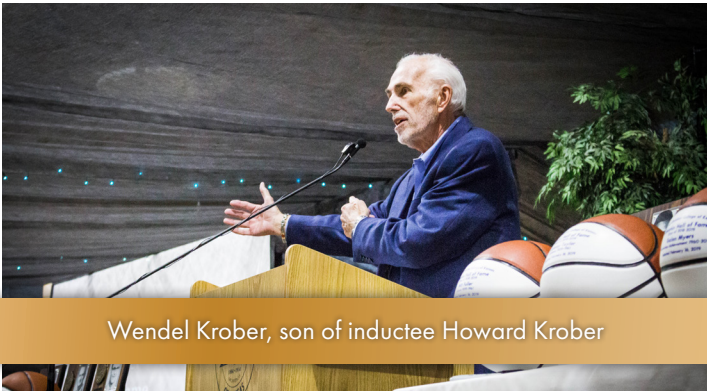


# 75TH HOOPS ANNIVERSARY





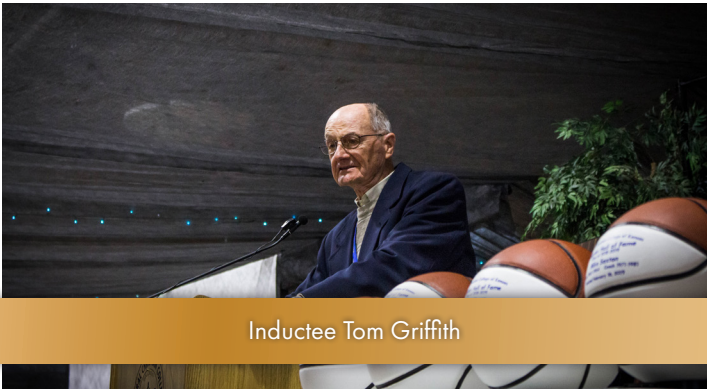
# THE 2018-2019 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



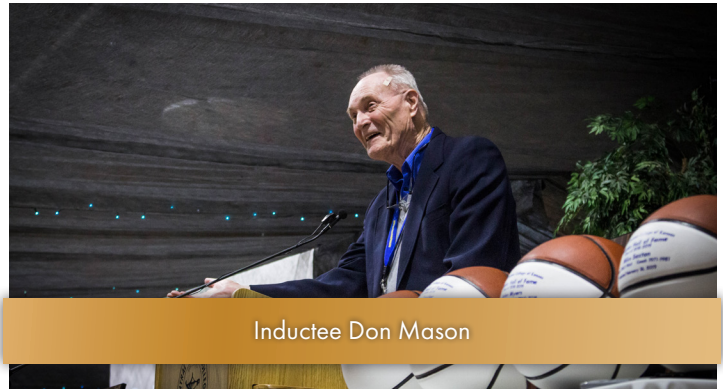
Wendel Krober, son of inductee Howard Krober



Inductee Marvin Sellberg



Inductee Tom Griffith



Inductee Don Mason



Marva Fuller, daughter of inductee Milt Fuller



Inductee Johnny Taylor



(L-R) Ken Luginsland, Inductee Galen Myers, Jerry Malone



Inductee Mike Saxton



# SOUTH PADRE ISLAND INVITATIONAL RESULTS

## TOP THREE CENTRAL MEN'S GOLF

	PLAYER NAME	RD. 1	RD. 2	TO PAR	TOTAL
T9	<b>COLLIN DUCKWORTH</b>	77	81	+14	158
14	<b>MATT RETTINGER</b>	79	82	+17	161
17	<b>LOWELL STEPHENS</b>	84	83	+23	167

## TOP THREE CENTRAL WOMEN'S GOLF

	PLAYER NAME	RD. 1	RD. 2	TO PAR	TOTAL
3	<b>KARI KIRL</b>	79	85	+20	164
10	<b>KENDRA JELLISON</b>	89	84	+29	173
11	<b>BAILY BOWMAN</b>	90	88	+34	178

## TIGER GOLFERS KICK OFF SPRING SCHEDULE IN SOUTH PADRE

The Central Christian College of Kansas men's and women's golf teams kicked off their spring season this week as they participated in the South Padre Island Invite down in Laguna Vista, Texas, at the South Padre Island Golf Club. 5 women's teams and 4 men's teams competed, and the Tigers were able to take home a second place finish in both the men's and women's competitions.

The Lady Tigers shot 346 on day one as a team, and 348 on day two, holding down second place on both days, finishing the competition with a team score of 694. Texas A&M International won the tournament shooting 324 on day one and 343 on day two, finishing with a score of 667. Kari Kirl led the Lady Tigers, shooting 79 (+7) on day one and an 85 (+13) on day two, finishing with a 164 which was good enough for the third best individual score at the tournament. The rest of the Lady Tigers' scores were as follows:

- 10th Kendra Jellison - 89, 84, 173
- 11th Baily Bowman - 90, 88, 178
- 12th Vanessa Warner - 89, 91, 180
- 15th Alyssa Ramirez - 89, 94, 183

The Tiger men were able to match the second place finish by the ladies. They shot 325 on day one and 329 on day two, for a total score of 654. University of Houston-Victoria won the tournament shooting 303 on day one and 297 on day two, finishing with a team score of 600. The Tigers were led by Collin Duckworth, who shot a 77 on day one and an 81 on day two, finishing with a 158 which put him in a tie for the 9th best individual score. The rest of the Tigers' scores were as follows:

- 14th Matt Rettinger - 79, 82, 161
- 17th Lowell Stephens - 84, 83, 167
- 118th Nathan Segler - 85, 83, 168
- 28th Tyler Swanson - 95, 98, 193

Both the women and the men will be back in action March 18-19, as they participate in the Central Baptist Invitational. That will take place at the Golf Club of Arkansas in Maumelle, Arkansas. Follow their season online at [www.cctigers.com](http://www.cctigers.com).



## MARCH 2019 SPORTS SCHEDULE

^Double Header \* Conference Event  
**Home Games in Bold**

- 1 Baseball @ RV Texas Wesleyan University\*^  
Softball @ Southwestern Christian Uni.\*^
- 2 Softball @ Southwestern Christian Uni.\*^  
Baseball @ RV Texas Wesleyan University\*
- 5 Baseball @ Kansas Wesleyan University\*
- 8 **Softball vs. TBA**  
**Baseball vs. SW'ern Assem. of God\*^**
- 9 **Softball vs. TBA**  
**Baseball vs. SW'ern Assem. of God\***
- 12 Baseball @ Oklahoma Wesleyan Uni.^
- 14 **Softball vs. Haskell University^**
- 15 WWres @ NAIA Tourney Day 1  
Softball @ SW'ern Assem. of God\*^  
Baseball @ Uni. of Sci. & Arts of OK\*
- 16 WWres @ NAIA Tourney Day 2  
Track & Field @ Blue Dragon Inv.  
Baseball @ Uni. of Sci. & Arts of OK\*^  
Softball @ SW'ern Assem. of God\*^
- 18 Golf @ Central Baptist Inv. Day 1
- 19 Golf @ Central Baptist Inv. Day 2  
Baseball @ Bethany College^  
**Softball vs. Oklahoma City Uni.\*^**
- 21 **Softball vs. Bacone College\*^**
- 22 Softball @ Ecclesia College^  
Baseball @ Panhandle State Uni.\*
- 23 Track & Field @ Emporia State Inv.  
Baseball @ Panhandle State Uni.\*^  
Softball @ Bacone College\*^
- 25 Golf @ Kansas Wesleyan Inv. Day 1
- 26 Golf @ Kansas Wesleyan Inv. Day 2  
Baseball @ Tabor College
- 29 **Baseball vs. Wayland Baptist Uni.\*^**  
Softball @ Uni. of Sci. & Arts of OK\*^
- 30 Track & Field @ Hastings Invitational  
**Baseball vs. Wayland Baptist Uni.\***  
Softball @ Uni. of Sci. & Arts of OK\*^

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## GRADUATES EXCEL IN SPORTS SCIENCE

The Sport Science and Health Department would like to congratulate Exercise Science graduate Matthew Massey (CC '18) on being accepted into Wichita State University to pursue a Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

We would also like to congratulate Exercise Science graduate Patrick Lujan (CC '18) on being accepted into Parker University to pursue a Doctorate in Chiropractic. Patrick has already completed his first semester in this prestigious program.

In addition, Exercise Science graduate Mandy Jacques (CC '17) just completed her 4th semester at St. Augustine University, where she is pursuing her Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

We are so proud of all of you!



### PICTURED LEFT

Matthew Massey (CC '18)

### PICTURED RIGHT

Patrick Lujan (CC '18) at Parker University

### PICTURED BELOW

Mandy Jacques (CC '17) at St. Augustine



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**L**EGEND  
OF YOU

BEGINS AT CENTRAL

## REFER A STUDENT TODAY!

THEIR PATH TO LEGENDARY BEGINS AT CENTRAL

Know someone – family member, friend, co-worker – looking to get their college degree? Refer them to Central Christian College of Kansas today! They can email us at [admissions@centralchristian.edu](mailto:admissions@centralchristian.edu) to find out more information. Thanks for your help!





# A WHOLE LOT OF THUNDER

On Feb. 7th, I had the pleasure of taking a group of students with Sport Management majors to a career fair in Oklahoma City hosted by the Oklahoma City Thunder. We were invited by alumnus Kelsey Grimaldo (CC '18), who now works in the ticket sales office for the Oklahoma City Thunder. The purpose of the career fair was to get students enrolled in Sport Management majors from the region in front of potential employers and/or internship hosts.

After the fair we were taken on a personal guided tour of the Chesapeake Energy Arena, and then we were invited back to watch the OKC Thunder take on the Memphis Grizzlies that evening. Afterwards, our students were invited down to center court for a group picture with Kelsey. Our students were required to bring their résumés, with expectation that they would be engaged by the different organizations in on-the-spot interviews for internships and/or open positions. 25+ sport related organizations were in attendance including the Oklahoma City Thunder,

Oklahoma City Dodgers, Dallas Stars, Texas Rangers, Top Golf, and others.

I had the opportunity to speak to several organizations about how our students compared to other students from other colleges and universities. Several organizations including, but not limited to, the Texas Rangers, Tulsa Oilers, Oklahoma City Thunder, Tulsa Sport Commission, and Oklahoma City Dodgers said they were impressed by our students! Three separate organizations even said our students were more prepared and ready to be hired than any other college or university that was in attendance. Other colleges in attendance included Oral Roberts University, Rodgers State University, Southern Nazarene University, and the University of Oklahoma!

We should all be proud of the way our students represented themselves, Central Christian College, and most importantly, Christ on this trip. Several of our students were invited for onsite interviews for both internships and full-time positions with several different

organizations. Below, I have listed the names of all the students who attended. If you know any of the students listed below, or see them on campus, I encourage you to ask them about their experience at the Oklahoma City Sport Management Career Fair.

**Titus Beacham, Caden Emmot, JD Noey, Alexis Briner, Morgan Cook, Taylor Bourne, Fisher Kautsch, Tyler Swanson, Shiloh Burns, Baily Bowman, Savaughn Gaines, Torrey Henry, Evan Maldonado, Nathan Rejino, Ethan Key**

If you have other questions or want to know more about the experience send me an email at [kyle.moody@central-christian.edu](mailto:kyle.moody@central-christian.edu) or find me, I'd love to talk to you about the trip!

**Kyle Moody**  
Sports Science Professor

**DOES YOUR BUSINESS OR COMPANY HOST A JOB FAIR FOR RECENT GRADS? REMEMBER CENTRAL WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT YOUR NEXT HIRES!**



# JAPAN...LIVING LEGENDS

Our institution has a good and long history with Japan. During the last fifty years we have had over 150 Japanese students attend Central. Of those students, three of them are enrolled for the 2018-2019 school year, two of whom are enthusiastically involved with the Multicultural Student Association (MSA) and are taking important roles within our community.

In Japan, we exchange greeting cards in January to catch up with everyone's latest news. There is a group of our alumni in Japan that we communicate with occasionally. Central has received messages from four of them:



**MASAKI YAMASHITA**  
CC' 14, A.G.S. (Takasaki, Gunkma)

I would like to share my appreciation for Central Christian College of Kansas. The encounter with the Bible at CCCK enriched my life greatly. Especially, the idea of "forgiveness", which is very different from my culture. Learning and understanding how to forgive other people made me grow as a calm and open minded person. It helps me now in every occasion. I became a man who can easily receive different opinions and approach problems from various aspects in my work. I am more than grateful to have spent irreplaceable time at CCCK. All the time I spent, all the sacrifice and effort I made were worth it and fruitful. It was a life changing experience for me and I thank CCCK so much for everything that the school has provided for me.

I work for Vega Corporation as a buyer. Our company operates e-commerce websites for furniture and interior

products. As a buyer, I often travel overseas. I also use all of my knowledge that I learned at CCCK.



**TAKAHIRO KOGA**  
CC' 17, Business (Fukuoka)

My best memory of CCCK is when I was selected as the Homecoming King two years in a row. I truly appreciate that the CCCK people accepted me as a member of the CCCK family beyond different cultures and languages. I am also thankful that there were students from different countries on campus so that I made friends all over the world.

Everyone in this college is so friendly and loving, and that made my college life extremely enjoyable. Thank you CCCK!!!

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**MINAKO IWATA**  
CC' 14, A.G.S. (Tokyo)

I am a professional singer and song writer in Japan. I have many fond memories from my time at CCCK. One of them is when I had a concert at The Well with my American friends. It was my dream come true. I also sang at chapel twice. I was lucky that Dr. Brett Jansen was my host family. I had a lot of good times with his family. Central people were very kind to me even though my English was limited. I especially made many friends in choir class. I love music and the great faculty members and students who also love music. I was able to realize how precious and how important music is in my life because of that. That was the best part of CCCK. It was also special that I could learn about Jesus. I would have never been interested in the Bible if I did not come to Central. I am so glad that I had a chance to study there.



**PICTURED**  
Current CCCK Japanese Students



## INTERNATIONAL

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### KEI AIZAWA

CC' 15, Psychology  
CC' 18, Biology (Tokyo)

After I graduated from Central Christian College, I came back to Japan to work at a Clinical Research Organization called PAREXEL in the Tokyo branch (Headquarters in Boston). I work as a Clinical Site Manager (also known as Clinical Research Associate). Basically, my job is to help pharmaceutical companies, making new safe and effective medicines while managing medical sites as they conduct clinical trials. The important part of the job is to make sure all decisions are based on protecting patients' safety during the conduct of a clinical trial.

I have learned all the important things from my professors while I was at Central. They were always passionate about the subject and aware of how

their field of study is related to God; always welcoming, happy to help and supportive with a student with English as a second language. I studied psychology and biology at CCCK. These subjects are challenging even with my mother tongue, yet I was able to make it through, plus I enjoyed each class. This is because I have had professors who were able to teach by their hearts and love of Jesus.

Special thank you to Ms. Jamie Sparks, Dr. Robin Jackson, Mr. Michael Craig and Dr. Lenny Favara.

### BELOW

Members of the 2018/2019 MSA Club







## KNELDRITH "KAY" KLINE

1923 – 2019

FIRST LADY 1964 – 1980

### KNELDRITH "KAY" KLINE — FIRST LADY '64 – '80 —

**K**neldrith (Kay) Eileen Harden Kline, 95, died peacefully on Feb. 22, 2019 at her home in Wichita, KS. Born Oct. 25, 1923 in Berkeley, CA, she was the younger of two born to Francis Harden and Nelle Ashcraft Harden Boyd. Her dear father died when she was two, so Kay was raised with mother, grandmother, and sister Marian, as models of strong Christian women.

In 1944, she married Bruce L. Kline with whom she shared 73 years and 79 days of married life. A graduate of Greenville College, Greenville, IL, Kay began teaching in 1945 at Wessington Springs College in SD, where Bruce taught and was an administrator. In 1959, Bruce joined the faculty at Central College in McPherson, KS. He was elected college president in 1964 and Kay became the first lady, energetically engaging with students, faculty and community.

Besides raising a family of five, Kay was a teacher, speaker, artist, counselor, composer, playwright and director, advocate, and friend of the arts. An accomplished musician, Kay loved to entertain, hosting music nights and hymn sings at the President's home, a

practice she continued in every home throughout her life. In 1977, she helped establish the Mingenback Family Life Center to provide counseling, and parenting education.

In 1980, Kay and Bruce moved to Indiana to work for the Free Methodist Church of North America. Kay was a respected speaker for spiritual retreats, a noted editor, and an excellent writer. One of her books, *Taking Charge*, is in its 4th printing. In addition, Kay and Bruce invested time and resources in the Hungarian Evangelical Fellowship (HEF) in Budapest, Hungary for over 25 years. Bruce served as president of the HEF's John Wesley Theological College senate and Kay taught English and ministered, founding a program that provides shoes for needy Hungarian children. They lived in Budapest for a year in the early 1990's and returned 30 times to participate in HEF ministries. Kay and Bruce traveled internationally, deepening their appreciation for the breadth of God's kingdom. This included raising funds for the library at Hope Africa University in Burundi, named after Bruce's grandfather, Vivian A Dake.

Deeply receptive to God's love for her in Jesus Christ, Kay experienced life-

long transformation. Even in her last days, she honestly faced life and death. Her courageous spirit was shaped in the practice of a "morning bed-sit" to read scripture, connect with God, write in her journal, and reflect on relationships. Kay had a quality of outgoing love that warmly welcomed people into her heart and family to include virtually everyone who touched her life: students, church friends, P.E.O. sisters, neighbors, caregivers, Hungarian friends, especially the Ivanyi family, and many others around the world, with whom she maintained active correspondence.

Kay and Bruce believed "children are God's best gift." (Psalm 127: 3-5, The Message) She cherished five children and spouses, nine grandchildren and spouses, and seven great-grandchildren. The last of her generation, Kay was preceded in death by her loving husband, Bruce L., and son, Bruce Edward.

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She is survived by daughter-in-law Leora Kline of Kettering, OH; son Frank (Rhonda) Kline of Seattle, WA; daughters Carolyn (Patrick) Gaughan of Wichita, Miriam (Willis) Overholt of Wichita, and Celeste (Gary) Cranston of Seattle; grandchildren April Kline (David) Bush, Jonathan (Jackie) Kline, Karly (Eric) Marshall, Kerri (Megan) Gibbard Kline, Erin (Michael) Visitation, Lauren (Daniel) Scislowski, Dan (Sunny) Overholt, Joshua (Rachel) Zahniser-Cranston and Elise (Tyler) Merrill-Cranston; great-grandchildren Kayla Bush, Hanalei Bush, Levi Kline,

Bridget Lindberg, Poppynoe Marshall, Zoe Scislowski, and Vincent Myron Gibbard Kline; as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family.

Graveside committal service will be Fri, March 15 at 3pm at the McPherson Cemetery, McPherson, KS. Memorial service will be Sat, March 16 at 10am followed by lunch for all at Northwest Free Methodist Church, 3224 N Tyler Rd, Wichita. Memorial gifts may be made to Central Christian College of Kansas, 1200 S. Main McPherson, KS, to Hope Africa University via Friends of Hope Africa University, PO Box 580, Spring Arbor, MI 49283, and to Harry

Hynes Memorial Hospice, 313 South Market Street, Wichita, KS 67202. power to fulfill the role of a worthy woman.

We will miss her quiet, caring spirit but know that she's now in perfect health and in the care of her Heavenly Father.

**TO SUPPORT THE KAY KLINE MEMORIAL FUND PLEASE GO TO [CCCK-FOUNDATION.ORG](http://CCCK-FOUNDATION.ORG)**

**BOTTOM LEFT** | Bruce & Kay Kline

**BOTTOM RIGHT** | Bruce and Kay Kline at the ceremony dedicating Kline Hall.







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