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DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
December 24, 1940 Smith Center, KS	May 7, 2022 Kensington, KS

### CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICES

10:00AM Saturday May 14, 2022

Germantown Cemetery  
Rural Kensington, KS

### HONORARY URN BEARERS

Bill Winters Justin Whitney Larry Westerman  
Kurt Forrell David Rust Danny Newbrey  
Mike Rice Kari Hohner

### FINAL RESTING PLACE

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### MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Smith County Memorial Hospital  
and/or  
Smith Center Health & Rehab Center

GOD looked around the garden,  
And found an empty space.  
He looked down upon the earth,  
And saw your tired face. He put  
*His arms around you*  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
For He only takes the **BEST.**  
He knew that you were weary,  
and He knew that you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never  
be well on earth again.  
He saw the roads were getting rough,  
and the hills were hard to climb.  
So He closed your weary eyelids,  
*Peace be Shine.* and whispered

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