

Alta Whitehead, affectionately known for her unwavering dedication both in life and in her community, passed away on February 2, 2026, at AdventHealth South Overland Park. Born on September 11, 1932, in Kansas City, Kansas, she lived a remarkable 93 years filled with love, learning, and service.

Alta's passion for education was evident throughout her impressive 43-year teaching career. She dedicated her life to shaping young minds at various institutions including White Church, Spring Hill, Louisburg, and Johnson County Community College. Her influence reached countless students, leaving a legacy that many will cherish for generations.

She did not just limit her contributions to the classroom. An active member of the Miami County 4H Club, and a participant in the Moshowme and Plainsmen Camping Clubs, she demonstrated her commitment to enriching the lives of those around her. Alta's deep faith was reflected in her active membership at the Bucyrus Church.

Her educational journey began at Wyandotte High School, where she not only excelled academically but also met her beloved husband Charley. Alta was seated in front of Charley in English class. They were married on August 4, 1953, in Kansas City, Kansas, a union built on love and partnership. Alta graduated with her class in 1950 and subsequently earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in education.

Alta enjoyed hobbies that encapsulated her nurturing spirit, including gardening, sewing, and baking for the farmers market—an endeavor she was proud to be a founding member of. Her warmth and kindness resonated throughout her life, and her absence will surely be felt deeply by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Known for her loving nature, Alta was truly the heart of her family. She leaves behind her devoted husband, Charley Whitehead, daughter Karen Miller, and two cherished granddaughters, Jennifer (Brian) Murphy and Nicole (Scott) Brooke. She was also a proud grandmother to three great-grandchildren, Carrick Murphy, Charlotte Murphy, and Crew Brooke, with whom she delighted in spending quality time.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Nathan and Minnie Rash, and her sister, Sadie Smeldon.

As we remember Alta, let us celebrate her extraordinary life and the indelible mark she made on everyone fortunate enough to cross her path.


Dengel & Son
Mortuary - Crematory



In Loving Memory Of
Alta Whitehead

September 11, 1932 ~ February 2, 2026



23rd Psalm

THE LORD IS MY *Shepherd*: I SHALL NOT WANT.
HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES:
He leadeth me BESIDE THE STILL WATERS.
HE RESTORETH MY SOUL: HE LEADETH ME IN THE
PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
for His name's sake.
YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE
SHADOW OF DEATH, *I will fear no evil:*
FOR THOU ART WITH ME: THY ROD AND
THY STAFF *they comfort me.*
THOU PREPAREST A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE
PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES:
THOU ANOINTEST MY HEAD WITH OIL:
my cup runneth over.
SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW
ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE: AND I WILL
DWELL IN THE *house of the Lord forever.*



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Funeral Service

2:00 PM, Saturday, February 7, 2026

Bucyrus Church

Bucyrus, Kansas

Officiating

Steve Morgan

Music Selections

"Take My Hand, Precious Lord" ~ "In the Garden"

"How Great Thou Art"

Pallbearers

Brian Murphy Scott Brooke

Gary Guetterman Danny Guetterman

Jeff Guetterman Ben Hines

Final Resting Place

Bucyrus Cemetery

Bucyrus, Kansas