



Billye Louise Ross

March 22, 1941 - September 15, 2015

Billye Louise Ross, 74, of Ellensburg, Washington went to be with her Lord and Savior Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at Columbia Basin Hospital in Ephrata, Washington. She was born on March 22, 1941 to Rev. William A. and Dorothy E. Brown in Oberlin, Kansas. The family moved to McCook, Nebraska when she and her sister Barbara Ann were young. She graduated from McCook High School in 1959. Billye attended McCook Community College where she was a cheerleader and studied physical education. While at MCC she met Ted A Ross and they were married on March 18, 1962. Throughout her life, following Ted's career, she lived in many beautiful places including Beloit, KS; Crete, NE; where their first daughter Nicole Annette was born, Storm Lake, IA; where their second daughter Kirsten Kae was born, Chicago Heights, IL; St. Peters and St. Charles, MO; Morrow, GA; Medina and Williamsfield, OH; and Kittitas, WA. After her divorce, she lived in Ellensburg, WA for 32 years.

Over the years, her resume encompassed working at Dairy Crème in high school, a switchboard operator at the McCook Telephone Company, as a seamstress at Formfit, a sales associate at a dress shop, an Avon lady, a secretary for Sheffer Corp and Culligan Water Co, a night switchboard operator at Central Washington University, a secretary at Ellensburg Telephone Co, and a teller at Instant Cash.

Billye stayed involved in music everywhere she lived. She taught piano lessons and played piano for church worship services nearly every Sunday

since she was in high school. She enjoyed sewing for her girls, family, and friends. Billye loved to travel and was a wonderful cook. She liked crossword puzzles and playing games with her grandkids. She was her grandkids biggest fan and attended many of their events.

She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant brother Timothy.

She is survived by her two daughters; Nicole (Mark) Lipps of Louisville, OH; Kirsten (Gilbert) Hintz of Ephrata, WA; 5 grandchildren: Dallas Hintz, Kendahl Hintz, & Justin Hintz, all of Ephrata, WA, Travis (Sabrina) Lipps of East Canton, OH; Makala (Nolan) Oakes of Massilon, OH; 3 great-grandchildren: Gabriella Lipps, Isaiah Oakes, and a baby Oakes on the way. Also a sister, Barbara (Stuart) Couse of Littleton, CO; a brother-in-law Lynn Meyers of Valentine, NE; and 1 niece, and 4 nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11 am on Saturday, September 19th, 2015 at Family Christian Center in Ellensburg, WA. Billye will be laid to rest with her parents in Oberlin, KS. Please express your thoughts and memories for the family and view the online tribute video at www.nicolesfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Oberlin Cemetery

Oberlin, KS 67749

Previous Events

Service

SEP **19**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Family Christian Center
701 E Capitol Ave
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Tribute Wall



“ *Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park created a Tribute Video in memory of Billye Louise Ross*



Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park - September 19, 2015 at 12:11 AM

MI

“ *I worked with Billye for a couple of years at Ellensburg Telephone Company. What a great woman. I loved hearing her interact with callers, giving them a real, human interaction before forwarding their call. --Michael Johnson*

Michael - September 21, 2015 at 06:08 PM

JA

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of your mom's passing Kirsten. I remember fondly all the years of music your mom provided at church in Kittitas. She was a remarkable woman with a ready smile. I look forward to seeing that smile again someday. ((hugs)) ~ Jackie (Seeger) Charlton*

Jackie - September 19, 2015 at 05:58 PM

KA

“ *My heart goes out to Billye's family. So very sorry for your loss. Billye was the nicest lady in the world, and could play the piano like no other! I was fortunate to have known Billye while working at Ellensburg Telephone Co. Rest in Peace Dear Billye. God Bless. Jerry and Kathy Jensen*



Kathy - September 19, 2015 at 12:05 PM

TP

“ *Tonya Shepherd Placzek lit a candle in memory of Billye Louise Ross*



Tonya Shepherd Placzek - September 18, 2015 at 01:11 PM