



## Margurette Ellen (Townsend) Ross

April 19, 1932 - August 16, 2019

Margurette Ellen (Townsend) Ross was born April 19, 1932 in Davenport, Iowa to Eugene Edward and Marie Frances (Daley) Townsend and passed away August 16, 2019 in Salem, Missouri at the age of eighty-seven years.

Margurette grew up in Mitchell, Nebraska and graduated from Sunflower High School. She made her choice to serve the Lord at the age of twelve. On May 12, 1952, Margurette was united in marriage to Jack Eugene Ross in Scottsbluff, Nebraska and to this union five children were born: Vella, Sharon, Aaron, Gary and Lela.

In her working years, Margurette taught school at Antioch and Alliance Nebraska. Margurette was excellent with her hands. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, gardening, embroidering, bread making and canning. When she wasn't working or making something, Margurette enjoyed watching the birds. Her happiest moments were those spent with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Preceding her in death, were her parents: Eugene and Marie Townsend; husband: Jack Ross; siblings: Arold, Sandy and Leroy; four brother-in laws and two sister-in-laws.

Margurette is survived by her five children: Vella Harrison and husband Dean

of Jadwin, MO, Sharon Divis and husband Gary of Rolla, MO, Aaron Ross and wife Diane of Columbus, NE, Gary Ross and wife Carla of Springview, NE and Lela Frerichs and husband Dan of Holdrege, NE; one sister: Beth Conley of Salem, MO; one brother: Lamont Townsend and wife Joy of Scottsbluff, NE; five sister-in-laws: Betsy Douma of Scottsbluff, NE, Joyce Ross of Oregon, Alberta Ross of Washington, Irene Ross of Oshkosh, NE and Johnna Townsend of Chillicothe, MO; two brother-in-laws: Leon Ross and wife Jackie of Scottsbluff, NE and Phillip Ross and wife JoAnn of Lisco, NE; one uncle: Raymond Townsend of Scottsbluff, NE; twenty-eight grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; fifty-six great grandchildren; three great, great grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, cousins; along with many extended family and friends.

Margurette lived a wonderful life devoted to God and her family. She will forever be missed by many.

Funeral Service for Margurette Ellen (Townsend) Ross was held Tuesday, August 20, 2019 in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with George Peterson and Brad Holman officiating. Special Music sung by family and friends were: "In Lowliness the Saviour Came", "Precious Thought", "The Pages of Life" and "When Life is Ended". Serving as Pallbearers were: Jeffery Harrison, Aaron Ross II, Ryan Ross, John Ross, Jordan Ross and Brandon Frerichs. Honorary Pallbearers were: Colin Harrison, Dennis Harrison, Kenny Harrison, Alex Harrison, Vincent Ross, Nathan Ross, Randy Ross, Shandon Ross, Jonathon "Adam" Ross, Skyler Frerichs, Raylen Frerichs and Layston Frerichs. Burial was in the Gladden Empire Cemetery. All arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

# Cemetery Details

**Gladden Empire**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

**AUG 19.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem  
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.  
Post Office Box 45  
Salem, MO 65560  
(573) 729-5555  
<https://www.wilsonmortuary.com/>

### Service

**AUG 20.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

LW

“ My folks were Charles and Marion Buchanan, who lived in San Antonio, TX. I was so little, but remember them talking about Jack and Margurette having a house trailer in their back yard during Army days. I have a fun picture of Jack with an apron on doing the dishes in my folks kitchen.

Later I remember they came to visit, and I think there were 4 children? I believe I played with Vella, and that we were close to the same age. Do any of you kids remember a trip to Texas?

My folks always talked fondly about your folks and the good times they had together. I'm sorry I never got to see your folks again. It would have been so special!

Sending our love and deepest sympathy,  
Roy and Laura (Buchanan) Wheelock

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**laura wheelock** - August 30, 2019 at 09:56 PM

SW

“ Thinking of you all these days. So many special memories of our times with Margurette and her family. So thankful for all the precious memories and her faithful example. Love to you all. Virgil and Sharon Wethy

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**sharon wethy** - August 20, 2019 at 09:01 AM



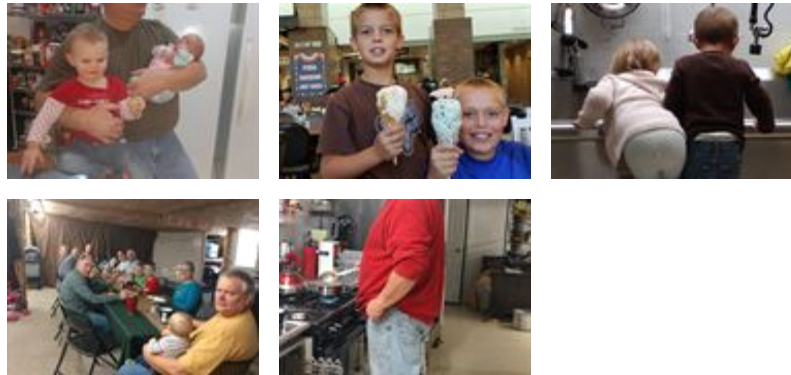
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MS

“ I never knew your Mother all that well, but I always admired her for the lady that she was. She had to be a special person to raise the wonderful family that she did.  
Even though I can't be there, I want you to know I am with you all in thought.

Love and prayers. Marlene Sloan

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**Malene Sloan** - August 19, 2019 at 06:23 PM



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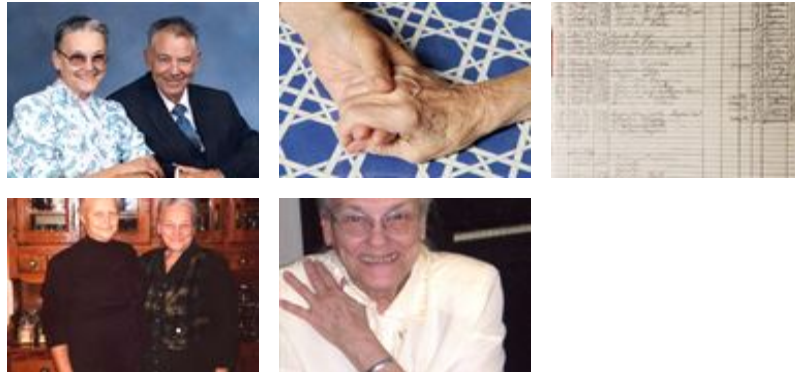


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YS

“ So sorry for your great loss of your mother. I remember Aunt Margurette with a big smile and always helpful. Fond memories of when Aunt Margurette and Uncle Jack and family came for a visit to our home in Alliance, Nebraska. I was ever so excited to get to see my cousins!

Yvonne (Ross) Sivy

Yvonne Sivy - August 18, 2019 at 09:17 PM

JH

“ Warm, caring thoughts are with all of you at this sad time. I remember visits of your family to our home in Nebraska many years ago when all of us were children! Many fond memories of Aunt Margurette -- her quiet and beautiful mannerisms.

Joyce (Ross) Hawkins



Joyce (Ross) Hawkins - August 18, 2019 at 06:57 PM

JS

“ I have known Jack and Margurette over 50 years and have really enjoyed getting better acquainted with Margurette since moving to Missouri. She will be missed by all who knew her and she has much to go on to so why linger. Best of days to all of you. Jim Shelby

Jim Shelby - August 18, 2019 at 01:50 PM

LO

I remember when Marguerite and Jack were dating. And Jack was in a car accident and got a big fat lip. And Marguerite's little brother little brother younger brother Sandy went around making fun of him by sticking his lip out. And Marguerite slap the far out of him. Thanks for this memory and many many more thanks for taking care of my mom and aunt fern. Ralph Hackett from Bentonville Arkansas

Lorindahackett - August 18, 2019 at 05:01 PM

DC

“ So very sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful lady and will be missed by all who knew her. Dennis & Cindy Collins

Dennis Collins - August 18, 2019 at 01:15 PM

PO

“ So sorry for your loss, she will be missed by everyone that knew her, she was a very sweet Lady, I am sure Marcia Oller would be there if she could, she loved Margurette

Pam Oller - August 18, 2019 at 12:17 PM

JR

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Jamie Ross - August 18, 2019 at 10:25 AM



“ We're thinking of you all this morning and happy we got to know "Grandma" Margurette. She was a wonderful lady and a pillar in the kingdom. Larry and Sherry Dake

Larry Dake - August 18, 2019 at 09:52 AM

GY

“ Loving thoughts and prayers to the family. She was a sweet lady. Orin & Gwen Yung

Gwen Yung - August 18, 2019 at 09:31 AM

LG

“ *I will miss her hug at Clever next month. Will always appreciate her love and care when I lived in Nebraska as a young adult. She was a very special lady to me!*

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**Laura Townsend Gordon** - August 18, 2019 at 09:21 AM

CK

“ *An always quiet, helpful, and kind presence!! She will be missed by all!*

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**Cleo kent** - August 18, 2019 at 08:40 AM