



Vella Marie (Ross) Harrison

September 20, 1953 - November 12, 2021

Vella Marie (Ross) Harrison was born September 20, 1953 in Texas to Jack and Margurette Ellen (Townsend) Ross. As a young girl, Vella moved around frequently due to her father's job, she spent most of her childhood in Nebraska. After high school, Vella furthered her education and obtained her associates degree.

Vella was united in marriage to her sweetheart, Dean Leroy Harrison, October 21, 1974 in Milford, Nebraska and shared forty-seven years of memories together. Vella and Dean were blessed with five sons: Colin, Jeffery, Dennis, Kenneth, and Alex and later adopted: Sam, Luke, Adam, and Jake.

In her early working years, Vella worked for the U.S. Government as a Key Punch Operator until she became a dedicated homemaker. Vella took great pride in raising her family and keeping her home in order. She enjoyed spending time in the kitchen cooking and baking. Her hobby, that she absolutely loved, was raising dogs.

Vella lived a wonderful life devoted to God and her family. She loved unconditionally and always put others before herself. Her happiest moments were the ones spent with those she loved. Vella cherished her grandchildren and treasured the memories they made together.

Vella departed this life November 12, 2021 in Salem, Missouri at the age of sixty-eight years. She leaves behind to cherish her memories, loving husband Dean Harrison of Jadwin, MO; sons: Colin Harrison and wife Crissy of Friedheim, MO, Jeffery Harrison and wife Raimie of Seward, NE, Dennis Harrison of Exeter, NE, Kenneth Harrison and wife Amy of Jadwin, MO, and Alex Harrison and wife Laura of Jadwin, MO; adopted children: Sam Hyde, Luke Hyde, Adam Hyde, and Jake Wostrel; siblings: 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; many grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and dear friends.

Preceding her in death, parents: Jack and Margurette Ross.

Vella will be remembered for her strength, beauty, and kindness. Her love for family was unshakable and she had a positive and lasting impact on those who were blessed to know her. Vella will be forever missed.

Funeral Services for Vella Marie (Ross) Harrison were held Tuesday, November 16, 2021 in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with George Peterson, Steve Marshall, Bertha Magsum, and Arlene Leszewski officiating. Congregational Hymns sung were "Life's Short Day" and "Leave Me Not Alone". Serving as Pallbearers were Brianna, Benjamin, Latham, Cammie, Devin, Sam, Prosper, Felicity, Adrianna, Savanna, and Harlie. Honorary Pallbearers were Beckett, Genevieve, and Mack. Burial was in the Gladden Empire Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Online Condolences may be entered at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Gladden Empire

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

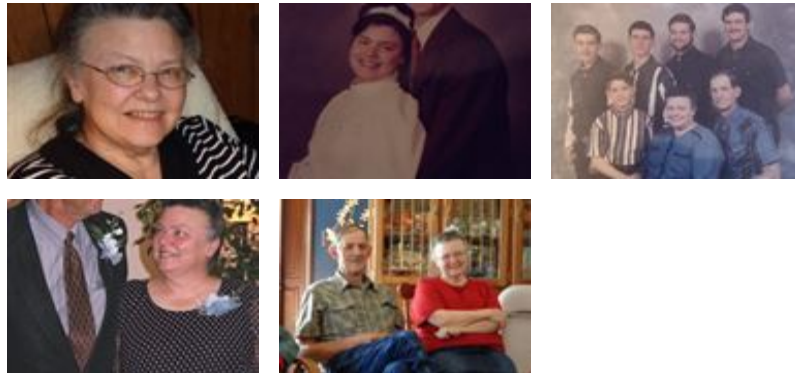
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“ I will always respect my Aunt for the love and care she showed me and others throughout her life. Her grace was especially evident when she stepped into the role of carrying out my grandma's will after her death. At a time that was hard for everyone; it spoke to her character; and taught me a lot. She was a pretty special person. When I was little I got a puppy from her, and when I visited I got to play with all of the others she had 😊 one thing you could say is Aunt Vella was an excellent cook, and baker. She showed me how to make some of her favorite recipes, including Swedish kringler and kolaches. The memories are very special to me, I will treasure them forever. Thank you! Love you 😊💕

BR - November 17, 2021 at 04:09 PM



“ 95 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wilson Mortuary - November 16, 2021 at 09:03 AM

JN

“ Dear family, how sorry I am for your loss and how much I would like to be with you. I am comforted by the fond memories of Vella and the beautiful life of service to God that she lived. There is pain but a lot of comfort knowing how she lived and how she chose true joy. I love you, and I hope you know that although we are so far away, we think of you and have you all in our hearts in this moment of pain. Love, Joyce and Millin Nelson.

Joyce Nelson - November 16, 2021 at 07:36 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Vella Marie (Ross) Harrison.



November 14, 2021 at 10:41 PM

JG

“ I have such kind memories of her, it is hard to think of her not here. Also how we ended up with a puppy 4 my daught cause she had birthday while we were down there.

Jolene (Nelson) Goeson - November 14, 2021 at 07:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Vella Marie (Ross) Harrison.



November 14, 2021 at 01:08 PM

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“ My memories of Vella go back before she was ever married. I remember when Jack and Margurette would come to visit Gene and Marie and we would see all of them at meeting at the Townsend's or at my mom and dads home. We spent many a time jumping on our trampoline. As we grew older we didn't see each other as much but as long as aunt Opal was alive she kept me up to date with all the goings on in the family. So, I feel like I have been through this life journey with her. She was a special lady and will be missed. Since I have moved back to Salem I wish I would have known she was in poor health and would have tried to visit her. We could have shared good memories. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Harold Hamilton - November 13, 2021 at 01:13 PM

LE

“ My big sister was the best big sister. She was my second mom and I'm convinced she had eyes in the back of her head. 🙄 She always said I could look at her pretty bottles of perfume but NOT to touch. Her shoes were not for dress up play. But she always loved me and took me w/ her so many times. She came to stay w/me the births of my last 2 children as Moma couldn't come. She married a wonderful man although I always wondered at his curled mustache. It wiggled when he talked. But she loved him and if he was ok for her then he was ok by me. She was faithful to the end and we will miss her.
Love ya sis.
Lela

Lela - November 12, 2021 at 11:17 PM