



Mary Belle Ross

September 3, 1925 - June 14, 2020

Mary Belle Ross (Akers) was born September 3, 1925, and died June 14, 2020. She lived in Harveyville, and Dover, Kansas in her early years. Her parents were Preston and Dollie Akers.

Mary Belle had many roles during her working years starting as a teacher in a one room school and going on to contribute her time to advance the “Public School System” in Topeka. She is a former member of the Susanna Wesley United Methodist Church and helped start the “Children’s School Program” at the church. Mary Belle helped establish the Health and Welfare Fund for Local Union #226, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and worked there for more than 25 years. Following her working years, she traveled. Her favorite destinations were Australia and Hawaii.

Mary Belle loved cheering on KU basketball and the KC Royals. Many alarm clocks were set so she would be up in time to watch the games! If she wasn’t cheering on her favorite teams, Mary Belle was supporting her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She adored her family and was so proud of them all. They were the greatest joys in life. Mary Belle was the best cook and baker. She was famous for her baked beans, pies, fried chicken or catfish. Mary Belle and her husband found their dream home in the country at the Field and Stream Club where Charlie was able to enjoy their home for a brief time before his death. Mary Belle loved the Lord and was ready for her

reunion with her late husband, Charlie. Her memory will live on through all of those who loved her.

Mary Belle was preceded in death by her husband of 26 years, Charles Edward Ross, whom she married on May 17, 1947; he died on August 18, 1973. Also her parents Preston and Dollie Akers, in-laws Charles and Bertha Ross, sisters Evelyn Schurr, Virginia Spencer, brother James Akers, and daughter-in-law, Nancy Ross.

Surviving are two sons Stanley C. Ross and Dennis L. Ross; daughter, Marla J. Ross, and (just like a daughter) Marilyn Mobley. Five grandchildren, Allison Ross, Ashton Ross, Charlie Ross (Paige) and their children Micah, Ivan and Seaver, Melanie Rivera (Carlos) and their children Noah, Daniel and Grace, Robert Halverson and his children Kyle and Kaylin; nieces, Sandra Schurr (Claude), Vicky Schartz (Joe) and their family, Karolyn Fulmer and her family; nephew, James P. Akers (Ann) and their family.

Visitation will be 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 19, 2020, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614

Funeral will be 10 a.m. Saturday, June 20, 2020, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 29th and Urish in Topeka. Following the funeral, any and all are welcome to join the family in procession to Prairie Home Cemetery in Topeka where Mary Belle will be laid to rest.

We will be live streaming Mary Belle's funeral service Saturday June 20, at 10 a.m. on our Facebook page. You can click on this link. KBFFH Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Kevin-Brennan-Family-Funeral-Home-116876148342762/>)

Memorial contributions may be made to The House at Midland Care of

Topeka, or to Susanna Wesley United Methodist Church, (directing money to the Children's Program), sent in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Prairie Home Cemetery

35th and Menoken Road
Topeka, KS

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 19. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
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Funeral Service

JUN 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Belle Ross*



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - June 19, 2020 at 06:15 PM



“ *Mary Belle Ross*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Belle Ross.*



June 20, 2020 at 06:12 PM

AS

“ *Mary Belle was a very nice lady. She always had a smile on. I am Harold Sage, I grew up across the road from Charlie and Bertha Ross. I was 14 years old when Charles and Mary Belle got married and moved in the East half of the half of the Ross house. We really enjoyed Mary Belle as a neighbor. Adell and I visited Mary Belle about 2 years ago at Thornton Place and had a nice visit and also visited her at Field & Stream. Our sympathy to all of the families.*
Adell & Harold Sage

Adell and Harold sage - June 19, 2020 at 01:31 PM

MR

Thank you for sharing your memories of mom. She was a very special lady. I was always glad that I was able to meet your mom and dad; Roy and Mary. Thank you, Harold.

Marla Ross - June 19, 2020 at 02:38 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Belle Ross.*



June 19, 2020 at 11:43 AM

BS

“ *Bill Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mary Belle Ross*



bill sanders - June 18, 2020 at 08:06 AM

BS

my deepest sympathies to marla and family,sounds like a wonderful lady and there not easy to find theses days

bill sanders - June 18, 2020 at 08:08 AM

BM

“ *Dennis and family- Prayers for you and your family during this time. Treasure your memories, and hold your loved ones close.*

Bobbi Mangas

Bobbi Mangas - June 18, 2020 at 02:03 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Belle Ross.*



June 17, 2020 at 12:34 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Belle Ross.*



June 16, 2020 at 08:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Mary Belle Ross*.



June 16, 2020 at 05:23 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Allison Ross - June 16, 2020 at 02:20 PM

“ A letter to my grandma...

One of my first memories of you was when I would sleep over at your house and inevitably sneak into your bed to hear a story about a boy who really wanted a red fire truck he saw in a display window. I wasn't even really into trucks, but something about the story captivated me.

We also enjoyed many a tea party together with the miniature tea set and those sugary gumdrop orange slices. I imagine you just had them on hand, but to me those gummy slices felt like the best companion for my tea. There are other items that will always remind me of you too - biscuits and gravy, Christmas glasses, cherry 7-up, lemon meringue pie, the smell of your garage, wildlife magazines, ginger snaps, porch gliders, and crunch ice cream bars.

I spent so much time on your property since you only lived a mile or two away. Memories of floating on your pond, digging for clams, rolling down the hill, hiking to the dam, catching catfish, cherry picking, and making friends with all of your neighbors will be forever cemented in my mind.

Remember when you took care of Charlie and me while our parents were on a trip? You were so willing to play hide and go seek with with two kids who took it very seriously. And then in all of the competitiveness and running about, you fell and broke your wrist. I always kept you on your toes...less so in this case. If I didn't say it at the time, I'm sorry.

When I visited you over the last few years at your retirement and assisted living digs, you always greeted me with a warm smile, sheer delight, and told me how good I looked...repeatedly. I think I needed to hear those words more than you realized.

Thank you for loving me so well and I will miss you. You are with Jesus now - worship, celebrate, and dance hard!

Love,
Your Girl in Texas

Allison Ross - June 16, 2020 at 02:12 PM

CR

“ I was fortunate to grow up with my Grandma always being a part of my life. I always felt so loved by her. I think my favorite memories were always at her house in the country. She and I shared the same love of nature. Maybe that's where I get it from. I loved sitting eating gingersnaps after mowing her yard, hearing about the good old times and what life was like on the farm for her when she was growing up. She also loved having me guess what animal was in her yard that week. I will miss hearing "HOW'S MY BOY!" when I open up the back patio door, but she can now be with Jesus, and that is far better than anything this earth has to offer. Love you Grandma.

-Charlie

Charlie Ross - June 16, 2020 at 08:28 AM