



Velma Jean Ross

June 22, 1934 - October 6, 2020

Velma Jean Ross, age 86, Sarasota, passed away into her Savior's arms 10/6/2020.

She was born June 22, 1934 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She is preceded by her parents, Harry & Ida (Bare/Shenk) Brubaker and by her beloved husband of 45 yrs., Daniel Webster Ross, who passed on August 4th, 2005.

She moved from Oxford, NJ, where she and Dan helped start a mission church, to Sarasota in 1973 with her family (Dan, David & Janet). She owned Bambi Christian Daycare here in Sarasota, later she became a Realtor for Mt. Vernon Realty and then Remax. She also helped manage Condos and her last occupation, before retiring, was as a CNA Caregiver.

She was always highly involved in church over the years and was a member at Bayshore, Ashton and Bahia Vista Mennonite churches and was currently a member of Covenant Life Presbyterian Church. She was instrumental in the expansion of the World's Attic Thrift Shop ministry as well as helping with Christmas International House. She was active in prison ministry and many personal ministries. She was an avid prayer warrior and enjoyed listening to Bible teachings each day.

Left to cherish her memory are her son, David Ross (& wife Doreen), daughter, Janet Miller (& husband Rod) of Sarasota; much adored grandchildren, Adam Miller and Haley Horton (& husband David), of Sarasota; and sister, Vera Hocker (& husband Paul) of Lititz, Pennsylvania as well as a sister-in-law, Gayl Lent of Pittsburgh, PA and many beloved cousins, nieces

and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 3p.m. on Sunday, October 11, 2020 at Covenant Life Presbyterian Church – 8490 McIntosh Rd., Sarasota, FL 34238. There will be a Live-Stream of the service available at that time: www.covenantlifepca.com - Please let the family know if you attended via Live-stream to be added to the guest book.

Memorial donations may be made to “Join Queena” P.O. Box 891277, Tampa, FL 33689 – Go to www.joinqueena.com to learn more about her friend’s heartbreaking ordeal, and a relationship that was very dear to Velma’s heart. Memories and condolences may be left online at www.MFHcares.com.

Cemetery Details

Palms Memorial Park

170 Honore Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34232

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 11. 3:00 PM (ET)

Covenant Life Presbyterian Church
8490 McIntosh Road
Sarasota, FL 34238

Tribute Wall

BB

“ Dear Janet and Dave,

Bill and I send our sincere condolences on the passing of your mom. She was such a wonderful person, involved in so many things. She will be missed greatly.

Your mom, as we knew her, was always smiling and seemed to be such a happy person. I know that she had health issues but she never made it obvious to us.

She took pains to send handwritten notes that were always appreciated and we will remember her fondly.

One year Velma invited us to attend Christmas eve services at her church. We were concerned that we might embarrass her not knowing what was expected. To this day we still talk about that service and how wonderful and inclusive it was. Velma was a gem and we know that she is now in a better place, free from pain.

We share your loss and pray for you both as well as Rod, Doreen, Haley, Adam and David.

With much love from your Canadian family, Barb & Bill.

Barb & Bill - October 11, 2020 at 09:39 PM

SG

“ *Please accept my condolences in the death of your mother and grandmother. Your mom was such a great friend and support to my mother in her latter years and I so valued her love! Velma had a heart of service and was passionate about those she loved and cared for. She was a woman of prayer and compassion!*

Shirley Good - October 11, 2020 at 01:56 PM

MS

“ Dear David, Doreen and Janet and Rod and Grandchildren,

I am sharing your grief and loss of your precious Mother, Grandmother. I am so very thankful you sent the lovely Obituary to our Lancaster Newspaper.

My family and I were privileged to be next door neighbors when Velma and her sister, Vera were growing up in the 1930's, 1940's and 50's.

:Living on a farm 4 miles west of Lancaster City, we had few neighbors and were so thankful for these precious friends. I had one sister, so the two sets of sisters were very compatible and enjoyed many good times together visiting in each other's homes, playing games, enjoying tea parties on the front porch and even helping to pick tomatoes on their father's farm. We went to school together on the big yellow school bus and had many good times until our paths parted when we grew older.

Your Mother surely had a very impressive, useful life in Ministry to others and this is very heart warming. She will be sorely missed by all of you as well as the larger circle of lives she touched with her vibrant, loving heart.

I look forward to tuning in to the service on Sunday at 3 p.m.

God bless you, Everyone as you adjust to this major change in your lives.

May you experience the Love, Peace and Comfort in our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Love and Prayers, Martha Gingrich Charles--Sangree
Lancaster, PA-*

martha charles sangree - October 10, 2020 at 02:42 PM

LY

“ We're thinking of you all in the loss of such a sweet woman. She no doubt impacted many lives with her love and caring. Pray God's comfort for you.

Love, Lori and Rich Yoder

Lori Yoder - October 10, 2020 at 11:28 AM

MP

“ To The Dear Family of Velma Ross, my name is Marie Phillips and my whole family sends their deepest condolences on the loss of you Mom. I first met your Mom in April of 1987 when my husband and I flew down from NJ with our 2 sons to purchase a house in Sarasota. She was working for Remax then. My husband had flown down alone in February and hooked up with your Mom. She took him to different areas of Sarasota to give him the lay of the land. He was very impressed by her and when it was time to leave he told her that he would be back to buy something from her. She probably heard that a lot, but he kept his promise and the whole family came down the next time. We told Velma we didn't have much time to look, but that wasn't a problem for her. We had her undivided attention for 5 straight days. We saw some beautiful homes. The hardest task for her was that my 2 sons wanted horses (I don't know where that came from, they didn't have horses in NJ). I wanted to be by the beach and my husband wanted to be on a golf course. I remember till this day, her shaking her head and saying "I can get you each of those, but not all together. We laughed!!! Well, I won. We found a beautiful home on Siesta Key. Before we left to go home, we also met your dad Dan, he was a fantastic person. Your Mom invited us all to their condo on Lido and we also met some of the family there..We had a wonderful day! When we finally moved down in July Velma gave us a potted Ficus tree as a housewarming gift. I still have that Ficus tree. It is 33 years old. It has been transplanted a number of times. I look at that tree and remember your Mom everyday.

Love,

Marie, Richard, Chad and Todd Phillips

Marie Phillips - October 08, 2020 at 09:25 PM