



Joyce Eileen Mertes

June 13, 1930 - August 9, 2023

Joyce was born out in the country at Rockford, Washington to Lauren and Amy Brown. She grew up in Rockford and attended Rockford schools. While growing up, she enjoyed riding her horse "Patches". She was Rockford's Rodeo Princess in 1948 and graduated that same year. After graduation she worked at the Pullman Bank in Pullman, Washington. She met her husband Ken Mertes in Pullman, Washington. They were married October 14, 1950. They began their married life in Pullman and soon Sherry was born July 15, 1951, followed by Mike on July 14, 1953, and Jeff on March 3, 1959. Joyce and her husband Ken moved to Spokane in 1963. She worked for Meredith Gossling Supply in Spokane from 1963-1970. In 1970 Joyce and Ken moved to Moses Lake, Washington when Ken was transferred to Darigold Milk Plant. She then kept busy on the farm and began helping with Block 40 4H. Joyce and Ken became Block 40 sheep leaders and Joyce volunteered as the Block 40 4H secretary for many years. She worked for Montgomery Ward, as well as for Chuck Yarbrough Auctioneers. She also worked at Moses Lake Livestock and was active in the Pinzsgauers Cattle Association. Future years led Joyce to attending and supporting her family in cattle and attended many cattle shows throughout the Pacific Northwest. Joyce's favorite pastime over the years was her crazy obsession for Bingo. She was always excited to go to the Casino in hopes of winning her fortune. She had a great love of watching Gonzaga basketball and talking about the games with her friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Ken, her parents Lauren and Amy Brown, brothers and

sisters, Maurine Bliesner, Bertha Marlow, Glenn Brown, Wes Brown and Wayne Brown. She leaves behind her daughter Sherry Krasselt (Rich Bases), and sons, Mike (Bonnie) Mertes and Jeff Mertes. Grandchildren Ty (Jenny) Mertes, Cody (Shawnia) Mertes, Crystal Mertes and Michelle (Shane) Rollins. Great grandchildren, Rhett Mertes, Tillie Mertes, Trent Mertes, Theodore Mertes, Amber (Jody) Jennison, Kaylee Hammons, Mickaila Hammons and Zoe Hammons. Great-great grandson Bridger Jennison and great-great granddaughter Hazel Hamel. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Pioneer Memorial Gardens

14403 Rd. 2 Ne
Moses Lake, WA

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

RT

“ Mike and Jeff. So sorry you lost your mother. Joyce was a great woman. prayers. Bob Trask.

Robert Trask - August 21, 2023 at 04:21 PM

KG

“ My deepest sympathy to Joyce's family. May all your wonderful memories comfort you.

Kathy Graff - August 16, 2023 at 01:31 PM

PL

“ My deepest sympathy to all the Mertes family, Joyce was indeed a wonderful person. Pat Ledbetter, Moses Lake, Wa.

Pat Ledbetter - August 12, 2023 at 10:48 PM

LC

“ Jeff, Mike, and family, may your memories of Joyce be forever in your hearts and comfort you always. RIP Joyce...



Luis & Delores Carvalho - August 12, 2023 at 08:16 AM

RS

“ Randall Stewart lit a candle in memory of Joyce Eileen Mertes



Randall Stewart - August 11, 2023 at 07:54 PM