



Waletta Jean Ellis

March 10, 1932 - September 7, 2016

Waletta "Billie" Jean Ellis, 84, of Pilot Point, TX, passed away Wednesday, September 7, 2016 in Fort Worth, TX. Billie was born March 10, 1932 in Kennebec, SD to William and Martha (Hufendick) Abrahamson. Billie married Robert Campbell Ellis on March 29, 1952 at Park Avenue Presbyterian Church in Des Moines, IA. Billie is survived by her husband, Robert; three sons, Robert Vern Ellis of Albuquerque, NM, Brice Campbell Bloom-Ellis of St. Louis, MO, Bradley Howard Ellis of Los Angeles, CA; two daughters, Marla Jean Gaby of Pilot Point, TX, Amy Suzanne Kaster of La Marque, TX; two daughters-in-law, Ilene Bloom-Ellis of St. Louis, MO, Grace Chen-Ellis of Los Angeles, CA; one son-in-law, Craig Gaby of Pilot Point, TX; fifteen grandchildren; twenty-three great-grandchildren; and sister, Lorraine Joynt of Peoria, IL. Billie was preceded in death by her father, William Abrahamson; mother, Martha Miller; step-father, Vern "Bus" Miller; and sister Ethelyn Orwick. Visitation will be held at 1:00 PM, Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at Slay Memorial Chapel of Pilot Point, TX. A funeral service will be immediately following at 2:00 PM. Burial will follow at Pilot Point Community Cemetery in Pilot Point, TX. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations may be made to the Pilot Point Community Library, 324 S. Washington Street, Pilot Point, Texas 76258; www.pilotpointlibrary.org. Online condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com. Services are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center. To send a flower arrangement to the family of Waletta Jean Ellis, please click

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“ Sorry to hear about Billie Jean . Thanks for letting me know Bob . My thoughts and prayers are with you . Love A Cousin Dolores Cronin

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September 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ From Branden Frederic Stone, Sept 7, 2016: My grandmother passed away this evening. She was the sweetest nicest person I have ever met. I love you grandma. You will be missed deeply.

Branden Stone - September 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Waletta Jean "Billie" Abrahamson Ellis was my grandma and role model. There aren't adequate words to express how much she was loved and will be missed. Loving, smart, creative, hard-working. I have always and will continue to aspire to live up to her example. She was a daughter, sister, wife of 64 years, a mother of 5, grandmother of 15 and great-grandmother of 22. I feel incredibly grateful for the many years I had with her and the knowledge that 3 of my children will have memories with their great-grandma but also so sad that my newest baby will never get to meet this wonderful woman. We love you Grandma.

Aryn Rehbein - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bob the memories of your pharmacy on 11th street and the postal sub station. I was the Augie student/mailman that picked up the daily packages, then we hooked up again at Good Shepherd. Thank you and Billie for the memories and touching my life. God Bless.*
Brian Bollman

September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *September 8 at 1:03pm Last night my grandmother, Waletta "Billie" Ellis, passed away, surrounded by her children and her husband of 64 years. She was 84. As the family story goes, Grandma was born in a tarpaper shack in the middle of a snow storm in South Dakota during the Great Depression. The doctor broke her arm while delivering her. He told her mother that she wouldn't survive the night, so my great grandmother put the infant in a shoebox and placed it under the wood-burning stove to keep her warm for the night. Boy did my grandmother prove that doctor wrong. She was one of the hardest working people I've ever known. She was a model of perseverance. For the last few years she had an ongoing correspondence, via handwritten letters, with my daughter. Her biscuits and gravy were the gold standard by which all other comfort food must be judged (none of it quite measures up). We miss you already, Grandma. And we love you.*

Michael Ellis - September 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Aunt Billie, you were always smiling when I saw you. You encouraged me to just be me! You never found fault and were so kind!! I love you so much! You will be missed but will always be remembered for your smile; your laughter; and your love.*

Cathy Burke-Duty - September 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM