



Rosella Marshall

January 20, 1920 - August 13, 2020

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Rosella Marshall. She passed in the early morning of August 13, 2020 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Born in Tulare, South Dakota to Fredrick and Hannah (Brugger) Wendland, Rosella lived life to the fullest for over 100 years.

During the Great Depression, she was in her teens and saw and felt the poverty of everyone including her family. Her mother noticed that the flour came in cotton sacks and when empty, she would refashion the bags into clothes for themselves and the children. Rosella and her mother took in washing and ironing during the 1930's to earn some money. The family never had a car, so her father had to walk to the grain elevator and carry sacks of coal home. The eggs from the chickens provided some food so the family could eat.

Rosella attended Tulare School and graduated in 1938. Rosella met her future husband, Glendon Dilley, during their high school years and they courted for four years. Glendon had to walk three miles from his parent's farm each time he wanted to visit her. Their romance blossomed throughout high school and when they graduated, they set a wedding date. The couple finally married in 1939. Because the family was so poor, Rosella's wedding dress was made from a piece of cotton cloth that her mother had at the house. The dress was made by her mother on an old treadle sewing machine.

While living in Tulare, South Dakota, Rosella and Glendon had their first child, RoseMarie. She was born in 1941. Their second child, Gerald, was born in 1943. In 1944 Glendon was inducted into the US Navy. He served our country on the USS New Mexico during WWII. He was discharged in 1945. Their third child Rodney was born in 1947.

In 1948 the family moved to Hand County, South Dakota where they began dry dirt farming. The times were tough and hard on the farm and often, even though the crops looked good, along would come a hail, drought, or unexpected event that would wipe out the entire crop. Where many families would use the Sears & Roebuck to buy new cloths, they had to make do with what they had and use the catalog for toilet paper. When the kids wore holes in their jeans Rosella would take the backs of their old pants and use them for patches. She often had to patch the patches. The patches lasted another year until kids outgrew their jeans.

The winter of 1951 to 1952 was very bad due to the severe snow storms. There was so much snow they could climb the snowbanks and reach to the top of the electric poles. The county had to close all the roads due to impassible snow. Every two weeks or so, a neighbor who owned a plane would fly into town and pick up everybody's mail. He would circle the farm and drop the mail. Diane was the fourth child born in 1952. She was 22 days old when Glendon and a neighbor drove into town and were finally able to bring mother and child back to the farm.

In March of 1956 the family moved from Hand County to a farm near Bonilla, South Dakota. In March of 1958 they moved again, this time to Hitchcock, South Dakota, where they made a living raising chickens and selling eggs. The cracked eggs could not be sold at market, so those were consumed at family meals. While still in Hitchcock, David, the fifth child, was born.

In 1959 the family left farm life and moved to Wolsey. Glendon found a steady

job working at the WestPark Truck Stop in Huron. In Wolsey, they were able to purchase their first home. It was an older house built in 1895. There was no electricity, heat was generated by a stove, and water was only available in the basement. Rosella always had a large garden. She froze and canned food items. She worked as the district office clerk at NW Public Service for 20 years. Sadly Glendon passed away in 1973. Working at Public Service allowed her access to new technology and the Dilleys were one of the first in Wolsey to own a microwave oven.

After retirement, Rosella and three close lady friends took many bus trips with the Farmers Union. She enjoyed traveling through most of the United States including Alaska and Canada.

In 1987 Rosella married Alvin (Squirt) Marshall. Rosella and Squirt bought a motor home and traveled quite a bit. During fair season, you would find them camping at different fairs throughout the state. They lived in the Wolsey house until 2004 when they moved to Rapid City, South Dakota. While in Rapid City Rosella continued her crafts and was active in the senior center. Sadly husband Squirt passed away in 2008.

A big change for Rosella was her move to Salt Lake City, Utah in 2011. She moved to Salt Lake to be closer to family. She rapidly made friends with everybody. She had many very close friends at Mt Olympus Presbyterian Church and at the Friendly Neighbor Senior Center. Family and friends were the lucky recipients of her famous "Rice Krispie Peanut Butter Bars" and caramel rolls. She was always asked to bring her famous peanut butter bars to every family dinner, gathering with friends, and social event.

Over the years she participated in the South Dakota State Fair, Utah State Fair, several farm shows, and many different county fairs, where she entered many crafts and food items. Amongst the crafts were afghans, knitting

projects, crocheted projects, and plastic canvas projects, but her specialty was her intricate counted cross stitch pictures. She emphasized that every piece was made “without one mistake”. One year she was honored with the Homemaker Sweepstakes Award for excellence in crafts and baking at the South Dakota State Fair where she received a silver platter. The Utah State Fair considered her a “Super Senior” due to her continued participation in her 90s. She has a tote filled with items for the 2020 Utah State fair. Rosella made a cross stitch picture of “the Wolsey house” where she lived for 45 years. Many of the family wanted the picture because of the great memories they had in the house. In memory of her grandson who passed very young, she made a counted cross stitch portrait which resides with his father. Over the years she has been awarded plaques, silver platters, money, and many ribbons for all the items she entered. She was always very proud that the ribbons were typically first place. At the Brown County Fair in 1999, she entered 70 items and received a ribbon for every item. For the great achievement she also received a silver platter as well.

The family appreciates all the kindness and friendship shown to her throughout the years.

Rosella is survived by her children RoseMarie (Alvin) Parkinson of Salt Lake City, UT, Rodney (Deana) Dilley of Watertown, SD, Diane Dilley of Grand Junction, CO, David (Brenda) Dilley of Lakewood, CO, and grandchildren Scott Parkinson (Syrie Sage), Greg Parkinson, Steve (Jen) Dilley, Nikki (Chris) Gross, Darrell (Patti) Scott, Bonnie (Chuck) Kozubel, Allen (Jen) Scott, Curtis (Danielle) Scott, Danita (Randy) Gerhold, Dustin Vornholt, Virginia Dilley, Travis (Kayla) Dilley, Trevor Dilley, many great-grandchildren, and great-greatgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands Glendon Dilley and Alvin Marshall, son Gerald Dilley and grandsons Brian Dilley and Jeff Dilley.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rosella Marshall*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Dilley children*



RoseMarie Parkinson - August 27, 2020 at 07:30 PM



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RoseMarie Parkinson - August 27, 2020 at 07:26 PM



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RoseMarie Parkinson - August 27, 2020 at 05:21 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Grandchildren



RoseMarie Parkinson - August 27, 2020 at 05:02 PM

PE

“ Rodney, you are so lucky to have had your mom all these years. We know you will miss her.
Ron and Penny Eichstadt. Still in Wolsey.

Penny Eichstadt - August 26, 2020 at 06:38 PM

BB

“ A very good obituary and pictures for a gracious and talented lady who I had the honor of knowing through Care Group. Rosella, you will be missed down here, but you will light up Heaven. Peace and comfort to you, Rose Marie. Bruce Bemis

Bruce Bemis - August 26, 2020 at 01:39 PM

JJ

“ To Roselle family. Thoughts and prayers. My husband and Roselle worked for NWPS in Huron SD



Jeanette Johnson - August 24, 2020 at 09:48 PM

JB

“ Rosella's family,
My deepest sympathy to all. Rosella was so special, and I always enjoyed visiting with her. What a wonderful life she lived!
May God keep you all in His care.
Judy Ann Barnard

Judy Ann Barnard - August 24, 2020 at 06:26 PM

KW

“ Every photo shared here, the story of her life..... well done. Heart hugs to all.
Karen warrick

karen warrick - August 23, 2020 at 04:33 PM

CC

“ My prayers are with all of you in the loss of Rosella. It was a pleasure to get to know Rosella at Mount Olympus and spend time with her in our Care Group. She was an amazing woman and lived a long life. I treasure the gifts of her crocheting efforts. God bless you! Chris Chytraus.

Chris Chytraus - August 23, 2020 at 01:06 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Rosella's passing. I did Sing-a-longs at the Friendly Neighborhood House for many years and Rosella was one of my participants even though she always claimed she couldn't sing. We talked of her love for Country music and when she found out I had a particular weakness for peanut butter she would often bring me a batch of her peanut butter bars and sneak them to me so I wouldn't have to share them. She was a beautiful and wonderful woman. God bless you Rosella!

Jim Hill - August 23, 2020 at 12:50 PM

PF

“ I am so honored to have known Rosella since she moved to Utah. What an absolute joy she was . Her busy hands gave gifts to many. Her needlepointe personified her love of nature and her closeness to God and family. Her rewards here were many but nothing compared to the reward she now has with her Lord. I shall never see a piece of chocolate that I don't think of Rosella. Keep those hands working sweet Rosella as you serve your LORD. Love, Pauline Forster



Pauline Forster - August 23, 2020 at 12:08 PM

DS

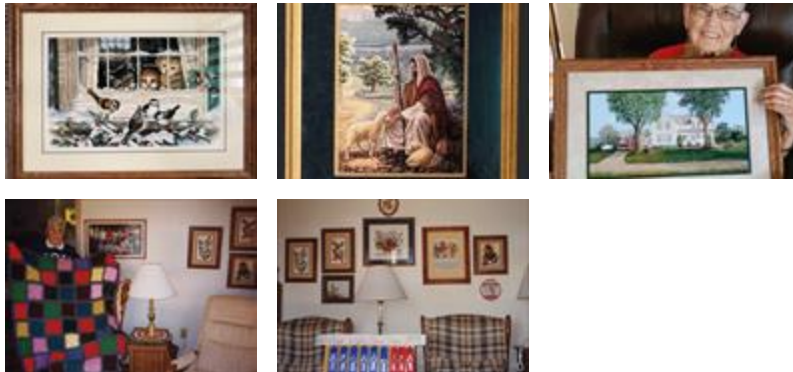
“ Aunt Rose and family, so sorry for your loss; but what a wonderfully long and active life she led! You're all in our thoughts and prayers.

Don & Joan Scheidegger

Donovan & Joan Scheidegger - August 23, 2020 at 10:54 AM

RP

“ 15 files added to the album Crafts and ribbons



RoseMarie Parkinson - August 23, 2020 at 12:27 AM

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“ 5 files added to the album *Rosella and Squirt Marshall*



RoseMarie Parkinson - August 22, 2020 at 11:16 PM

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“ 6 files added to the album *Family groups*



RoseMarie Parkinson - August 22, 2020 at 10:44 PM

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“ 8 files added to the album *Grandchildren*



RoseMarie Parkinson - August 22, 2020 at 09:01 PM

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“ 5 files added to the album *Dilley children*



RoseMarie Parkinson - August 21, 2020 at 09:25 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



RoseMarie Parkinson - August 21, 2020 at 07:10 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



RoseMarie Parkinson - August 21, 2020 at 07:07 PM

DD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Diane Dilley - August 21, 2020 at 06:59 PM