



Ruth Jacquelyn "Jackie" Highland

May 4, 1931 - October 23, 2023

Ruth Jacquelyn "Jackie" Highland passed away peacefully October 23, 2023. Jackie was born May 4, 1931 in Sparta, TN. She married the love of her life Roger Highland October 17, 1979.

Jackie was a wonderful woman, an amazing mother and grandmother. She had a great sense of humor and a generous heart. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She had a great love of animals, especially her dogs. She lived in Bend but spent her winters with Roger in Yuma, AZ.

Jackie is survived by her husband Roger Highland, son Steve Pennington and his wife Genny Pennington, stepsons Michael Highland and Mark Highland, grandchildren Joann Nichols, Steven Pennington, Morgan Giannicchi, Tayler Pennington, Cole Highland, James Highland, Luke Highland, Grace Highland and Sophie Highland, great-grandchildren Jace Giannicchi, Aubrey Giannicchi, Olivia Giannicchi, James Pennington, Xoe Seelye and Anisa Tudela. All of these she loved and touched deeply. She was well loved and loved well.

Services will be held November 12, 2023 at 2:00pm at Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home Chapel.

Contributions in lieu of flowers in honor of Jackie may be made to the Humane

Society of Yuma, AZ or Partners In Care of Bend, OR.

Humane Society of Yuma
4050 S Avenue 4 1/2 E
Yuma, AZ 85365
Phone: 928-782-1621
website: www.hsoyuma.com

Partners In Care
2075 NE Wyatt Ct.
Bend, OR 97701
Phone: 541-322-1291
website: www.partnersbend.org

Tribute Wall

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“ Our Granny Goose was the funniest, feistiest, most loving woman I've known. She was such a proud confidant woman that was a beautiful role model. She will always be remembered as those things. When we were getting prepped for the country move, she declared that we were to call her Granny Goose! One of the best pieces of advice she gave us when we first moved to the country was, Don't worry about dusty floors, because everyone's in the country are. Then when we said we wanted to get chickens, she would always check in to see if those chicks were up and running yet. Always sending chicken trinkets! I remember since I was a little girl, out of the blue a little something would show up, all the way through my adulthood, little things would just show up in the mail. One of the ones I remember most were a little Indian boy & girl made out of coke bottles. My mom put them up on a shelf in my bedroom where I talked to them every night.

You will always be in our hearts and thoughts. Taking the time to come out and visit are highlights of our home. We love you and miss you dearly, more than any words can express.

Joann Nichols - November 12, 2023 at 04:19 PM

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“ Losing you was so painful for the both of us, especially the situation we are dealing with, knowing we can't be there today with dad Roger, Joann, friends and families to join your celebration of life. But you sure left us with tons of joyful loving sweet memories we all had together. We were so blessed to have the most beautiful, loving, caring, supportive, generous mom ever. The trips to your second home to Yuma, every chance we get playing Mexican train, dominoes the laughs we all had weather we win or loss and most of all the delicious meals you've prepared when we arrive especially your famous beef stews, pies and ice cream. The next morning your up preparing an awesome breakfast, corn beef hash, scrambled eggs, coffee and toasts. Mom, since the very first day we've met I promised you that I will take great care of your only son Steve I will forever keep that promise till we all meet again. Rest peacefully now, you may be gone but your sweet loving memories will be in our hearts. You will be missed each and every day, but one thing for sure you'll never be forgotten. We love you till we meet again. 💔😞😭😭😭 your son Steve and wife Genny.



Son Steve and wife Genny - November 11, 2023 at 02:41 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ruth Jacquelyn "Jackie" Highland.



November 09, 2023 at 04:40 PM



“ Rosa's comment reminded me of how Jackie loved to sing "Tie a Yellow Ribbon" when we rode the Christmas party bus. She loved it so much she printed out copies so everyone could join in. She was just FUN. And her darn chickens! Jackie will be missed. Cyndi Butler

Cyndi Butler - November 09, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ We always had so much fun when Aunt Jackie would come back to Tennessee for a visit, we would play "train" and other games for hours. She was a joy, and we will miss her so much! With Love, Ronnie and Pam Miller

Ronnie Miller - November 03, 2023 at 07:18 PM



“ Condolences to the Highland family. My memories of her is her and I, singing "He's got the whole world in his Hand, while I play the Ukulele, over the phone. This and many good memories I have of her. May she RIP Amen.



Rosa Garrason - November 03, 2023 at 04:15 PM