

Lois Artery
April 25, 1930 - March 6, 2023

Mom was born on Friday, April 25, 1930 and went to be with her Lord Jesus on Monday, March 6, 2023, just 19 days short of her 93rd birthday.

Mom and Dad taught us the importance of hard work. We learned how to cut the hay and then windrow it, stack it, and mow around the house with push mowers. There were a lot of hours working in our garden and fields with setting water, and harvesting sweet corn, then selling it to Harold Garrett who gave us a dollar a dozen (a fair price back then) which helped. We would irrigate the cucumbers, peas, carrots, radishes beans, and beets. We ran tractors in the field.

Mom worked at Vimbo's as a waitress and bar tender and then worked at the Weed and Pest control for Bud Torry. Later she worked at the local hardware store for Don Birkle for four or five years and became quite handy at mixing up a can of paint which was a lot of work for mom, but she always laughed about it. She was a fighter, especially when the topic of politics came up. She wasn't afraid to voice her opinions. She worked at the polling station for several years. She would never blink an eye to jump on a plane and fly to Florida to Disneyworld and a cruise or fly up to Canada. When Michele was younger, Keith taught her how to play the fiddle. Mom and Michele would play at the nursing homes, churches and for anyone else who asked for them.

Keith was to me the dad I always wished I had, when I first got injured, he helped me get in and out of my car because of my muscle spasms. He also did many projects for me, mostly wheelchair repair.

Mom loved her grandkids & great grandkids and although she couldn't be with them always, she always kept in touch. Mom was always there when you needed to talk and tried to help as much as she could. Growing up, she would haul us kids to whatever we were into and was always there for support.

Her laugh was contagious, and we would always find different ways to make her laugh. She enjoyed life so much, and even though she went through some very tough times, she never let that stop her.

Mom was a dog lover owning four dogs that I remember, two of which were hound dogs. We used to go to the park every morning for several walk-arounds and it was hilarious to see mom trying to try to restrain those hound dogs, both of them howling all the way around. Yes, we were definitely noticed by anyone there, Pastor Denzil remembers, I'm sure. There were many trips to Grayrocks to go fishing or pulling Michele and Jason on skis or tubes and the knee board. What great memories! Mom never forgot a birthday or anniversary; her memory was amazingly sharp.

I prayed for years that that the Lord would give mom a long and happy life and I also prayed that God would soften her heart. God was faithful as always to answer those prayers and many others as well. She loved tuning into David Jeremiah and Charles Stanley and we talked a lot about God's Word and Heaven, and her eyes would just brighten as we talked. I can tell you for certain that she loved Jesus with all her heart and is now in His presence forever more.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Keith Artery; adopted daughter, Michele; son, Sand Dee; parents, Boyd and Ethel Woolsey; and brother, Charles "Chuck" Woolsey.

She was survived by son, Mike; daughter, Jackie (Dale); grandchildren, Bodean and Chadwick (Sand's boys), Jason (Tracy), Todd (Melissa), and Kelli (Mike); great grandchildren, Kyler, Marcus, Slyus, Megan, Natalie, Serena, Anna, Dane and Hayley; and step-sons, Curt and Kelly Artery & families.

A graveside service was held at 10:00 A.M. March 22, 2023 at the Wheatland Cemetery in Wheatland, Wyoming with Pastor Tony Borton of the Wheatland Bible Church officiating.

