



Bertha Ficken

July 20, 1951 - July 26, 2024

Bertha Ficken, 73, passed away peacefully on Friday, July 26, 2024, with her family holding her hands. Known for her sass and fierce love for her grandchildren, Bertha was a devoted advocate and cherished every moment spent with her beloved family.

Bertha was married to the love of her life and high school sweetheart, Max, for 54 wonderful years. Their love story instilled strong values in their children and showed them the perfect example of how amazing a marriage should be. Max and Bertha spent the last 13 years, side by side, enjoying their retirement. Bertha's children say Max should be hailed a hero for never complaining that he had to go shopping with their mother every day. Literally, every, single day.... but never after dark, because when it was dark it was time to be home. Her dedication to her family was unwavering. Her nurturing spirit and boundless affection will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Bertha raised two independent and strong-willed daughters, Jennifer Brown and Rebecca Brewer. Justin Brown, Bertha's son-in-law, always held a special place in her heart, and she thought of him as the son she never had. When Justin & Jennifer married, Bertha was excited to add another granddaughter, Rachel Lacy. When the girls were fortunate enough to have children of their own, Bertha was the first in line to help her daughters take care of their children, Scout, McKrae, Macy, and Piper. "I love you more than all the stars in

the sky, and the sand on the beaches”, and “I love you more than a hog loves slop” were words her grandchildren never left her house without hearing. Jennifer and Rebecca always said that the only thing better than having Bertha for a mom, was their children have her for a meme.

Bertha also cherished time spent with her sister, Linda, and her many nieces and nephews.

Bertha had the ability of being able to turn the simplest things in life into the best time you ever had. Her love, strength, and unwavering support for her family will be remembered and cherished always. She leaves behind a void that can never be filled, but her memory will live on in the hearts of those she loved so fiercely.

She will be laid to rest in a private service.

In lieu of flowers & gifts the family ask donations to be made in Bertha's memory to:

Ozarks Healthcare Foundation
12 Parkway Center
West Plains, MO 65775

All donations made in Bertha's memory will be dedicated to the Mobile Mammography Unit.

Tribute Wall

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“ *The first time Bertha got to hold her newest grandchild, P. She was over the moon excited to hold her.*



Justin Brown - July 31, 2024 at 11:17 PM

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“ *Cousin Max and family, we are praying for everyone in hearing the loss of Bertha. She was one of a kind and loved her sense of humor. I do remember a time of visiting u guys and walking up the stairs and your living room was very full of American Dolls. It was awesome. I knew better than to touch. 🤔. We r keeping u in our prayers. Love from Texas! Rich and Cindy*

Cindy Huso - July 30, 2024 at 02:43 PM

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“ *I met Bertha when her grandson, Scout, and my son, Alex, were in Kindergarten together at Howell Valley School. I loved her sassy personality and how protective she was of her grandson. We became the best of friends and enjoyed lunches together and watching our babies grow up. She was an amazing friend and I will miss her terribly. Prayers for Max, Jennifer, Becky, Scout, Piper, McKrae, and Macy! ❤️*

Sandy Abrams - July 29, 2024 at 09:41 PM

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McKrae Brewer - July 29, 2024 at 09:01 PM

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“ Bertha was truly one of a kind! She had the best smile, and lit up a room. I will never forget how she would laugh when I would come over and I always thought Cashew was going to eat me alive!! She was such a fun lady. Sending lots of love and prayers to the family. Love you all!!!

Alison Frazier Head - July 29, 2024 at 11:08 AM

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Jennifer Brown - July 29, 2024 at 07:51 AM

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Jennifer Brown - July 29, 2024 at 07:44 AM

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Justin Brown - July 28, 2024 at 09:58 PM

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“ Growing up if Jen wasn't at my house I would be at hers. Jen said it best Bertha loved me like I was hers! So true! Bertha would never let me leave without a big squeeze and a you know I love you! She had this way of saying it so heartfelt that you knew she truly meant every word!!! She will be missed but her legacy lives on in the beautiful smiles of her daughters and grandchildren!

Christa Workman Noot - July 28, 2024 at 07:17 PM

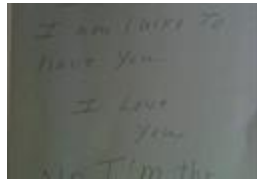
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We literally had the best childhood...growing up together and having the most amazing parents! We had each other, but it was also like we each had a bonus mom and dad who loved us to pieces! ❤️

Jennifer Brown - July 29, 2024 at 07:48 AM

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Jennifer Brown - July 28, 2024 at 06:53 PM

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