



Loree Ruth Hill

July 19, 1952 - October 3, 2020

Loree Ruth (Grassley) Hill, 68, of Valley City, ND entered heaven surrounded by loved ones on October 3, 2020. She remained undaunted by her three-year battle with cancer, and has received perfect healing and her crown of life. Loree was preceded in death by her parents, Louis and Margaret Grassley. She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Curt; brothers Robert and James; daughter Libby and son-in-law Travis Van Dyke; son Andy and daughter-in-law Hannah Hill; and 9 grandchildren: Margaret, Henry, Ellie, Bethany, Gabriel, and Carlie Van Dyke; and Colin, Arianna, and Amariah Hill.

Loree was born in Waterloo, IA on July 19, 1952. She lived most of her childhood in Boone, IA, with her mother and two brothers. She graduated from the University of Iowa in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in nursing and worked as a public health nurse for 5 years before choosing to stay home with her children. As a young wife and mother she lived in Omaha and Lincoln, NE before moving back to her home town of Boone in 1983. She moved to Valley City, ND in 1995 and lived there until her death.

She dedicated her life to raising her children and never went back to nursing. Once her children were older, she did go back to work at various jobs ranging from day care, to housecleaning, to administrative assistant. Her favorite job was as a children's librarian at Ericson Public Library in Boone, IA. She loved reading, and had a passion for children learning, not only to read, but to love

reading. In 2014, she became involved with a summer reading program in the inner city Cleveland. She went back every summer and worked tirelessly until nearly the end of her life trying to help instill that love of reading in even more kids.

Loree was very creative and took great joy in fabric and paper crafting. She enjoyed counted cross stitch, handmade greeting cards, sewing and knitting. She put a lot of thought into making each piece specifically for the intended recipient. In her final years, she knit something special for each grandchild, praying for them with each stitch. Another passion of hers was hospitality. A holiday never went by without our family table being opened to someone with nowhere else to go. She was constantly making cookies for college students, taking meals and paper products to someone recently out of the hospital or bereaved, or in other ways taking care of people and inviting them to share her life.

She enjoyed traveling in this country and abroad, visiting England, Italy, Indonesia and China, among others. Upon seeing pictures of famous places on TV, she would say "We were there." She had a special love of nature, from camping to watching the wildlife from her deck and felt a particular connection to God through nature. However, her very most favorite thing was spending time with her grandchildren. Whether it be at her house or theirs, she loved being with all of them and reading to the younger ones.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Friday, October 9, 2020 at Jamestown First Assembly in Jamestown, ND. For those unable to attend the Friday night visitation, you can record a video remembrance (limit to two minutes) or send a written remembrance which will be read at that time to assembly@bektel.com.

The funeral service is 10:30 am, Saturday, October 10 at Jamestown First

Assembly and will also be live streamed at ourheartispeople.com/live.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Meeting Place Learning Center in Cleveland, OH, the inner city learning center that held such a special place in her heart <https://www.tmplc.org/donate> or Jamestown First Assembly of God, her home church <https://www.kindridgiving.com/app/giving/kindrid-vj0z49f>.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook is available at www.oliver-nathanchapel.com

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 9. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jamestown First Assembly
1720 8th Ave NW
Jamestown, ND 58401

Prayer Service

OCT 9. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

OCT 10. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Loree Hill's Livestream Funeral Service

OCT 10. 10:30 AM.

Jamestown First Assembly - Loree Hill's Livestream Service
<http://ourheartispeople.com/live>

Tribute Wall



“ *I always looked up to Loree. I admired her Love for The Lord Jesus Christ. She was always such a wonderful mother and I looked to her for inspiration. Some of the best memories of her is when her and Curt would come visit my parents. She also sat at the guest book in my wedding. She will be greatly missed.*

Sheri & David Beckham

Sheri Beckham - October 10, 2020 at 11:03 AM

LG

“ *Loree was one of the kindest people I have ever met. She was truly a blessing to all that had the privilege to know her. I am sure God has a very special place for her in Heaven! She will live on in all who knew and loved her. Prayers to Curt, Libby and Andy and their families. God bless you all! With Love, Laura, Steve, Nicole and Marisa. GARNJOBST.*



Laura and Steve Garnjobst - October 10, 2020 at 10:49 AM

CG

“ Barbara and I have many fond memories of Loree. The first was when Loree was just a baby. I was a student at Iowa State Teachers College and I would stop by Bud and Peg’s house for dinner before heading off to work. Loree could always bring a smile to my face during those visits. Loree grew into a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and a woman of God.

On behalf of the entire Grassley family we send our heartfelt condolences to Curt, Libby and Andy. Loree will always be in our hearts.

Chuck and Barbara Grassley

Chuck Grassley - October 09, 2020 at 08:25 AM

CO

“ 17 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Colleen - October 08, 2020 at 06:30 PM

BH

“ My favorite memory of Loree is the day I walked into Boone OBC for the very first time, almost 30 years ago. Not having much of a church background, except for traditional churches, I was blown away by the fact that there were drums and instruments being played during worship. Wow! And then there was Loree!!! As I looked around wide eyed, I about fell over when I saw this lady singing, dancing and waving her arms up in the front row!! WOW! I love this memory of her and will always hold it dear in my heart. She was the first person I saw loving and worshipping the Lord like that. I am very saddened to hear of her passing, but know that she has left an amazing legacy!

*Brenda Harmer
Boone, IA*

Brenda Harmer - October 08, 2020 at 12:03 PM



“ 85 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - October 07, 2020 at 06:00 PM

AC

“ *Abi & Mark Countryman purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Loree Ruth Hill.*



Abi & Mark Countryman - October 07, 2020 at 03:26 PM

KV

“ *I loved being around Loree! She was always gracious and kind and she went through these last rather dark years trusting God and demonstrating her faith with a great attitude. I particularly enjoyed Loree and Curt's Sunday school class. She faced death as a true warrior, an encouragement for all of us. She was exuberant in worship, well versed in the Bible and sincere with her words of friendship. I will miss her.*

keith a veil - October 07, 2020 at 09:16 AM

 Jodie Venter

“ *Loree was so dear to me. While she battled cancer she was praying for me and my battle with Multiple Sclerosis. Are bond grew closer through our sufferings as e prayedFor each other. Her faith was a beautiful testimony. I'm sure Heaven is Rejoicing. I'm very sorry to her husband and family for such a great loss. I loved her dearly.*

Jodie Venter - October 06, 2020 at 07:46 PM

CA

“ Sweet beautiful friend.
There are not enough words to describe all that you were to so many people. Your love of Christ always came through everything you said and did. You have loved and taught so many people about that love. Your love for others will continue on because of what you taught us about loving others. I am so thankful God brought our lives together. You will be forever loved and missed.

C. Anderson

C Anderson - October 06, 2020 at 06:39 PM

MC

“ Mary C. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Loree Ruth Hill.



Mary C. - October 06, 2020 at 06:33 PM

GB

“ Curt and Family so sorry to hear of loree's passing

Gloria Burkett - October 06, 2020 at 06:14 PM

CE

“ We are saddened by Loree's death, but know her love lives in her family and all those who came in contact with her. She was always doing creative things. When Grandma Merrill past, it was Loree that took grandma's sewing projects and finished them for keepsakes for all the family. I still use my yoyo's in the Christmas decorations some 30 years later.

cousin ellen - October 06, 2020 at 06:10 PM

JR

“ I am very sad to hear of Loree's passing. I count myself lucky that I was able to work with her at VCSU, and even more so, I am grateful that she worked with me to create an awesome Dinner Theatre experience with VCSU Theatre when we produced A Midsummer Night's Dream as a Renaissance Feast. Her creative ideas during the planning stages and common sense solutions for budgeting contributed to an experience our students enjoyed with full-house audiences. I have missed her creativity and can-do presence, and I will miss lively spontaneous conversations in Leavers.

Jenni Lou Russi - October 06, 2020 at 04:14 PM

KI

“ Kim lit a candle in memory of Loree Ruth Hill



Kim - October 06, 2020 at 04:11 PM

KI

I will continue to pray for your heart felt loss Of wife, mother and grandmother. Loree was was so Uplifting and her strength And love for God Was truly inspiring for me. I too will miss her smiling face

Kim - October 06, 2020 at 04:27 PM

SK

“ We were so fortunate to know Loree. We were immediately attracted to her because she exuded warmth, compassion, happiness, and strength. Her love for her family was always evident through the stories she shared and the smile on her face as she told those stories. All of us at Roger Maris were drawn to Loree because of her kindness, empathy, courage, and humor. She had a beautiful laugh and she used it well!

Curt, our deepest sympathies to you. Loree's love for you was an example for all of us.

To all, we hope that memories of Loree will remain forever strong in your hearts and that you will always hear her beautiful voice and ringing laughter.

*Loree was a woman of wisdom, courage, and spirit,
We will treasure her memory.*

Mark and Susan Kolstad

Susan Kolstad - October 06, 2020 at 04:06 PM

PJ

“ I know Loree is at peace but it's still hard to know she is gone. I remember the times when shared her adventures with her granddaughters doing crafts or cooking. Her face would light up when talking about her grandchildren. After she left Sodexo, she would come to visit us at work, stopping to see everyone of us. Always a smile on her face and a story to tell about the house or the kids. Rest In Peace and the love of Jesus!

Pat Johnson - October 06, 2020 at 09:04 AM



“ Loree worked very hard for our team at VCSU dining and in Jamestown. She really was a kind soul and did great things in our accounts that never went unnoticed by me. Her hand made cards were always my very favorite treasure of her creative talents. She had the privilege of navigating me through my General Manager training with the book keeping and I say this without hesitation I would have been lost without her guidance and wisdom and I owe much if my success at VCSU to her.

Chris Carpenter

Former Co worker of Loree

Chris Carpenter - October 05, 2020 at 04:45 PM