



## Jo Bowen Ross

September 30, 2015

Jo Bowen Ross, 79, of Gardnersville, KY, passed away on Wednesday, September 30, 2015, at the St. Elizabeth Health Care in Edgewood. Born on June 10, 1936 in Gardnersville, she was a daughter of the late L.E. "Brooker" and Velma Greenwell Bowen. A 1954 graduate of Butler High School, Jo enrolled in the Miller School of Business in Cincinnati and later went to work at Union Central Life Insurance Company. On April 14, 1956, she married Arnold Ross, and together they owned and operated Bowen Farm Supply, the farm equipment business in Gardnersville started by her father, "Brooker" Bowen in 1927. She was an active member of the Violet Ridge Church of Christ in Crittenden, KY. She and Arnold shared a passion for mission work. Affectionately known as "Mother" by many friends, Jo lived her faith every day, and she was happiest when she was doing something for someone else. Many family and friends will cherish her handwritten cards and notes.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Mark Ross on April 11, 2015, her grandson, Evan Michael Ross on June 20, 1991, and her son-in-law, Robbie Thornberry on January 9, 2009.

In addition to her husband of 59 years, Arnold, she is survived by three children: Kim Ross Thornberry of Gardnersville, Matt (Judy) Ross of Gardnersville, and Brad (Cheryl) Ross of Butler; her daughter-in-law, Lecia Ross of Falmouth; 6 grandchildren: Jason (Jessie) Rebholz, Doug Rebholz, Monica Ross, Eric Ross, Brandon Ross, Johnathan (Dawn) Thornberry; 4 great grandchildren: Dakota Rebholz, Clayton Rebholz, Ella Thornberry, and Noah Thornberry; 2 special great grandchildren: Myka Brown and Jaxon Brown; 2 sisters: Jane (Keith) Johnson of Gardnersville, and Sue Bradford of Lexington; and a host of extended family and friends.

A celebration of her life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 5, 2015, at the Violet Ridge Church of Christ, 1000 Violet Road, Crittenden, KY 41030, with Minister Dave Shanklin officiating. Her visitations will be on Sunday, October 4, 2015, from 4 to 9 at her church and on Monday from 10 to 11 preceding the service at the church. Interment will

take place in the Gardnersville Cemetery, Pendleton County. Memorials are suggested to Disciple Makers, 4393 Boron Drive, Latonia, KY 41015 or the Violet Ridge Church of Christ.

# Comments

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“ My deepest sympathy for the loss of your love one. Words of encouragement at 1 Thess. 4:14 & Psalms 29:11.

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“ Job 34:10 is comforting to know about God.

October 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Jo was always a beautiful person, I love her dearly she will be miss. My prayers and condolences to Arnold and family

Joyce Robert - October 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Arnold, Matt, Brad, and Family, Earth is poorer, Heaven richer. Thanks for sharing Jo with so many. Each that she touched was the better for it. My sympathy.

Don Wells - October 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Brad and Matt sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother.

David Whitehead - October 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Getting to know Jo during her time at First Christian Church in Clearwater, FL. was a blessing. She always had a smile and a kind word for her many friends. My prayers and condolences to Arnold and other family members. Love in Christ, Betsy Jones

Betsy Jones - October 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Deepest sympathy for your loss. She was such a wonderful lady! Jeff and Monica (Franxman) Egger

October 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ She was a special person. She was an inspiration to many. She was one of the classiest ladies I have ever met. I am proud to call her my friend. I will miss her very much. But I know she is blinged out in her heavenly home. No more pain and she is rejoicing with the angel's. Love you Jo thank you for your kindness to me.

**Lisa Judd** - October 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Arnold and family, I am so sad to learn of Jo's passing. She was a fine and caring lady. I have fond memories of sitting with her at tax time and learning of your most recent mission trip. You and your family are In my thoughts an prayers.

**Carlyle Ackley** - October 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Arnold and family, sorry to hear about Jo, she was always a special lady to me, alway had time to listen and pray for me. Have you guys as friends at Violer Ridge met a lot God Bless all of your family Joyce Roberts Vogel

October 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Jo was a great Christian. She was a friend to everyone, never knew a stranger. We had such great times at our family reunions. I am going to miss her so much.

**Loretta Earl** - October 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Arnold, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our prayers are with you and your family. Bob and Liz McDougall

October 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ You will always live in our hearts and prayers.

**Delbert and Mary Hamm** - October 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ You're in my thoughts, my heart, and my prayers.

**Sue Hutsell** - October 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Arnold ,I know that you are suffering.I will keep you in my Prayers.

**Connie Rice** - October 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Arnold and family,Doreen & I were deeply saddened to hear about Jo. We have many many fond memories of Jo & yourself as loving Kentucky grandparents to Lauren & Logan (and wise & faithful parental figures to us). We will cherish our time with Jo and all the countless birthday and anniversary cards we received in the mail. No matter how consistently they came they always were a pleasant surprise that made us smile and think of Mother. We are so thankful for our relationship with Jo, yourself and your family. We will continue to keep you all in prayer..In His love,

**David** - October 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy. Jo was a friend to all who knew her and she will be missed.

**Ellen Disque** - October 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Toni and I have been blessed to know such a wonderful woman and sister in the Lord! The impact of her life on earth will continue to touch the lives of many. May God give you, the family, comfort in knowing that Jo is at home with her Creator, Lord and Savior!"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful servants."  
Psalm 116:15

**Tom** - October 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Brother Arnold, I have just received email regarding your wife (sister Jo). We are extremely sorry to hear about sister Jo who is no longer with us. We express our heartfelt condolence from the family of Nepal Disciple Makers and from brother Roland we continue to pray for you and your immediate family to be strong in the grace of Lord. The Peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Stephen** - October 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are very saddened to hear of Mother Jo's passing. She was an extraordinary lady. There are many in our community who will mourn deeply her passing as Jo's life was a life of service, love, compassion and excellence. May God wrap His comforting arms around Arnold and the families in the days ahead.

**David** - October 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Prayers for comfort in the days ahead

**Don Neuspickel** - October 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM