



## Nelda R. Ferguson

July 17, 1939 - January 31, 2021

Nelda R. Ferguson, age 81 of Collinsville, IL, died Sunday, January 31, 2021, at Nacogdoches, TX.

She was born on Monday, July 17, 1939, in Scott City, MO, the daughter of Virgil and Dora (nee Hosea) Russom.

On Monday, September 21, 1964, she married Billie J. Ferguson at E. St. Louis, IL, who passed away on Saturday, January 26, 2008.

She was born and raised at Scott City, MO. She moved to Cahokia, IL, with her father and then met Billie. They lived in Cahokia not far from where they met. She graduated from cosmetology school and operated a beauty shop from their home as they lived in New Douglas and later St. Jacob, IL. In retirement they pulled a fifth wheel trailer as they wintered "Snow Birds" in Texas, Arizona and Florida for many years. She moved to Collinsville in 2006. She enjoyed crafts, painting, gardening and time at the Senior Center in Collinsville.

Survivors include:

Daughter - Stephanie L. (Tom) Fillingim, Highland, IL

Son - Byron J. (Significant Other-Jayne Knoll) Ferguson, San Antonio, TX

Grandchild - Brandon J. (Ashlee) Ferguson, Sgt. US Army

Grandchild - Nathan C. Toennies  
Grandchild - Jacob D. Ferguson  
Grandchild - Lauren R. Fillingim  
Grandchild - Jason T. Fillingim  
Great Grandchild - Barrett Jack Ferguson  
Sister - Virginia Coulter, Lakeland, FL  
Sister - Patricia (Melvin) Gulley, Cahokia, IL.

She was preceded in death by:

Father - Virgil Russom  
Mother - Dora Russom (nee Hosea)  
Husband - Billie J. Ferguson - Died 1/26/2008  
Brother - Bob Russom.

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Friday, February 12, 2021, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Service will be at 11:00 AM on Friday, February 12, 2021, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Interment will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, MO.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lifeline of Hope; St. Jude's Hospital or American Heart Assoc..

# Tribute Wall

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“ To my wonderful mother, my best friend. I miss you terribly, the pain is overwhelming. I know that I have to move forward, but all I can do right now is put one foot in front of the other. The grief engulfs me, overwhelms- I feel like I'm in a fog. I can't sleep knowing that in just a few hours I have to say my final goodbye for right now. Yet I know you're where you want to be and that's with Dad. It doesn't ease this horrendous pain, but I know you're happy being with him again. I will move forward in time and I remember all the good times, happy memories. I know that I will see you both again one day, and until then know that I love you so very very much. My beautiful momma, I know God is taking care of you and Dad. I love you both forever and ever.

Steph 💔🕊️

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**Stephanie Fillingim** - February 12, 2021 at 04:45 AM

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“ Stephanie Fillingim lit a candle in memory of Nelda R. Ferguson



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**Stephanie Fillingim** - February 12, 2021 at 04:15 AM

MB

“ Stephanie and Byron I am thinking of you all during this difficult time. Your mom was a wonderful person. Melynda

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**Melynda Barks** - February 11, 2021 at 01:05 PM

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*Thank you so much, Melynda. Mom was a wonderful mother, my best friend. She was an angel here and now in Heaven with Dad.*

**Stephanie Fillingim** - February 16, 2021 at 01:39 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nelda R. Ferguson.*



February 11, 2021 at 01:04 PM

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“ *She was a true ANGEL! BEAUTIFUL INSIDE AND OUT..*

**Colleen Pierce** - February 03, 2021 at 10:56 PM

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*Thank you, Colleen. She truly was. Mom was my best friend, my heart is completely broken.*

*Steph*

**Stephanie Fillingim** - February 04, 2021 at 09:27 PM