

# Jacqueline Leah "Jackie" Tillman

August 8, 1935 – January 23, 2019

Funeral services for Jacqueline Leah "Jackie" Tillman, 83, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Memorial Baptist Church in Wheatland. Interment will be held at the Wheatland Cemetery with a reception to follow.

Jackie Tillman passed away in Rio Ranch, New Mexico in route to Wheatland from Henderson, Nev. where she resided with her husband, Ron for the past four years. Jackie and Ron relocated from Wheatland to Henderson due to respiratory issues. Jackie's health was failing and she decided that she wanted to spend her last days in her beloved Wyoming.

Jackie was born on Thursday, Aug. 8, 1935 the daughter of Everette L. and Margaret (Hendryx) Clark, she was born in a one room log cabin in Kaycee where the family homesteaded a ranch.

The family moved to Alcova while Jackie's dad worked on the Alcova Dam. The family returned to Kaycee to work the homestead. Later the family moved to Mills until 1944. Her dad was given the choice to join the service and fight over seas or work in the shipyard in San Francisco, Calif. He chose to work in the shipyards. He loaded the family up into a two-and-a-half-ton truck covered with a tarp, and headed to California. They returned to Mills in 1945 after the war. Jackie graduated from Natrona County High School in 1955.

On April 13, 1957, Jackie married Ronald G. "Ron" Tillman. Due to Ron's work as an ironworker, they resided in several states. To this union four children were born, Ronnie Ray was born in Casper; Rhonda Kay was born in Eugene, Ore.; Morton was born in Lander; and Dusty was born in Albuquerque, N.M.

Through the years Jackie worked hard as a wife and a mother. During that time, she also worked as a custodian, school bus driver, waitress, construction clean-up, a sausage maker, fruit picker, data entry, and as a care giver to the

elderly. Of all the jobs she had, being a mother was her number one priority. Jackie loved to go camping and hunting. She made sure all her kids got to experience every part of it. She loved to cook and eat wild game. Cooking was a joy to her and she always had enough to feed anyone who came to the house. Her fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, and cinnamon rolls were second to none. No matter what, she always made sure her kids were taken care of and had what they needed. She welcomed all of their friends and she was like a second mom to many of them.

When her grandchildren started arriving her heart got even bigger. It was in 1984 when her first grandson was born premature that she gave her life to the Lord. From that time on, she never wavered from her belief in God. She stood steadfast for her thirteen grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. Every chance she had, Jackie would attend the sporting events or school activities of her children and grandchildren. Her support was important to all of them. She also enjoyed a good game of "marbles" and loved to challenge anyone who would play. Jackie was a woman who was strong in life and strong in her faith. She showed unconditional love to her children and grandchildren, always full of concern and always ready to giggle. That unmistakable giggle!

Jackie is survived by her husband, Ron; sister, Goldie Phillips; brother, Glen Clark; sons, Ron (Claudia), Morton (Cindy), and Dusty (Judy); daughter, Rhonda (Ben) Hernandez; thirteen grandchildren; and twelve great grandchildren.

Jackie was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Irvin Clark; and sisters, Doris Carpenter, Cleah Coleman, and Viola Brummett.

The Gorman Funeral Homes – Platte Chapel of Wheatland are in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.gormanfh.com](http://www.gormanfh.com)