



Gussie LaVaughn Ross

October 28, 1943 - July 8, 2024

Gussie LaVaughn Ross
Pickens, South Carolina

Gussie LaVaughn Ross, 80, passed away on July 8, 2024, after several years of declining health.

Miss Ross was born on October 28, 1943, and was the daughter of the late William A. "Gus" Ross and Flora Aiken Ross of Rocky Bottom, SC. She graduated Pickens High School in 1961 and entered Anderson Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, beginning a nursing career that ultimately spanned over four decades. She first worked at Anderson Memorial Hospital and later at Duke University, where she assisted with multiple kidney transplants in the pioneer years of transplant operations. She spent most of her adult life living in Stone Mountain, GA, serving as a charge nurse at Grady Memorial Hospital in downtown Atlanta, opening the HIV/AIDS floor in the late 1980s and then moving to the Tuberculosis unit until her retirement. She had a special connection with the local homeless population near the main hospital and took extensive lengths to care for their physical and other needs, earning a special recognition from Georgia legislators in 1985 for her work with the poor and needy. She was beloved by her colleagues and patients for her exceptional knowledge and care and remained on the Grady staff until her retirement in December 2005.

She never married and had no biological children, but “Aunt Von” helped raise a whole army of “younguns” in her lifetime. Her nieces, nephews, and their children and grandchildren (and anyone else who came along with them) were privileged to hear her belly laughs and her stories about the crazy happenings in an inner-city hospital. She loved flea markets and thrifting and always brought “blessings,” as she called them, and you could count on a special treat every time she came home from Georgia.

Miss Ross is survived by her brother, Roy Ross, of Easley, and her sister and caregiver, Sandra Anderson (Gary), with whom she lived for the past ten years. She also leaves behind her special, beloved friends, “Grandma” Sara Lewis and Monzel Anderson. She was preceded in death by her parents, her infant nephew, Jason Roy Ross, and her sister-in-law, Carolyn Ross.

She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews: Angela Dalton (Spencer), Shana Dalton (Jason), Jonathan Anderson (Sadie), Alex Simmons (Stacy), Rev. Justin Anderson (Katie), Jessica Landers (Kyle); great-nieces and nephews: Storie Edwards, Joey Dalton, Chloe Dalton, Kinsley and Audrey Kate Simmons, Andy, Gracey, Willy, Evonne (Evie), Truman, Maisy, and Walker Anderson, and Ayken, Mack, and Vallie Landers; and great-great nephews: Braylon and Braxton Edwards, all of whom regard her as a second mother and a vital part of their upbringing. She will be fondly remembered and greatly missed.

Visitation will be held on Friday, July 12, 2024, from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM in the chapel of Mountain View Funeral Home in Pickens with funeral services to follow at 2:00 PM. Burial will follow the service in Rocky Bottom Baptist Church Cemetery in Sunset.

The family especially wishes to thank Jennifer and Tina from her Prisma

Hospice Care team.

Flowers will be accepted or memorials can be made to Gideons' International, Shriner's Hospital in Greenville, and the Prisma Health Children's Hospital-Upstate in Greenville, SC.

Mountain View Funeral Home – Pickens Chapel is serving the Ross family.

Cemetery Details

Rocky Bottom Baptist Church Cemetery

174 Rocky Bottom Church Rd
Sunset, SC 29685

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mountain View Funerals and Cremations - Pickens Chapel
105 Florence St
Pickens, SC 29671
(864) 878-4441
mountainviewfunerals@gmail.com
<https://www.mountainviewfunerals.com>

Funeral Service

JUL 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

JUL 12 (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KA

“ I met this wonderful family 18 years ago, and had the privilege to become a part of it when I married Justin 16 years ago. Since then I've seen first hand the love Von had for her family and especially her nieces and nephews! I know all her nieces and nephews have stories to tell of her, but this is what I seen. I seen the influence she has been to her niece Jessica, and the impact Von has made in her life. I've seen how Jessica treats her nieces and nephews with such love. I can't help but look back to Von and think she's the reason Jessica knows how to be such a wonderful aunt. By watching Von and watching Jessica I've become a better aunt. I Thank Vonvon for being such a wonderful aunt and leaving that impression on my life!

Katie Anderson - July 12, 2024 at 07:28 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Gussie LaVaughn Ross.



July 11, 2024 at 07:44 PM



“ *Your Light Shines* was purchased for the family of Gussie LaVaughn Ross.



July 11, 2024 at 12:29 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Gussie LaVaughn Ross.*



July 11, 2024 at 12:15 PM

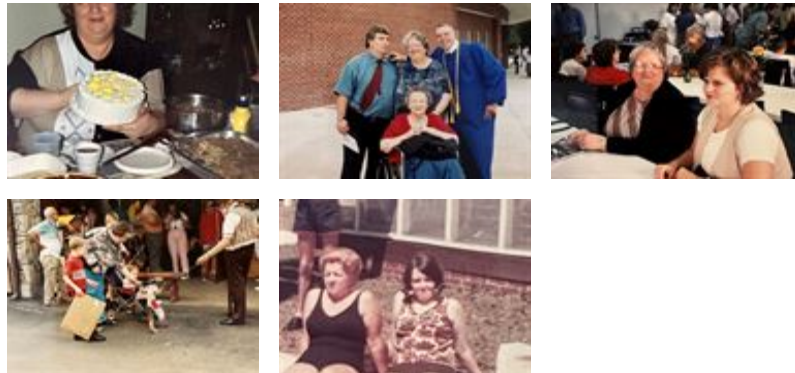


“ *Monzel Anderson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gussie LaVaughn Ross.*

Monzel Anderson - July 11, 2024 at 12:15 PM



“ *52 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Mountain View Funerals and Cremations - July 10, 2024 at 03:37 PM

JT

“ My condolences to all Vons family. She was soo loved and well taken care of. It was a pleasure to hear her laugh. I know she will be greatly missed but knowing we will see her again is such a blessing. My prayers for God’s peace that passes all understanding for all the family and friends who loved Von dearly. May she now rest in peace.

Janice Taylor - July 09, 2024 at 09:59 PM

TF

“ The Thompson families purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gussie LaVaughn Ross.



The Thompson families - July 09, 2024 at 06:45 PM

RR

“ Von, never a dull moment when we were around each other, always laughter and fun. I'm so glad you were able to help so many people thru this life even though you had to deal with some very hurtful situations along the way as well. Thank God you are completely healed and we'll met again in Heaven some day. I love you and miss you Sis ! your " favorite " brother, Chum (Roy)

Roy Ross - July 09, 2024 at 12:15 PM

SG

“ To all of the Anderson Family. You all will always be in my heart Sweet Family. So sorry for your passed of LaVaughn. May The Lord Comfort all of you during this sad time .My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Shirley Diane Hutto Grant

Shirley Diane Hutto Grant - July 09, 2024 at 10:58 AM

KW

“ To Shana , Angela and Family
Sincere condolences in the loss of your Aunt Von. What a beautiful
tribute to someone who spent their life taking care of others!

Karen West - July 09, 2024 at 10:51 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Gussie LaVaughn Ross.



July 09, 2024 at 10:44 AM

SA

“ How I will miss my precious sister! We shared
a special love that nothing could ever change.
There are so many things about her that most
people never saw. She never thought of her
needs, but was forever thinking of others.
Always making sure that the less fortunate people in her life were
provided for, along with their extended families. Never missing the
opportunity to find humor in everything and bursting into infectious
laughter that we all loved! Loved her family with an unwavering,
untouchable love. Yes, I will miss her but look forward to the day
when we will be reunited in Heaven. Thank God for that blessed
assurance. What a day that will be!



Sandra Anderson - July 09, 2024 at 09:58 AM

RC

“ Rocky Bottom Baptist Church purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Gussie LaVaughn Ross.



Rocky Bottom Baptist Church - July 09, 2024 at 09:50 AM