



Mrs. Billie Jo Mommsen Gardner

February 20, 1936 - November 13, 2025

Billie Jo Mommsen Gardner, 89, passed away peacefully and surrounded by her family at her DeWitt home on November 13, 2025. Billie Jo was born on February 20, 1936 to Bill and Josephine Mommsen of Almyra.

Billie Jo was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Paul Ragan Gardner, her parents, her brother Johnny Mommsen and her beloved dog Lulu.

Billie Jo leaves behind daughters Debbie (Jeff) Roper of Plumerville, Diane (Jeff) Hornbeck of Big Flat, Rhonda (Steve) Harris of DeWitt, Paula Snyder (Scott Leibrock) of DeWitt and Kristi (Sam) Jenkins of Earle. Grandchildren Scott (Jessica) Roper of Maumelle, Jake (Brittany) Roper of Plumerville, Tyler Hopkins (Hannah Turner) of Dewitt, Taylor Hopkins (Jennifer) of Grant, TN, Jessica Harris (Blake Wyatt) of DeWitt, Bradlee Harris (Samantha Keaton) of DeWitt, Jace Harris of DeWitt, Derek Harris of DeWitt, Ragan (Britt) Harris of Kennett, MO, Kanton Gardner of Jonesboro, Kaitlyn (Taelor) Clark of Hamburg Great Grandchildren, Adeline and Luke Roper of Maumelle, Hudson Paul and Darcy Jo Roper of Plumerville, Bennett Hopkins of DeWitt, Chelsey and Bryce Vinsett and Blake Stalter of DeWitt, Madison Harris of Jonesboro, AR, Henry Paul Harris of Kennett, MO and Kayne Oglesby of Hamburg and Booger the wonder dog.

Billie Jo was a lifelong Lutheran worshipping at Saint Luke Lutheran in DeWitt where for many years, she was the keeper of the secret spaghetti sauce recipe used at the annual Spaghetti Supper. She worked for many years for Doctor Hestir and Doctor Burleson. Her greatest career was being a Mom to five daughters and she thoroughly enjoyed the chaos from raising that many girls. She was a homemaker, 4-H Leader, Brownie Leader, she spent many hours volunteering with the Arkansas County Fair Association, and just as many hours working the concession stand for the DeWitt Dragons basketball and football games. Billie Jo loved working in her garden, canning, baking, and making the best divinity and selling her vegetables and baked and canned goods at the DeWitt Farmers Market.

Visitation will be Monday, November 17 from 5-6:30 pm at Essex Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 10:00 November 18 at St. Luke Lutheran Church with burial in Crocketts Bluff Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Saint Luke's Lutheran Church, 903 E 2nd St, DeWitt, AR 72042.

Cemetery Details

Crocketts Bluff Cemetry

Crocketts Bluff, AR 72038

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Essex Funeral Home
1405 South Grandview
DeWitt, AR 72042
(870) 946-3104
<https://www.essexfuneralhome.com>

Service

NOV 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

St Luke Lutheran Church
903 E 2nd St
DeWitt, AR 72042-3458
(870) 946-2312

Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Billie Jo Mommsen Gardner.*



November 17, 2025 at 06:17 PM



“ *The Leibrocks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Billie Jo Mommsen Gardner.*

The Leibrocks - November 17, 2025 at 06:17 PM



“ *We are thinking of you and covering you in prayer. We are so sorry for your loss of such a precious lady.
Sincerely,
Anthony and Tonya Giardino*

Tonya Giardino - November 17, 2025 at 06:06 PM



“ *Anthony A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Billie Jo Mommsen Gardner.*

Anthony A. - November 17, 2025 at 06:02 PM

TE

“ *Tracye Enis purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Mrs. Billie Jo Mommsen Gardner.*



Tracye Enis - November 17, 2025 at 03:11 PM

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“ *Tracye Enis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Billie Jo Mommsen Gardner.*

Tracye Enis - November 17, 2025 at 03:11 PM

PD

“ *Prentice And Sue Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Jo Mommsen Gardner*



Prentice and Sue Davis - November 17, 2025 at 08:40 AM

EH

“ *Rhonda and Paula, so sorry to hear about your sweet mom!! Love and prayers for both of you and your families.*



Ester Hageman - November 16, 2025 at 01:33 AM

JH

“ *Billie Jo was a sweet lady and a friend to many!! Prayers for her many family and friends!!*



James, Ester, Kyler, and Cory Hageman - November 16, 2025 at 01:30 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Billie Jo Mommsen Gardner.*



November 15, 2025 at 03:57 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Billie Jo Mommsen Gardner.*



November 15, 2025 at 08:36 AM

SB

“ *Sherry and Kevin Black planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Billie Jo Mommsen Gardner.*

Sherry and Kevin Black - November 15, 2025 at 08:36 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Billie Jo Mommsen Gardner.*



November 14, 2025 at 10:30 PM



“ *Graci, Jeannie, Annie, & Courtnee planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mrs. Billie Jo Mommsen Gardner.*

Graci, Jeannie, Annie, & Courtnee - November 14, 2025 at 10:30 PM