



*I have fought the good fight,  
I have finished the course,  
I have kept the faith.*

2 TIMOTHY 4:7



**Memorial Services**

Monday, September 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.  
Eastern Montana State Veteran's Cemetery  
Committal Shelter  
Miles City, MT

**Officiating**

Pastor Richard Aggar

**Arrangements By**

Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home

*In Loving*  
M E M O R Y



*Roberta "Dee" Abbott*

JULY 22, 1953 - AUGUST 31, 2024

Dee was diagnosed with breast cancer in March 2022 and fought like a warrior. Unfortunately, the cancer that was once gone had come back and this battle was lost. Dee made the transition from her life on earth to her spiritual life, at the age of 71, on August 31, 2024, at Intermountain Health St. Vincent Regional Hospital in Billings, Montana surrounded by family members.

Dee was the second of two children born to Joel B. and Verna Mae Rogers of Biloxi Mississippi. Dee grew up as an Air Force brat living all over the United States and Europe. The family eventually settled in Athens, Texas and Dee graduated from Athens High School. In the fall following high school, Dee attended Henderson Community Junior College where she received her associate's degree. Dee was married to Charles Lohrke and had three children Kris, Kevin, and Amber. Dee and Charles were separated, and Dee traveled to Eastern Montana in 1990 accompanying a quarter horse stud for a local horseman. Dee ended up calling Eastern Montana her home. Dee and Rick were married on June 27, 1992, and moved to Kinsey, Montana. Dee welcomed Rick's girls Tanys and Shanna into her life.

Over the years Dee was involved in many activities and organizations in Miles City – Custer County Republican Women, Custer County Republican Central Committee, the Barn Players, the Miles City Photography Club, the Stock Growers Association, the Eastern Montana Fair Board, square dancing, a paraprofessional at the Kinsey School and she founded Stronger Together Cancer Support Group. Dee was also proud to have been accepted into the daughters of the American Revolution. Dee was a Christian and belonged to the Miles City Church of Christ in Miles City, Montana. Dee loved and appreciated her church family very much.

Dee also enjoyed their horses, dogs, cats, and sheep. Dee was very proud of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren and so loved to share their accomplishments.

Dee was preceded in death by her parents Joel B. and Verna Mae Rogers and her sister JoAnn. Dee is survived by her husband Rick Abbott, her children Kris (Angie) Lohrke of Miles City, MT, Kevin (Esther) Lohrke of Athens, TX, Amber (John) Fuller of Huntsville, TX. Stepdaughters, Tanys (Shelby) Ross of Othello, WA, and Shanna Abbott of Belgrade, MT.

Grand-children – Sydnee Lohrke (Andrew Seed) of Craig, CO, Alyssa Lohrke (Chase Meyers) of Miles City, MT, Kole Lohrke currently of St George, UT, Hannah Lohrke of Miles City, MT, Gracen and Carson Fuller of Huntsville, TX, Emma Lohrke of Smithfield, RI, Mikayla Ross of Colfax, WA and Katelynn Ottmar of Moses Lake, WA.

Great granddaughters Brooklynn and Marylynn, and great grandson Carter.

A memorial service will be held for Dee at 10:00 a.m. at the Eastern Montana State Veteran's Cemetery- Committal Shelter with a luncheon to follow at the VFW. Dee's final resting place will be Shelby Chapel Cemetery in Athens, TX where a memorial will also be held.

Dee's family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the cancer care staff, her church family and Nick and Betty Clausen, who were not only church family but Dee and Rick's chosen family.

It was Dee's wish that any memorial tributes be made in the form of charitable donations to the Holy Rosary Cancer Center of which Dee was honored to have helped dedicate.

