



Billie Jean (Matthews) Crain

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BILLIE COULD OFTEN BE HEARD SAYING, "DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU."

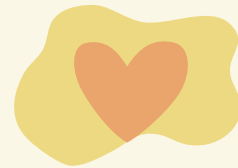
SHE LIVED THIS OUT IN HOW SHE CARED FOR OTHERS AND MODELED THIS TRAIT FOR HER CHILDREN.

QUOTE



MOM WAS GIVEN TO HOSPITALITY. WE LIVED ACROSS THE ROAD FROM THE RAILROAD, AND HOBOS TRAVELLING ON THE TRAIN WOULD STOP BY OUR HOUSE WHERE MOM WOULD OFTEN FEED THEM.

NURTURED



SHE PLANTED A VEGETABLE GARDEN EVERY YEAR AND ENJOYED SHARING HER PRODUCE. SHE ALSO HAD BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS, I.E., FORSYTHIA, HYDRANGEAS, ETC.

SEEDS

Billie's LEGACY

Mom was a loving and giving person. Generous and thoughtful, she fed ever "hobo" that came to our door (and our house was by the railroad tracks). In addition, her home-grown garden was often shared with others as a neighborhood project.

With a heart and voice for gospel music, she milked cows and used part of the hard-earned cash to pay for singing school.

That hardworking trait continued through adulthood, and it seemed as though there wasn't anything she couldn't do. Carpentry, gardening, cooking, sewing (she was self-taught) . . . she knew how to bring out the beauty in things and make old things look new.

From building a restaurant with our Dad to running her own upholstery business, mom was an entrepreneur. And if she didn't know something, she would learn it and then share her knowledge with others.

She was truly an inspiration and loved the Lord. She made sure we all knew she loved us. And those who knew her felt her love.