

Billie Jean McConnaughy Bouté

September 26, 1943 (Howard, TX)

January 10, 2025 (Rockford, IL)

Billie Jean McConnaughy Bouté, 81, passed away peacefully with family present, on Friday, January 10, 2025, at Rockford's OSF St. Anthony Hospital. Billie Jean was born September 26, 1943, in Howard, Texas, the daughter of Bill and Dode (Phillips) McConnaughy.



Billie attended Rockford public schools and graduated from West High School with the Class of 1961. At West she was a Hall Monitor and member of Science Club, Knights of the Turntable, and Quill and Scroll. She was Layout Manager and Co-Manger of the Warrior, School yearbook.

She married Larry Bouté on July 1, 1967, in Rockford – a milestone, as the first Lutheran-Catholic marriage in Rockford.

Billie Jean received her Bachelor's degree in social work and then went to work for the Visiting Nurses Association, where she was instrumental in creating the "Meals on Wheels" program. She was an avid "Phan" and Booster Club Member of the Phantom Regiment Drum and Bugle Corp, creating many of their uniforms for their '83 and '84 seasons. SUTA!!! Billie Jean was an active member of Grace Lutheran Church for many years. She was a ballet dancer when she was younger and enjoyed country line dancing, sewing, laughing, and spending time with her family.

Billie Jean is loved and missed by her Sons, Kyle (Michelle Brass) Bouté and Brad Bouté; Granddaughter, Rhiannon Bouté; and special Cousins, Cibby A. Long and Verna Blood.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, January 15, 2025, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Advantage Funeral and Cremation Services, 7000 West State Street, Rockford followed by the Funeral Service at 2:30 p.m. Billie Jean will be laid to rest in Willwood Burial Park, 7000 West State Street, Rockford.



Reference:

[Billie Jean Boute Obituary - Rockford, IL](#)