



## Ritsuko S. Carlile

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### A Satisfying Life

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As told by Ritsuko Carlile

My life began on the other side of the world on the Island of Miyako in the south of Japan. I was born near the beautiful blue waters of the Pacific Ocean on May 1, 1949. I spent my first three months in my grandfather's house along with my parents. In the summer of 1949 my parents, older brother, and I traveled by sea to another island in Southern Japan called Ishigaki Island.

There we lived in Ibaruma Village.

Life in Ibaruma Village was very relaxing. It rained often and I enjoyed hearing the babbling stream nearby. It was very beautiful there. We had mountains to the north and south, and the ocean was close by to the east and west. The village was surrounded by a large plateau. One of my favorite things to do was watch the sunrise in the morning coming up over the ocean, and then walk across the island to see it set back into the waves.

While living in Ishigaki Island our family welcomed one more brother and two sisters, and we became a family of seven. The children in our village followed the example of their parents and took good care of each other, and those outside of the family. There were also many elderly ones in our community that everyone shared in nurturing and caring for them. I always felt safe and had many adventures exploring the island and sea. That was my hometown, and the memories of Ibaruma Village. It's wonderful to look back on and

leaves me feeling refreshed and satisfied.

The adventures ahead were just beginning. In the early 70's, in Okinawa, I met and fell in love with a tall Texas boy named Bill Carlile. We were married, and a year later my Billy Boy came along. The three of us left Okinawa and headed all the way to Lampasas, TX in 1973. After living in Okinawa, I didn't know Texas would be so beautiful. When I first arrived, I felt lonely, but not for long. The Carlile family welcomed me, and I am grateful for their generosity.

In 1975, I took an interest in learning more about the Bible. These kind people helped me learn that our loving Creator has a name, and His name is Jehovah. (Psalms 83:18 – “May people know that you, whose name is Jehovah, You alone are the Most High over all the earth.”) I learned that Jehovah God promises that

we have a future hope to live in a beautiful Paradise the way He originally purposed here on earth. (Acts 24:15 – “And I have hope toward God, which hope these men also look forward to, that there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.”, Romans 15:4 - “For all these things that were written beforehand were written for our instruction, so that through our endurance and through comfort from the Scriptures we might have hope.”, Titus 1:1,2 - “Paul, a slave of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ according to the faith of God's chosen ones and the accurate knowledge of the truth that is according to godly devotion and is based on a hope of the everlasting life that God, who cannot lie, promised long ago.”) This hope helped me draw closer to Jehovah God, and I dedicated my life to Him as one of Jehovah's Witnesses on February 25, 1984. I have been attending the Lampasas Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses ever since. Being one of Jehovah's Witnesses I have made many lifelong friends from many cultures, races, backgrounds, and nations around the world. So, my family grew again. We are a true family because there is true love among those who love God and His standards. I have always taken every opportunity to share what I've learned and loved about the truths found in God's word. My dear husband, Bill, supported me every step of the way. For 50 years I have loved this wonderful

man.

My son, Billy Boy, has grown into the man I always knew he could become, but he'll always be my child for life. He loves the country life, and gardening just like me. Our family grew yet again when he married Amber Robbins on August 7, 2016. Billy and Amber have made a fine pair. They enjoy helping others and bring smiles to everyone they meet.

Working in my garden, watching the animals, and learning the many uses of native Texas plants has made me love Jehovah's creations even more.

Sharing with others what I grew and what I knew has been one of my greatest pleasures.

One of my favorite Lampasas moments has always been driving down the highway from town looking out over the hill country and turning onto our county road. I always felt deep peace and security. I am grateful for this feeling of contentment and satisfaction. I will feel this way again when I wake up to the beautiful Paradise that God has promised here on earth.

(Revelations 21:3,4 – “With that I heard a loud voice from the throne say:

“Look! The tent of God is

with mankind, and he will reside with them, and they will be his people. And

God himself will be with them. 4 And he will wipe out every tear from their

eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be

anymore. The former things have passed away.”) Please learn all you can

about these promises at [JW.ORG](http://JW.ORG) I have enjoyed a very satisfying life with my

three loves: my Bill, my Billy Boy, and Jehovah God our loving Creator.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ritsuko S. Carlile.*



August 13, 2022 at 12:06 AM



“ *Condolences for your family . Laura Umphres-Steffey*

**Laura Lee Steffey** - August 11, 2022 at 07:08 PM



“ *Ouida and Steve Wright purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "I thought of you" for the family of Ritsuko S. Carlile.*



**Ouida and Steve Wright** - August 10, 2022 at 06:11 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to the family. Prayers.*

**Siddonia Umphres** - August 10, 2022 at 12:23 PM