My husband Robert Busse and I moved to Winding River Ranch in 1963 with our three children, Sue, Bob, Bill and 16 head of registered horses. We left our business, home in Barrington Hills, Illinois with 29 acres of horse property and family and friends. This was a big step of faith!

My parents made the move to the ranch soon after to help us. My mother helped cook for the ranch and my dad helped build, repair and work the ranch. We started a campground at the north end of the property, which is now owned and operated by my son-in-law Wes and his wife Marsha. In order for us to keep this beautiful ranch, we needed to figure out ways to make a profit to pay for it and the upkeep.

The best idea soon was discovered to run it as a guest ranch. Many of our Illinois customers and friends were among our first guests to the ranch. In the beginning, our three children and their friends took care of the guests. More family came to help. For 14 summers my cousin Coco and her two daughters, Kris and Kay, worked hard and pitched in.

​Not only family helped but the people of Grand County were and still are great supporters. The people of Grand County are strong and courageous and resilient. They have to be to make it all work, especially in the cold and snowy winters. The best decision we ever made was to come to Grand Lake.

​Having been widowed for many years, I decided to divide the ranch with my children and turn the guest ranch over to my grandson, Travis Busse, who has stuck with his Granny through thick and thin and has seen to it that my dreams of the ranch have been fulfilled. Besides being a guest ranch, it is now a destination wedding venue.

​Currently my passion is to help those who want to live healthy and happy. I have been a massage therapist and nutritional consultant for over 45 years. My client base is not only in the county but extends all over the world.

​I work 10 hours a day helping others live their best lives now. I take time to ride horses and dance whenever there is a wedding or special occasion. I hope to continue setting a good example for others to take care of their Holy Temple. I believe in miracles and have seen hundreds.