



Evelyn Mae Hardy

February 16, 1933 - October 17, 2023

Evelyn Mae (Knecht) Hardy

Evelyn Mae went to be with the Lord in the early morning of October 17, 2023, at the age of 90. Born February 16, 1933, in Lind, Washington to Edward and Lydia Knecht, Evelyn lived on her great-grandparent's farm in Warden, Washington. She learned to play guitar at the age of 10 and at 13, was given the opportunity to play and sing on her own radio program on KSEM, known as the Sweetheart of the Columbia Basin until the age of 17. After completing High School in Warden with a graduating class of 5, she went to work for General Electric in Richland, Washington, which would prove to be the best move of her life. There she met the love of her life, Aulton Clyde Hardy, better known to his friends as Jack, who was stationed in the Army at Camp Hanford. They shared a love for music and a love for one another like no other. They were married on February 2, 1952, and moved back to Warden. In November of 1952, nine months after their nuptials, they welcomed their first of 3 daughters, Sandra Faye, followed shortly after by Julianne and Wendy Sue. Evy and Jack continued to play their music in Jack's band, Jack Hardy and the Potato Pickers while raising their girls on the farm.

Evelyn worked as a beloved secretary for Warden High School for many years while living on the farm that she and Jack adored. She enjoyed every minute on the farm with her grandchildren out there, and taught them how to crochet, make cookies and how to rest their eyes in the afternoon.

After Evelyn's retirement, her and Jack moved to Moses Lake. Evelyn enjoyed

her family, her friends, her church, and her volunteer work at Samaritan Hospital. While she suffered from Alzheimer's for the last 14 years, before it took too much of her mind, she went to church every Sunday. She and Jack were members of the First Presbyterian Church. Evy was loved by her community members and her family so much. Her legacy will live on in the hearts of those who loved her and were lucky to be loved by her.

Evelyn is preceded in death by her loving husband, Jack, of 53 years, her daughter Julianne Sullivan, and her parents, Edward and Lydia Knecht. She leaves behind her daughters Sandra (Skip) Allred and Wendy Gilbert, Grandchildren, Stephanie (Teresa) Reitz, Crystal (Karl) Johnson, Brandy (Ken) Tucker, Heather Abregana, Brandon Gilbert and Haliey (Tim) Weber, Great Grandchildren, Mackenzie (Dustin) Caldwell, Korbin (Ashley) Reitz, Jarad Parker, Madison, Makenna & Marlee Ybarra, Maeci Johnson, Benjamin (Melissa) Sullivan and Allison Abregana and great-great grandchildren Rylee Sullivan and Parker Caldwell, sister Linda (Brent) Bishop, nephew, Patrick (Kristi) Bishop and Niece, Heidi (Brian) Collins, as well as so many people in the community whose lives were touched by Evy.

Services for Evelyn will be held on Monday, October 23, 2023, at 11:00am at the First Presbyterian Church in Moses Lake, WA.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Formed in 1980, the Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support, and research. Alzheimer's is a cruel and unrelenting disease, but with your donation maybe we can come closer to finding a cure.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Gardens

9934 Road U SE
Warden, WA

Previous Events

Service

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Moses Lake Presbyterian Church
1142 W. Ivy
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall

BT

“ I was so lucky to be your granddaughter. Thank you grandma for always making me feel loved and special. You will forever be in my heart. ❤️💜



Brandy Tucker - October 20, 2023 at 12:56 PM

DM

So very sorry Wendy & Sandy to hear of your mothers passing. I have so many happy memories of Jack & Evy. God bless you all!! Debbie Mcgrotha

Debbie Mcgrotha - October 23, 2023 at 03:14 PM

TW

Sorry for your loss. I came across a letter from an Arthur Sydney Hardy, he died aboard HMCS Poundmaker. After failing overboard 21st December 1944. In the paperwork I came across there is a hand written letter to his father. I would offer to mail this letter to his family upon request. It is a heart hurting letter of a man finding love shortly before his death.

Thomas Wills
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Thomas Wills - August 01, 2024 at 08:42 PM