



Evelyn A. Godshall

March 12, 1936 - November 1, 2009

Evelyn "Ev" A. Godshall of Vancouver, WA, passed away on Nov. 1, 2009 from complications after a Pulmonary Embolism procedure. She was born on March 12, 1936 in Harlesville, PA to Ralph and Marie D. Alderfer. Ev lived with her family in India for five and a half years and in Beirut, Lebanon for two years. She had a master's degree in counseling from Portland State University and a BA in social work from Bethel College in Newton, KS. She also had an advanced professional certification in Fellow in Thanatology: Death, Dying and Bereavement. She was a Certified Mental Health Counselor for the State of Washington and National Certified Counselors. Continuing education was her passion. Ev was a Bereavement Counselor at Hospice Southwest for 13 years. Her hobbies were traveling, reading, tatting and floral design. Ev was known for her faith in Jesus Christ and her compassion for those dealing with death and dying. She had an uncanny knack for sensing when someone needed an empathetic ear or shoulder to cry on. She will be sorely missed by her family, her church friends and her Hopsice Colleagues and contacts. Ev is survived by her husband of 54 years and 10 months, J. Arden Godshall; daughter, Deena Godshall Roth; sons, Rikki Godshall and Deryl Godshall; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son, Loren Godshall.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 09:30 PM



“ Arden, Deena, Riki and Deryl, my deepest (belated) sympathies at the passing of Evelyn. Loss of someone so close is sad. I have warm memories of Evelyn's presence. She was kindness. My memories were from visits with your family on Sundays. I can see Evelyn moving about the kitchen in Kidron, a serving spirit. A meal shared, snack or visit after church. Then of course, the youth group fun. Thank you for being part of my early life. I wish you God's presence as you grieve the loss of Evelyn, Wife and Mother.

Denise (Yoder) Miller - August 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Arden, Deena, Riki and Deryl, I can not tell you how grieved I am to hear your sad, sad news (from Ann, this morning). Evelyn was a delightful, thoughtful, lovely and loving friend. It never occurred to me that the evening we spent in Portland last Summer, reminiscing about our India days, re-telling those tales of family foibles and of our own exaggerated exploits, would be the last time we would make Evelyn laugh. The humour and the smile and her mock look of disapproval at our more outrageous yarns, remain clearly in my mind. And it was only Evelyn who remembered my birthday with a card, no matter where in the world I happened to be, year on year. I will be forever grateful for that thoughtfulness and for many other kindnesses besides. Evelyn was a very special lady who possessed enormous Christian faith. She will surely be at peace. I am sure that same faith will hold you all in good stead at this time. With love and affection to you all. Rupert, Rina and Theo

Rupert Talbot - November 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ I worked with Ev on a SWMC committee called Great People/Great Place. Ev was the role model of "Great People." We were describing behaviors we want all our employees to demonstrate and Ev proposed, "Listen with your eyes, your ears, and your heart." It was what Ev did every day. She is so missed by every one whose life she touched.

Kathleen Lipiec - November 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ I worked in the same office for Hospice with Ev for many years. She was always so warm and welcoming. She always asked how I was doing, asked about the family, my husband; I don't think I will ever know a kinder, more gentle spirit than Ev. I know she will be truly missed, but how blessed are we to have experienced life with her.

Melissa Olson - November 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am saddened to hear about Evelyn. Please know I will keep your family in my prayers. I remember Evelyn as being such a sweet spirited person. She was an inspiration to my mother! My family is grateful for her, and your families, friendship all these years

Brenda Shrock Walters - November 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ What I will remember most about Ev was her beautiful smile. I can't ever recall a time when she wasn't smiling. Ev had a gentle, beautiful soul that touched many people....We will miss you Ev.

Mary Maclean - November 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *On behalf of the children of Claude & Elizabeth Derstine - we extend our deepest condolences to all the family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless.*

Betty (Derstine) Hlavka - November 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM