



## Gloria Healy Evans

September 5, 1937 - February 6, 2024

Gloria Frances Healy Evans went to be with her Lord on Tuesday, February 6th, 2024 at age 86 in Vancouver, WA. She was born in Oregon City, OR on September 5th, 1937 to George Healy and Doris (Hart) Healy. They went on to settle permanently in Vancouver, WA.

A graduate from Vancouver High School in 1955. Gloria played the violin in the school orchestra and was active in the Camp Fire Girls. Her troop was led by her mother, Doris Healy. Gloria along with her fellow troop members kept in touch and it was a time of friendship and fun she remembered so well.

Gloria was an Alumni of the University of Portland, School of Nursing. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Nursing in 1959. While attending U of P Gloria began her service in the USNR (U.S. Navy Nurses Corp) in 1958 enrolling in the Navy ROTC program. After graduation, Gloria was stationed at Naval Hospitals in California, overseas in Guam, Yokosuka, Japan and back to the states in Virginia. Her time overseas were among some of her fondest memories. She truly enjoyed where she was stationed but also her trips through Hong Kong and the Philippines. These experiences helped form her love of Asian art, food and culture. Gloria was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy in 1966 as a Lieutenant.

Gloria continued working in the field of Nursing upon moving back to Vancouver, WA at St. Joseph Hospital, Emmanuel Hospital transitioning to Occupational Health Nursing for the Port of Portland upon which she retired. She worked in many different departments and wards during her nursing

career. Her kindness, empathy and warmth were always appreciated. Gloria was devoted to family, always a constant source of strength and support. Her work hours were either swing or night shift. It mattered not, she was present at family gatherings, camping trips, berry picking, clamming, helping with homework, enjoyed playing games of any kind of cards, dominoes, cribbage, spending time with her niece and nephews, her daughters Camp Fire Girls troops, sports and choir in middle school and both senior parent groups. Gloria's grandchildren were especially her pride and joy. She loved watching over them, helping at school, taking them on trips to the rock museum, special jaunts for ice cream, craft projects and any other thing that caught their fancy.

Gloria absolutely loved being at the beach. She was a rock hound. Her favorite places were along the Oregon coast Newport, Lincoln City and the most special Agate beach. She would spend hours in surf and sand searching for the perfect stone, agate, sea shell or sand dollar. It was a place she found to be restorative.

Among many things Gloria was a voracious reader. Books of all shapes, sizes and genres were in every room of her home. She instilled this love of literature, writing and the arts to all her family. Even towards the end, when she was unable to pick up a book a family member would be there to read to her.

Gloria was a strong, amazing, brave woman who will be dearly missed. There is a dark space where her wit, laughter, twinkling eyes and sweet smile once were. Gloria was preceded in death by her parents George and Doris (Hart) Healy, brother Tom Healy and sister Sharon Healy. She is survived by her daughters Catherine Evans Mode and Deborah Evans Gregg; grandchildren Tyler (Lauren) Gregg, Alexandra Mode, Corey Gregg and two great-grandsons Braxton and Archie.

On Thursday April 25th, 2024 a Rosary will be held at 10 a.m.; Funeral at 11 a.m. followed by a reception at St. Joseph Catholic Church (400 S. Andresen Rd Vancouver, WA 98661). Her graveside service will be held at Evergreen

Memorial Gardens (1101 NE 112th Ave Vancouver, WA 98684) at 3pm.  
Special sincere thanks to Homestead Senior Care LLC owners Rebecca and Amos Nutas and Eden Hospice for their kind, constant attention and care to Gloria's ever changing medical needs and comfort in her last months.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory*

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Gloria Healy Evans** - February 14, 2024 at 12:00 AM