



Merian Virginia Evans

June 21, 1921 - March 29, 2017

Merian Evans was born June 21, 1921. She passed away peacefully on March 29, 2017 surrounded by family at Manor Park nursing home. Merian leaves behind a legacy of love that extends through her family generations.

Merian grew up with her family in Eunice, NM. She was taught early on by her loving parents the value of hard work. She helped out at the family grocery, and was even tasked with walking into town to take care of paying bills. She was given strict instructions to take care of business and return straight home. Once, on a bitter cold day, Merian stopped at the local JC Penny's to warm up. There she met Mr. JC Penny himself who gave her a pair of gloves before heading back into the cold! She was so worried she'd be in trouble for straying from the path of her mother's instructions, Merian tossed the gloves before she got home.

The work ethic stuck and Merian, with her husband James, would later establish two successful business in New Mexico, Hobbs Repair Service and Evans Oil and Gas.

Merian met the love of her life, James Nelson Evans, at a gas station. He had recently returned home a hero from the Philippine Theatre of WWII. She would go to the same gas station almost daily to purchase just enough gas to

keep her going. Catching James's eye, he made her a deal – he would pump her gas if she agreed to go to the movies with him.

Together they raised three men, and Merian was proud of her family. Her sons said they learned both independence and perseverance from their mother.

The love that Merian held for her sons was only equaled to the joy of her grandchildren. She loved them with a passion. They remember Easter egg hunts in her back yard, molasses cookies and canned pickles. Most of all, they remember the unending love and affection she showed during the time she gladly spent with each of them.

She was proud of her Cherokee heritage. The family remembers Merian's uncanny ability to sniff out arrow heads. She would say she just "had a feeling", and would seemingly walk straight to them.

Her broad vocabulary made her the families scrabble champion.

She loved to quilt, she loved game shows, and she even loved to sit down with an ol' romance novel.

Merian was a woman of faith, and could be found reading her Bible until the last days of her life. Her relationship with Jesus was the cornerstone of her life.

She was a wonderful mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and friend.

A virtuous woman.

Her presence on earth will be greatly missed, but her legacy will live on in her loved ones forever.

Viewing will be held today, Thursday, March 30, 2017 beginning at 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at American Heritage. Graveside service will be held, Friday, March 31, 2017, 3:00 p.m. at Brunson Memorial Park in Eunice, NM. Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery/Funeral Home/Crematory in Midland. Online condolences may be posted at www.thehealingstartshere.com

Tribute Wall

BE

“ I can only express my gratitude to the Lord for blessing me with such a wonderful mother-in-law. I am so grateful to be a part of her family and to be married to the amazing man that she raised. I appreciate the integrity and godly principles that she invested in her sons. It has been a genuine pleasure to be added to their family for the past thirty five years. Merian always treated me like I was her own and she added so much laughter and joy to the atmosphere when we were together. I learned so many valuable traits and quality life skills from my precious mother-in-law. I will treasure her memory for the rest of my life. Merian, your life has instilled so many precious valuable memories into my life and to the lives of my husband and children. Thank you Merian. We love you and will miss you.

Bobbie Evans

Bobbie Evans - March 31, 2017 at 08:48 AM

SJ

“ Jim,
May sweet memories of your dear Mother surround you and your family and may your faith sustain you during this difficult time.

*In Sympathy,
Susan James*

Susan James - March 30, 2017 at 03:23 PM

LG

“ Jim,

May the wonderful memories of your Mother help you be at peace during this difficult time of loss. Blessings to you and your family.

*In Sympathy,
Laurie Gallway
COGC*

Laurie Gallway - March 30, 2017 at 03:00 PM

VM

“ Jim & Family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in the loss of your precious Mother.

She will forever be remembered in the memories and the hearts of the family whose life she touched in such a special way. May our Heavenly Father wrap all of the family in his loving care and bring you comfort and peace knowing she is one of God's angels now.

*Vicki McDonald
Houston*

Vicki McDonald - March 30, 2017 at 01:48 PM

JE

Thank you Vicki for the kind words.

jim evans - March 31, 2017 at 08:49 AM

DW

“ *Merian was a very special lady and friend. At one time The Evans owned a furniture store in Eunice, NM. My husband and I bought some of our first furniture from Jim and Merian. We always enjoyed our visits with Merian after we moved to Midland. She always made us laugh remembering things from long ago. Our love and prayers to her dear family at this sad time.*



*God Bless each of you,
Dickie, Maudie and Patti Wallace*

Dickie Wallace - March 30, 2017 at 01:18 PM