



Evelyn Marie Kelley

June 11, 1930 - April 28, 2014

Evelyn was born in New York City, moved out West in the 1950s. First stop was Oakland California where husband Burt got a job with the railroad. Later, an opportunity to transfer to Lovelock Nevada came up and the family moved again. Eventually, we moved to Reno, then to Sparks and then in 1969 the couple purchased an acre of land in Old Washoe City. We built a home while living (with 5 kids) in a 55-foot single-wide almost 2-bdrm 1-bath mobile home...Needless to say, we were all anxious to move into the new digs.

But once again wanderlust settled in and Burt and Evelyn with the only child still at home, Earl, set off for Yakima Valley in 1978 for a 25-acre parcel planted in grapes for sale to Welch's. Years later, as Burt's health began to wane, they sold the "farm" to Earl and came back to Nevada finally settling in Silver Springs.

Evelyn always worked. Upon arriving in the Reno area, she originally worked for Arch Drug Store Downtown as a waitress. Later, she worked as a line worker in a factory making perfume bottles, in another making children's toys like pop beads. While in Reno she worked for Lynch communications and Baker and Taylor books. While in Washoe Valley she worked as a bookkeeper for the State of Nevada Health Division in Carson City. Then Burt opened a lumber business in Washoe Valley and mom became the sawyer. She worked a 12" cross cut saw cutting 2x6 and 2x8 lumber for making porch steps for

trailer houses, and tens of thousands of board feet of pecky cedar fencing. Burt would bring home truckloads of lumber, 6x6 cedar posts 16' long, some weighing well over 100 pounds and the workers at the yard marveled at how my mom could always carry her end of anything, no matter how heavy.

Once settled in Silver Springs she got on at Amazon.com in Fernley. Despite her age, they loved her. She always worked hard wherever she worked and whatever she was doing.

In 1997, Burt, during a magnificent fist fight with a man 20 years his junior, fell off a curb and had a compression fracture in his back. He was prescribed extra-strength (brand name acetaminophen) and by the time the doctors figured out why he kept getting sicker and sicker, the poison had ruined his liver and mom cared for him at home until he passed in 1998.

Grandma Fifi, Evelyn's mom, had lived with Evelyn's family since the early '70s and tramped around the West with the family for 30 years. When Grandma was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Evelyn, once again became care giver, gave up her job at Amazon and nursed Grandma in their home in Silver Springs until Fifi finally passed away some two years later.

In 2004, a romance seemingly made for television unfolded as Evelyn's matchmaking hairdresser decided that Sylvester Kelley, another client, and Evelyn may be just right for each other. Daughter Linda remembers Evelyn saying one evening, "And he tried to kiss me, and I told him, hold on buddy, you're moving way too fast." Linda's retort, "Mom, he's 80 years old. You don't have time for long romance." So in December 2004, Evelyn once again became a beautiful bride. They were perfect together, like a couple of teenagers experiencing their first loves. They were adorable and remained so until Kelley passed three years ago.

Evelyn was never sad, rarely mad and always moving. She loved working in her yard, writing little poems and doing crossword puzzles. She was incredibly intelligent, an amazing mom, albeit a bit old fashioned and bossy. She was a wonderful Grandma to all of us and anyone else who needed one. Up until a month before her passing, she was, again, a caregiver for elderly folks in the Silver Springs area travelling to their homes and giving the home care they needed.

So yes, Evelyn was predeceased by two wonderful husbands, (at different times, you see) Burton Stiteler and Sylvester Kelley, sisters Mary Weiss and Lillian Willis. She is survived by sister, Laura Reisman, children, Linda Harrison (Dan,) Karen Spencer, Mary Hall (Rex,) Fred Stiteler (Debbie) and Earl Stiteler (Jen) and many grand and great grandchildren.

Mom, grandma, Evelyn, we love you very much.

Tribute Wall



“ Evelyn Marie Kelley

November 04, 2023 at 08:25 PM



“ Evelyn Marie Kelley

November 01, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ *Hi mom. Lookin at your pix. I know it's okay to just belive you can't talk to me cuz the Bible says so, but, you never really one for following rules. Can't you just stop by? I'll cook; I'm pretty darn good now. I can even make stuff taste good that doesn't burn your tongue or overly garlicly. Meditereaiean, way too many vowels to do drunk in this tiny font, but, I love you, miss you and if you think I ever blamed you for anything, I forgive you. you still are the most beautiful woman I've everknown... 'till I met Deb. Now there's two at the top o f the mantle love you mom.*

Freddy - February 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Family & Friends of Evelyn,,
I am so very sorry for your loss and it is my prayer that you can find peace in knowing that Jehovah God promises to swallow up death forever, and wipe the tears from all of our faces that are the result of such painful losses such as yours. Isaiah 24:8
Sincerely,
Helen*

Helen Hudson - August 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ Well, Mom, you didn't do what I wanted - again! You left under your own terms just as you lived by your own rules. I am now and will forever be blessed by having you as my Mom. Thank you for loving me.

Linda - June 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

YN

“ Dear Old Aunt Evelyn - we will miss your laugh and all of your advice - asked for or not! We love you forever and ever.

Your nieces & nephews - May 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ did not know Evelyn personally, but I wanted to express my deepest sympathy for your family. At times like this,I have personally found Jesus Christ's words at John 5:28,29 to be truly comforting. There he promised that "the hour is coming when all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out...to a resurrection of life." I look forward to the time when I can see my loved ones again so much. Feel free to contact me at the attached email address and again I'm so sorry for your loss.

Tamara Ron - May 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ we will miss your beautiful smile. love you debbie.

debbie stiteler - May 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ WE WILL MISS YOUR SWEET FACE AND KNOW YOU ARE IN A BETTER PLACE WITH OUT PAIN. SUCH A GREAT WOMAN WHO WILL BE MISSED BY ALL.SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING TO THE FAMILY. GOD BLESS

PATRICIA FAIN - May 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ Love you mom. Wish you could have stayed just another 83 years.

Fred Stiteler - May 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM