



Evelyn A. Rodgers

October 31, 1925 - April 9, 2020

Evelyn Almeda Hanson Rodgers was born October 31, 1925, outside San Francisco, California. She passed away April 6, 2020, in Sherwood, Oregon, from natural causes. She was 94. Evelyn spent her early years growing up in Florida before her family relocated to Oregon. They lived in a number of cities throughout the state until the early 1940's when they settled in Silverton.

It was here that she met and married Elmer J Hanson in 1945. The couple made Silverton their home for many years. Although Evelyn and Elmer did not have children of their own, they were blessed with a family who loved and shared quality time together. Evelyn's sister and brother-in-law, Florence & Raymond Weathers, her brother and sister-in-law, James & Barbara Monroe, were always very close and a vital part of their lives. Those siblings, coupled with eight nieces and nephews who adored her, earned her the title of "Auntie Evelyn" and she wore the honor well. There was always love, food, and foolishness when they were all together.

After Elmer's passing in 1978, Evelyn worked at Eugene Field Elementary School in Silverton for several years doing what she did best as she helped prepare and serve the students hot meals until her retirement. She felt happy being around all those children.

She entered a new chapter in her life when she met Andrew H Rodgers from Sherwood, Oregon. As their relationship grew, so did their lives together. They were wed in 1981 and Evelyn moved to Sherwood and lived with Andrew at

the home on Ladd Hill Road. Over the years in Sherwood, Andy and Evelyn enjoyed landscaping, maintaining and relaxing at their 2-acre Sherwood home. Evelyn enjoyed being a Grandmother and on many occasions would go camping and fishing with the kids at Fishermen's Bend campsite. As often as she could she would host dinners and teach the grandkids how to cook. One of her most favorite things to do was work massive 1000 piece puzzles and help judge coloring book competitions. Although they weren't her grandkids by blood, Evelyn treated and loved them just the same and the lasting love, affection and support she gave them has been felt by all throughout the years; her kindness knew no bounds.

In order to keep her days full and to give back to the community, Evelyn began volunteering at Avamere in Sherwood. She spent hours each week helping the residents manage their lives and keep their spirits high. As time and circumstances changed, the amount of volunteer hours increased as well. Evelyn spent time at Avamere where she counted both staff, as well as the residents, as her friends. One of the highlights of her life was being nominated and awarded the "Volunteer of the Year Award" for her help at Avamere. Presenting her with the award was former basketball announcer, Bill Schonely, of the Portland Trail Blazers. She was a huge fan of the Team and was very excited and proud to be so honored.

Evelyn spent the last three years of her life as a resident at Avamere Sherwood. Here she was safe, happy, well cared for, and loved by staff, friends, and family. Evelyn is survived by her brother, James Monroe and many loving nieces, nephews and grandchildren who will miss her kindness and loving spirit. Go in Peace Auntie!

Evelyn will be laid to rest next to her first husband Elmer at the Valley View Cemetery in Silverton, Oregon

Tribute Wall

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“ *My Auntie lived a long and full life with Uncle Elmer and Andy as well as her extended family and friends. As one of the last people to still call me Tommy, she remained interested in sharing her life experiences and was an avid listener when catching up with what was going on in my life. Visiting the house on Madison we could always be sure of a special lunch, games and lots of love. In her last years she lived more in her memories and I think they were a comfort and made her happy. My sister Carol was the continued connection with Auntie and our family and we each thank her for the gift of time that she gave to this special lady as she finished her time on this earth.*

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