



Joyce Everitt McBride Ryg

June 25, 1924 - May 8, 2019

Joyce Everitt McBride Ryg, 94, passed away on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, in Roswell, NM. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Joyce's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

The 4th of 11 children, Joyce was born to Chris and Ema Olson in Litchville, North Dakota. After growing up in the wheat fields of ND, she chose to attend Mercy School of Nursing in Valley City, ND. Later, she obtained her Bachelor of Nursing from Eastern New Mexico University. Joyce's career took her from North Dakota to Minnesota, Nebraska, Arizona, Texas, and New Mexico. She eventually became the Supervisor of the Surgical Suite at the new Eastern New Mexico Medical Center, from the time it opened, until the merger with St. Mary's Hospital. Joyce's love of nursing was life long, and she considered it her calling. In her career, she helped thousands of people.

PRECEDED: Joyce had three children, two who preceded her in death. Following the death of her first husband, Frank, she married Gerald McBride and following his death, married Wayne Ryg, who also preceded her in death.

SURVIVORS: Joyce's survivors include: her son, Frank Everitt; grandsons: Jason and Kevin Everitt; five of her brothers and sisters; numerous nieces; nephews; grandchildren; and a special friend, Marti Everitt.

Joyce was recognized by the State of New Mexico for the outstanding volunteer work she did for many organizations in the state. She was constantly interrupted by the phone, fielding requests for her help, and she always stepped up to the plate.

SERVICES: Arrangements are in the care of Anderson Bethany Funeral Home. Joyce's cremated remains will be taken to North Dakota, where her family will gather together to scatter her cremains at the family cemetery, in the beautiful fields of Southeastern North Dakota.

The family would like to thank the caregivers on the Memory Care Unit of Avamere, who provided gentle care for Joyce's last two years, and the staff of ENMMC and Casa Maria, who helped her through her last few weeks of life.

MEMORIALS: Donations to the Alzheimer's Foundation would be gratefully appreciated, in

lieu of flowers.

Joyce's tribute was lovingly written in her honor by her family.

Comments



“ Frank, Jason and Kevin: To say we were saddened to learn of Joyce's death is an understatement. We went back a LONG time, back to when we first moved back to Roswell in the 60's. After Christ Lutheran closed we joined St. Mark's and became very well acquainted with she and Gerald. Involved in many ministries at St.. Mark's I remember well when I had some surgery at ENNMC and she was the one who "woke" me up in recovery. She touched SO many lives during her years in the OR there. Jason, I don't know if you remember, but I played for your wedding at St. Mark's.

I could go on and on about the many things we did together, but please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Roswell lost a legend when Joyce departed this earthly life and got her wings. May she rest in peace.

Emmalee and Larry Knadle

Larry Knadle - May 15 at 09:42 AM



“ My sincere sympathy to Frank and his family on the loss of his mother, Joyce. I'll always remember her as being kind to me as we were kids growing up together. I hope you can find peace and healing in the days to come.
Linda Brewington

Linda Brewington - May 14 at 01:11 PM



“ I visited often with Joyce at Avamere while visiting my own mother. Joyce was a sweet woman and spoke often about Her son Frank. I enjoyed our visits!
I pray for you to find comfort during this time.
Bonnie Puntch

Bonnie Puntch - May 14 at 09:17 AM