



## Evelyn I. Smith

July 7, 1923 - January 11, 2013

On January 11, 2013, Evelyn, our wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother went home to the Lord. Her husband of over 70 years and son were at her side. Evelyn Smith Luther was born July 7, 1923. She was raised on a farm near Watts, Oklahoma. She often jokingly said she was the original farmers' daughter. She loved a good joke and she had a smile and a laugh that would light up a room and make everyone around her happy to be involved. After graduating from high school in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Evelyn left to stay with an aunt in Eads, Colorado. In the fall of 1941, she enrolled at Barnes Business School in Denver. In October she met her future husband at a Halloween party. He was in the Army Air Corps stationed at Lowery Field. Evelyn married Ellsworth "Smitty" Smith on September 5, 1942. A son was born while Smitty was overseas in the Philippines. After the war, the family moved to Eads, Colorado until 1949, then to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma for three years. There, a daughter was born. In 1952, the family moved back to Eads where they owned and operated a dry goods store until 1966. The next move was to Fort Collins, Colorado in 1966 where they opened the first Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream Store. She later worked for and retired from Fort Collins Federal Savings and Loan, later known as Home Federal. Evelyn loved the Poudre Canyon and for many years the family owned a cabin in the Canyon. She truly enjoyed spending time at the cabin, fishing and enjoying life.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, one sister, and

her daughter, Judy. She is survived by her husband of 70 years; a son, Doug; grandchildren, Stacie David, Shi Smith, and Ryan Kirsten Smith; two great grandchildren, Edison and Emilie, with another soon to be born in March. She is also survived by a sister and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Cremation will be performed. Private family services will follow. In lieu of cards or flowers, please send donations to: The Alzheimer's Association in care of Bohlander Funeral Chapel, 121 W Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ *Grandma Evelyn was our hero and inspiration. She will be greatly missed. We want you to know that our hearts and prayers are with her family. We will remember her always with all the wonderful memories, life lessons, and wisdom she gave us. We truly can not think of a more remarkable woman. Love and Best Wishes, The Shi Family*

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**Stacie and David Shi** - February 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ *Just read about your loss and wanted you to know that you touched all of our lives as we grew up in Eads. Also loved seeing you for ice cream when at CSU. Life passes and we don't always stop and remember those who have touched us and made our lives happier. Thank you and I'm sorry for your loss. Jolyn Gereke*

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**Jolyn Gereke Uney** - January 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Hi Smitty. I just read about Evelyn's passing in the Kiowa County Press. Oh my..the memories came rushing back for me as I was a kid when my parents spent so much time with you and Evelyn. My memories are completely clear of going into your store in Eads for our annual Fair & Rodeo clothing; your home in Ft Collins with the pond out back; and especially the cabin. You guys and my parents had some really really fun times there...I just remember lots of laughter on those trips. I sure miss you and would love to hear from you. My address is PO Box 216, Eads, CO 81036 or please email me! Love to you and Doug!*

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**Betsy Legg Barnett** - January 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ I enjoyed Evelyn every time she came in the beauty shop. We all loved her sense of humor and many times she had us rolling on the floor with her quick wit. I missed her so much when she went into the home, It was like losing my own mother. We had become close friends. She was a great, and beautiful lady inside and out. I am sorry for your loss but I know she is with Judy and at peace again. Love to you all, Bonnie

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**Bonnie Wingate** - January 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ Smitty, Doug & family, Loy called us this morning to tell us about Evelyn's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and we have so many fond memories of our times together. I remember the "grand opening" of the Baskin-Robbins store and going down many evenings to have a cone and chat. I also recall taking care of Aunt Mable's place in Eads and remember a joke that Evelyn told me on the front porch, Smitty was saying you're not going to tell that are you, she did and we laughed like crazy. I will tell it to you sometime!! Our best to you all..... Wally & Phyllis Mosher

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**Wally & Phyllis Mosher** - January 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM