



Gurine Evelyn Gorman

August 4, 1919 - January 25, 2010

Gurine Evelyn Gorman, formerly of Vienna, West Virginia, peacefully left this life January 25, 2010, at Eagle's Nest Assisted Living in Fort Collins, Colorado, with her two daughters by her side. After a long journey with Alzheimer's, she has finally been reunited in heaven with her beloved husband, Jack; her brothers, her parents, and a host of other friends and relatives that have made the journey before her. Evelyn was born in Kearny, New Jersey on August 4, 1919, to the late Victor E. Henrikson and Gesine Hansen Henrikson. She was a bookkeeper, homemaker, and a Sunday School teacher for many years. Her retirement years were spent in Tom's River, New Jersey, Virginia Beach, Virginia, and most recently, Fort Collins, Colorado. Her greatest pleasure in life was caring for others. She was never idle; she enjoyed painting, she loved sewing, and did the most beautiful hand work. She also enjoyed the outdoors and gardening; her yard was a sight to behold. In her later years, though she no longer gardened, she marveled at the beauty of this earth, especially the trees, whenever she was outside. Evelyn's beautiful smile, sparkling blue eyes, and love for all of God's creatures made her a treasure here on earth. She never knew a stranger, she was kind to everyone she met, and will be remembered by all whose lives she touched. She especially loved children and animals. She was a caring wife, Mom, Nana, and friend, and will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing and loving her. Her family at Eagle's Nest, Scott, Carrieann, Brittany, and Matthew Williams, and their special staff, brought her so much joy. They made her last years full of laughter and love, which she returned many times over. Her family would like to recognize them as our angels here on earth, our beacon of light during some difficult times, and now our very good friends. Not to be forgotten are Evelyn's very special friends, Els Deininger, Leah Richie, and Nancy Robey, who spent many hours with her, offering their companionship, friendship, and sharing lots of ice cream. Thanks also goes to Pathways Hospice for their help in assisting Evelyn make her final journey. Evelyn is survived by her daughters, Linda Keller of Fort Collins, Colorado and Joanne McKain, of Virginia Beach, Virginia; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Visitation will be Thursday, at 4:00 pm, January 28, 2010, at Bohlender Funeral Chapel, followed by a wake service at 5:00 p.m. A Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at the Church of the Holy Family in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Interment will be at Princess Anne Memorial

Park in Virginia Beach. Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

Tribute Wall

RW

“ Dear Linda and Joanne, First, my husband Russell and I wish to extend our condolences in the loss of your mom. I read about your mom's passing in the newspaper and wanted you to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of great sorrow. I cried when I saw she had passed away. She was a wonderful lady and a very special friend to me at WVU-Parkersburg through all of her years there. We enjoyed so many walks and talks on our lunch hours. Then, for all these many years since she retired we kept in touch with beautiful cards and letters. I want to thank you both so much for the card, letter and picture of her this past Christmas. She was still so beautiful! I will keep her pictures, cards and letters together. I know the great loss you feel in losing her. It will be seven years tomorrow that I lost my mom and I still miss her so much. May today's sorrow give way to the peace and comfort of God's love.

Rosie Wallace - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Although It has been a long while I remember Mrs. Gorman well. WVU-P. early 70's. She was a wonderful caring person. Kathy and I wish you and your family a gentle recovery from your loss. Best Regards.

Dennis Cain - January 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Dear Joanne and Linda, We read about your moms' passing in the paper and wanted you to know that we are thinking about you during your time of grief. We live on the same street as your mom and dad 10th ave in vienna. They watched our girls grow up until they move to NJ. Your mom and I exchanged Christmas cards for years...So sorry that your parents are gone. Sincerely, Ric and Lee Ann

Ric and Lee Ann Hanlon - January 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ My wifeForrest and I wish to extend our condolences to Evelyn's family. We met her in 1966 at the book store in the Hut at WVU's Parkersburg Branch where her dear friend Fritz Finch was the manager. Evelyn was a lovely lady, and I, an instructor at the Branch at the time and just beginning what would become over three decades of combined service to WVU and Parkersburg Community College, am appreciate the opportunity to get to know her and her interest in those institutions during my tenure at those institutions. Sincerely, Bernard L. Allen, Ph.D.

Bernie Allen, Ph.D. - January 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ Dear Joanne and Linda, I rarely follow-up on former clients, but your mother made such an impact on me that I wanted to send you both a note of condolence. Since I lost my mother, I have an idea what you may be feeling, even though in some ways both of our mothers were not with us for some time. Your mother was truly a sweet and caring person. The love, attention, compassion and dedication you gave to your mother is truly inspiring. I wish more people were as dedicated to their parents as you are. I know how parental care can be a huge time commitment and responsibility, you rose to the challenge with so much love that I am incredibly moved and full of admiration. Thank you for sharing your example of love and caring with me, too. I am sorry that I was not able to attend the services, my thoughts and love were there, and continue to flow to you. In sympathy, Heather A. Heafer

Heather A. Heafer - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Linda, Dave and Joanne You are just finishing visitation and about to start the wake for your Mother. You are so much on my mind and heart; I wish I could be there for a hug or three. Please know how much I respect and honor the loving care you gave to her and the sacrifices you have made to care for the one who would give all for you. I am thankful that she is at peace; I hope the same will come to you in the coming days. much love, Martha

Martha Ballman - January 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM