



Evelyn Brizzolara

May 10, 1934 - November 24, 2019

A funeral service for Evelyn will be 3:00 p.m. Friday, November 29, 2019, at the Marshall Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bob Brown officiating. She will later be interred beside her parents in the Ensor Family Graveyard in Elizabethton, Tennessee.

Evelyn Delilah (Ensor) Brizzolara passed away at Share Medical Center in Alva on November 24, 2019 after a short illness.

She was a devoted wife and loving mother; she was a friend to all whose lives she touched. She was a homemaker, and an active community volunteer.

Born in Alva on May 10, 1934, she was the daughter of Dr. Daniel B. and Mrs. Grace Ensor. Her very early years were spent in Hopeton where her father had a medical practice. Her family relocated to Alva where she finished school and graduated with the Class of 1951. After attending Northwestern Oklahoma State University for her freshman year, she transferred to Sophie Newcomb College in New Orleans, Louisiana where she earned a B.A. in Anthropology and became a life long jazz enthusiast.

Evelyn traveled extensively in Europe with her mother during and shortly after her college days. While in France, she was frequently mistaken for the actress Leslie Caron. She and her mother enjoyed the offer of free taxi rides and other tokens resulting from this mistaken identity. Always adventurous, she later explored behind the Iron Curtain in communist Yugoslavia.

She married Raymond E. Tompkins with whom she had three children. She worked as an advocate in the children's court in Oklahoma County.

She met and married Harold (Hal) Brizzolara from San Mateo, California in 1964.

Hal and Evelyn and their children settled in northern California where they were blessed with the birth of another son. Evelyn made a loving home and set a model of community

service for her children. An active Pink Lady volunteer for the local hospital as well as a Cub Scout/Girl Scout leader, she served for a number of years on the Nevada County School Board and oversaw the building of a new elementary school for the community. She was also active in Republican politics. In 1974 Evelyn, Hal, and their children moved to Alva where Hal had purchased an accounting practice.

Evelyn was a longtime member of P.E.O, the Cherokee Outlet Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Oklahoma, and Holly Club. She continued volunteer service through Meals-on-Wheels, as chairman of the Alva Cemetery Board, and other public and church related activities. For many years, she served on the board of directors of the Hopeton State Bank.

She was an avid crafter and quilter, winning many awards for her quilts. An enthusiastic book collector of signed, first edition mysteries and espionage fiction, she traveled extensively with Hal throughout the Southwest and California seeking out treasures for their collection.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents and her elder sister, Dana, as well as by her infant son, Michael. She is survived by her husband, Hal, of the home, and her children Chris Brizzolara of Santa Monica, California, Kay Brizzolara and husband PJ Pronger III of Amarillo, Texas, and Jeff Brizzolara and his wife Kelli of Dallas, Texas, and their respective children: PJ Pronger IV and wife Beth of Amarillo, Texas, Lauren Pronger of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Parker, Presley, and Palmer Brizzolara of Dallas, Texas.

In lieu of flowers the family suggest donations to the Free to Live Animal Sanctuary, P.O. Box 5884, Edmond, OK 73083 or Second Chance Animal Sanctuary, Inc, P.O. Box 1266, Norman, OK 73070, or a charity of your choice.

Remembrances may be shared with the family at www.marshallfuneralhomes.com.

"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:38-39

Events

NOV **Service** 03:00PM

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Marshall Funeral Home Chapel
230 Flynn, Alva, OK, US

Comments



“ I've known Evelyn since she was knee high to a grasshopper, i.e., a kid. We grew up in Alva together...Cherished her friendship. Hal, I have some idea of what you are feeling, having lost Peggy last year. Evelyn's passing will leave a big hole in your life. My prayers are about you and yours. Grace and peace and enjoy some dim sum or however you say it. I recall she liked Chinese food. Carl Shafer

carl Shafer - December 06, 2019 at 07:26 PM



“ Carl this is Mollie Weaver. Good to know ae sre still on this plament. Im just now reading of Evelyns passing. She was a cun gsl. She and Joy aAnn Shdrman stayed in touch daily. I miss Joy do much, she gave me a readon to come to Alva. We had vlass reunions until this pS

ast Nune after only 7 showrd yp the yr. before. Im still in Tulsa, 87 yrs olf and still alive and mi king by Gods grace. Hope u are well.

Mollie Weaver - February 12, 2020 at 10:51 AM



“ She was a great friend and was a hoot! I just came across the photo of you and Hal's picture of you both in Las Vegas! All the items you brought to us at the bank. I'll Cherish those memories! Prayers to Hal and children!



Barbara Sacket - November 29, 2019 at 11:23 AM



“ Me B, Jeff, Chris and Kay- I cant believe it! A few fun memories of our ski trips- Brizz do you remember the Mike Jokes from the bunk beds? We had a lot of fun talks especially about her cats that I hated (I got in big trouble!) especially calling her Evelyn - we laughed later about it! I'm stuck in Plano with a triple broken ankle unable to drive that far - I am beyond sad she is gone so suddenly I hope She is with Mom Watching over us.. love you guys and I am so sorry!
Xoxo Julia Ryerson

julia Witherington - November 27, 2019 at 12:23 AM



“ Hal & family. I'm so very sorry for your loss. May God hold you close and comfort you during this difficult time.
Kathy (Walters) Racette



Kathryn Racette - November 27, 2019 at 12:08 AM



“ Loved this lady. Always had a kind word and a very caring person. Will miss seeing you at the post office or wherever.



Bill and Linda Beeler - November 26, 2019 at 09:09 PM



“ Hal, we will be thinking of you during this difficult time.

Steve Myers

steve myers - November 26, 2019 at 02:17 PM



“ Hal & family, I am so sorry to learn of Evelyn's passing. My heart goes out to each of you. She was such a joy to wait on over the years at the post office. I'll always remember her telling me stories of what had been happening and then always end it with, "Lord, give me strength."



Valerie Tuxhorn - November 25, 2019 at 05:29 PM



“ Evelyn & I shared so many precious moments when she came to OKC for Saturday brunch. Loved my time with her. Always special in my heart.

kathy - November 26, 2019 at 04:30 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. Evelyn was such a great lady-smart, clever, funny, very kind-and great to talk to. My thoughts and prayers to all of the family.
Marilyn Myers

Marilyn Myers - November 25, 2019 at 11:43 AM