



Evelyn Paris

March 22, 1921 - March 13, 2012

Funeral services for Evelyn Paris, 90, will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, March 16, 2012, at the Alva First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with Rev. Ron Pingelton, officiating. Interment will be in the Alva Municipal Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Evelyn Elaine Goucher was born March 22, 1921 to Elmer and Bessie (Pitt) Goucher near Alva, Oklahoma, and passed away March 13, 2012, at Alva, at age of 90 years and 11 months and 20 days.

She attended Antelope Rural School and Avard School through the 8th grade, and graduated with the class of 1938 from Northwestern High School in Alva. On August 21, 1942, Evelyn married Merlin Paris in Leominster, Massachusetts. To their marriage one son, Gregory, was born December 14, 1951.

Following their marriage, they lived on the East Coast where Merlin was stationed before going overseas. During the war, Evelyn taught in the rural school of Red Bird near Dacoma. She also worked as secretary in the Waynoka Freight Office and as a legal secretary in the law office of Mauntel, Spellman and Doolin in Alva.

After the war, she and Merlin taught in the Alva Public Schools, where she was named 1973 Teacher of the Year. They also farmed.

Evelyn received her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Northwestern State College, and also attended Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and the Iberoamericana University in Mexico City.

She was a member of the Oklahoma Education Association, National Education Association, American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language, Oklahoma Foreign Language Association, Hispanica, and Alva Classroom Teachers.

Following her retirement in 1983, Evelyn and Merlin traveled extensively. Evelyn was a member of the First Christian Church.

Preceding her in death was her husband Merlin, her grandson Brian Paris, her sister Vivian Conaway, and her parents Elmer and Bessie Goucher.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Gregory and Marsha Paris, grandson Jason, granddaughter Magen and her husband Shawn, and two great-granddaughters Jocie and Kaycie, all of Alva; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to Bank-it for Families in Crisis.

Tribute Wall



“ *Evelyn Paris*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *Dear Greg, Marsha, & Family, I, too, have special memories of your mother. She was able to make learning Spanish fun, but also held us accountable. She made each of her students feel special and encouraged us to do our best. I am pretty certain that she was instrumental in getting the language lab for Alva High. She even allowed our brother, Bobby, to teach himself German using the language lab. I will miss seeing her at church when I visit. I pray you will be comforted during this time of loss.*

Beth (Reynolds) Black - March 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Paris Family, We are so sorry for your loss. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

Darren, Marisa, Dylan and Ashlyn Whitely - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are so sorry to learn of our cousin passing. We visited with her (not nearly enough) a few times. Always had a pleasant time with her I remember her since when she was about 10. My parents John and Velma Pitt and family used to go to Oklahoma quite often to visit Evelyn and Vivian and Uncle Elmer and Aunt Bessie. I'll always treasure those days. Love and God Bless all the family. From Ben and Pat Pitt. Denver, Colorado*

Ben and Pat Pitt - March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Greg and Marsha, You has such a wonderful mother, she always had a smile and was so knid to everyone. She will be missed. Prayers to comfort you and your family at this time. Jane and Daniele Gaskill

Jane Gaskill - March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Greg, Marsha and family, We are sorry to hear of your loss. May your memories be a comfort in the days ahead. Love & prayers.

Jim & Sherry Beagley - March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Paris Family- You all are in my thoughts and prayers. I always thought the Paris kids had the coolest grandparents! Praying that you find comfort in God and each other during this time of loss. Love you all - Ashley

Ashley Ferguson - March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Greg, Marsha and family, we extend our condolence to you in the great loss you have experienced in the passing of your mother. Our thoughts will be with you during this sad time in your lives.

E.O, "Maurice" and Mary Lou Farr - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

L)

“ Aunt Evelyn You will be Missed ! Thank you for Always believeing in me, I Love you so much ! You are and always will be so very Special to me ! You were one of a kind , I am Blessed to have you as my Aunt !

Loretta (Jody) - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Greg and Marsha and family, our hearts go out to you. Aunt Evelyn was such a wonderful special lady and we will miss her so much. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.
David, Theresa, Andy, Micki, Carleigh and Caitlyn

David and Theresa McClure - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ **"CHEERFUL IN ALL WEATHERS"**
That description from "Lonesome Dove" just popped into my head this morning as I thought of Senora Paris because she was "always happy", "always smiling", and "always made your day brighter". She was a wonderful teacher!
Hasta que nos encontremos otra vez!
Terry Hada CLASS OF 71

Terry Hada - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Greg and Marsha, We will miss her and she will always remain in our hearts. She was a wonderful lady and sister-in-law. Our prayers go with you in your loss From: Charles and Luana Paris & Family

DeVerl & Luana Paris - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Our deepest sympathy in the loss of such a sweet lady. We pray each of you may be comforted by the love that only our Lord can provide. May your hearts be warmed with precious memories of your Mother and Grandmother. Our earthly loss is Heaven&s gain.

Dale & Vaughna Schmidt - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Mrs. Paris was such a special lady and one of my all time favorite teachers. My senior year I chose to go with her to Mexico instead of going on the Sr Trip. I will never forget the fun we had. She will be greatly missed. Cris Seevers-Gabus

Cristina Seevers - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Greg, Marsha and Family - My heart goes out to you all in the loss of "Mi Senora Mas Favorita"
I have so many wonderful memories of Spanish classes at AHS and all the trips I was privledged to go on with Mr. & Mrs. Paris! She even taught Spanish one semester at NWOSU and also arranged for me to get Spanish credit for our trip to Europe.
Several of us in the Class of 81 were talking about Mrs. P. and the wonderful times we shared in her classes. She was such a gifted teacher!
I know that you all know better than anyone what a sweet and loving lady she was. She will be missed terribly by so many.
God Bless You, Mary Margaret

Mary Margaret Miller - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Greg and Marsha and kids. We are so sorry to hear about your Mother. My heart goes out to you. Our prayers are peace for you and your family. She will be missed.

Sheila Rodkey - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM