



## Evelyn "Ev" Leystra

May 23, 1953 - December 6, 2021

On Monday, December 6, 2021, Evelyn (Ev) Leystra, loving Wife and Mother, passed away at the age of 68. A small private ceremony was held in Santa Barbara, California. She will be laid to rest in a private family ceremony in Eagle River, Wisconsin. A local celebration of her life will be planned for spring 2022, with details to follow.

Evelyn was born into an Air Force family to John and Barbara (Walters) Gardner on May 23, 1953. On September 11, 1976, she married the love of her life, Charles D. Leystra. Together, they raised two daughters, Tara and Dana.

Ev graduated from Poynette High School in 1971 and she obtained her Associate Degree in Animal Technology from Madison Area Technical College in 1973. She was a long term member and serving Session Member of the Randolph Bethany Presbyterian Church. Her 34-year career began in 1984 with the Post Office. After serving as Postmaster of Cambria and Randolph Wisconsin, she retired on August 18, 2017.

Evelyn was passionate about her family, her flower gardens, and pets. She enjoyed spending time outdoors-be it bird-watching, hiking, camping, four-wheeling, or simply spending time at the family property in Northern Wisconsin. She will be remembered for her infectious smile, big hugs, and

steadfast love and support.

Ev was preceded in death by her Father, John; her Mother, Barb; and her beloved miniature Schnauzer, Linka. Her brother, John Byron (J.B.) Gardner, passed away shortly after Ev on March 6th, 2022. She is survived by her Husband, Chuck; her Children, Tara (Dustin) Nielsen and Dana (Steve Smith) Leystra Smith; and many dear friends.

A memorial bench is planned for Eagle River to celebrate her love of the North Woods.

The family requests no flowers.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY **21**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Randolph Village Hall  
248 W. Stroud St.  
Randolph, WI 53956

# Tribute Wall

TV

“ *Ev was always so helpful, supportive and fun as my boss... But she was so much more than that. She was a true friend who made every effort to make her postal team know that they were "family" to her. I had hoped to make many more memories with her during retirement. Praying for peace and comfort for Chuck and their family during this painful time. She was so proud of each of you!*

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**Therese Vinz** - December 27, 2021 at 01:11 PM

SV

“ *I am so sorry to hear that Ev has passed. My deepest condolences to the family. We thoroughly enjoyed the times we had together.*

*Sherry Vree*

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**Sherry Vree** - December 22, 2021 at 07:33 AM

JJ

“ One of our favorite stories that always makes us smile is Ev's "nice rack"

*Chuck is very handy and crafty, just take a look at the trailer they camp in. Chuck crafted a tire rack for the razor and a fellow UTV-er took notice, he pulled up along the passenger's side of Chuck and Ev's razor and said to Ev "hey, you have a nice rack."*

*Ev admitted she had no idea what he was complimenting but without skipping a beat she said "why thank you" and smiled. Miss you Ev!!*



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**Jim & Jen** - December 21, 2021 at 10:13 AM

JE

*oops Jim corrected me... the fellow UTV-er simply said "nice rack"*

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**Jen** - December 21, 2021 at 10:24 AM

JB

“ We are so sorry to hear of Evie's passing. You are in our prayers.  
*Dale and Judy Braund*

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**judy Braund** - December 18, 2021 at 09:43 PM

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**Lori Retzlaff** - December 18, 2021 at 05:44 PM

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**Lori Retzlaff** - December 18, 2021 at 05:41 PM

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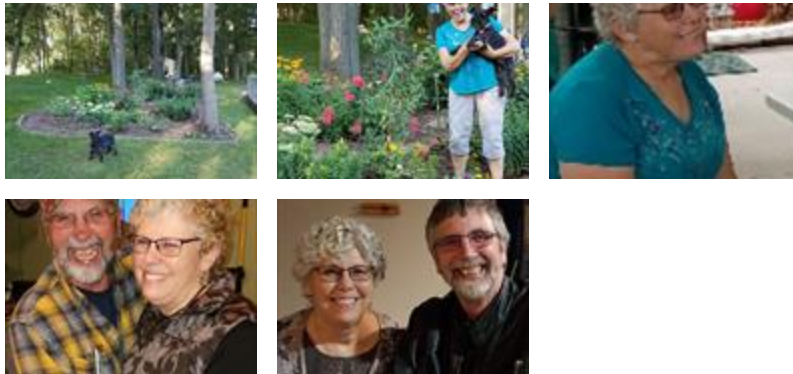


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Lori Retzlaff - December 18, 2021 at 05:37 PM

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Lori Retzlaff - December 18, 2021 at 05:31 PM



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December 17, 2021 at 10:51 PM

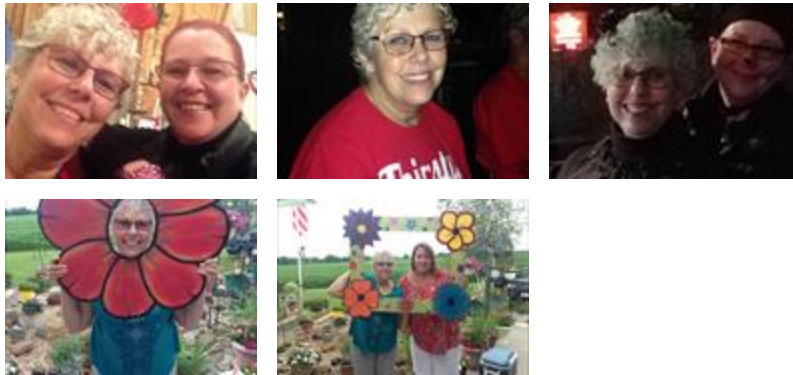
RS

“ My deep sympathy to Chuck and their girls and spouses on the loss of Ev. May God's comfort help you through this difficult time. 🙏  
Rose Schaalma

Rose Schaalma - December 17, 2021 at 07:20 PM

LS

“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



Laurel Salzman - December 17, 2021 at 08:50 AM

TN

“ Mom, I love you and miss you.

Tara Nielsen - December 15, 2021 at 09:04 PM