



Ann Elizabeth Evans

May 27, 1934 - June 9, 2017

Ann Elizabeth Evans, beloved wife of Doug Barbe, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on June 9, 2017, at the age of 83.

Ann was born in Kansas City, Missouri to Joseph, Jr. and Violet Birkhead. Her childhood was spent in the idyllic community of Weatherby Lake, Missouri.

She graduated from Texas Women's University in 1956.

In 1960 she moved to Sacramento from Princeton, New Jersey to raise her family, which included sons Peter and John, and daughter Bronwyn.

She possessed an exceptional sense of home design honed over her 20-plus-year career with the highly regarded California homebuilder Streng Bros. Homes, rising to the position of Vice President of Sales and overseeing Streng's multiple subdivision developments throughout Sacramento and Yolo counties.

In 1997, she and Doug retired and followed Bronwyn and John to Corvallis to be near her expanding family. In Corvallis, she owned and remodeled two different homes and continued her love of gardening.

She greatly enjoyed the friendly Corvallis community and actively spoiling her

grandchildren. Her favorite local activities included volunteering with the Corvallis Flower Basket Program and Friends of the Corvallis Benton County Library.

Most of all she loved her large extended family gatherings at her home, or more recently at the Oregon Coast. She led several honored family traditions including gathering the family for everyone's birthdays and wearing the "birthday hat." Every Christmas morning the family would gather together to share her "Christmas soufflé."

Her legacy is what she taught all of us about love, strength, generosity and family.

Ann was a devoted and deeply loving wife, mother and grandmother.

She leaves behind her adoring husband of 28 years Doug; brother Jim (Mary); daughter Bronwyn (Mike); sons John (Beth) and Peter (Ashley); and grandchildren Adam, Claire, Alice, Sarah, Katie and Jack.

A memorial will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Corvallis later this month.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Ann's memory to the Corvallis Flower Basket Program or Corvallis Benton County Library.

Tribute Wall

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“*Bronwyn and Family, I send my sincere sympathy for the loss of Ann. She was a lovely neighbor. I had hoped she & I could have spent more time together getting to know each other better, but I know that she was not feeling well.*
Blessings, Gerri Schroff

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