



Evie Pariseau

April 19, 1932 - June 30, 2021

Evie Pariseau, age 89, passed away on June 30th, 2021. She was born in Seattle to Vern and Jane Farnham, and lived in Skykomish as a child. The Farnhams bought a grocery store in Kittitas, and Evie graduated from high school there. She met her life-long love, Ed Pariseau, at Kittitas High. She and Ed graduated from Central Washington College of Education (now CWU), where she majored in PE and minored in music.

Evie's first job was in Tonasket, where she and Ed taught for many years. She taught Girl's PE for all grades from 5th through 12th and was a pioneer in girls sports. Before Title IX, she organized inter-school competitions for girls in basketball (one of the first to transition to 5-man teams) and speedball (a soccer variant). "Mrs. P" coached very successful teams in Okanogan County tournaments: badminton and volleyball chief among them. She loved gymnastics and spent her own time and money driving girls to competitions in the Tri-Cities and elsewhere, and to Olympic-level gymnastic performances in Seattle. Rather than complain about how girls sports were neglected, she put her shoulder to the wheel and got things done.

Evie was an accomplished pianist. She gave piano lessons and accompanied many music ensembles in Tonasket. When Sacred Heart Church in Brewster got a piano, she played for masses there; she didn't care for playing the organ.

When it was time to pivot to full-time orcharding, having planted their first orchard in the early 60's, Ed and Evie left teaching in Tonasket and moved to

Brewster in 1971. She became a proficient bookkeeper on the job, doing books for the orchards and warehouse until retiring in 2009. She was “the little general” during apple harvest, walking the orchards and checking pickers. She provided chicken dinner for all the crew every Sunday until the operation got so big, it was impossible. She absolutely adored the Mexican people who worked for them. For many years, she visited the families at their homes in Mexico, and it was a highlight of her life to do so.

In the “basketball years”, when Brewster Heights Packing was sponsoring the 5-time National Champion Packers, an AAU team for post-college players, Evie was avid fan and “Team Mom”. She travelled with the Packers to basketball tournaments all over the world: Brazil, Hong Kong, Ireland, Singapore, and Lewistown, Montana to name a few. She was ejected from a gym only once. Her Spanish was a little too good...she insulted the referee in his own language and he didn't appreciate it. Her basketball years continued with granddaughter Reagan and grandson Danny both playing college basketball. She and Ed caught almost every game they played, driving all over the West.

In 2019, she moved to Touchmark in Spokane to be near family. She very much enjoyed being taken care of and always spoke highly of the staff. Evie is survived by her three children: Marianne (Russell) LeSage, Dan (Candi) Pariseau, and John (Cathy) Pariseau. She had 11 “perfect grandchildren”: Cascade (Rachel) LeSage, Eddie LeSage, Nicole (Matt) Crevier, Reagan Pariseau, Danika (Eric) Norman, Grace Pariseau, Danny (Jackie) Pariseau, Joe (Annie) Pariseau, Johnny (Ashley) Pariseau, Annie Pariseau, and Marie Pariseau. At last count, there are 12 great-grandchildren. Her husband of 63 years, Ed Pariseau, her parents, and brother Sam, preceded her in death.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Brewster, WA at 11 am July 17th. A Memorial Celebration, also in Brewster, will be held on August 21st, details to be determined later.

Tribute Wall



“ *Evie Pariseau*

January 29, 2023 at 08:49 AM



“ *I am deeply sorry to learn of Mrs. Evie Pariseau's passing. I knew she was a wonderful person not only as host farmer but also as our American mother for all of JATP trainees. Her passing will be great loss for Pariseau family and all of JATP trainees. Please accept our sincere condolences.*

*In deepest sympathy,
Ryoji Gen Sakamoto and all of JATP trainees
The Japan Agricultural Exchange Council*

Ryoji Sakamoto - July 15, 2021 at 02:16 AM



“ *I always enjoyed my visits with Evie and found out about her DAR mom being State Regent. I was going up to see her this week, but alas no more visits.! Please accept our sincere condolences and prayers for your Mom. She was always happy and sincere. Sympathies, Sherrel Bradford Roshdy and Abdelrahim Roshdy*

Sherrel Roshdy - July 12, 2021 at 03:15 PM

JE

“ *Jon/Val Eliassen lit a candle in memory of Evie Pariseau*



Jon/Val Eliassen - July 11, 2021 at 10:46 AM

MB

“ *Evie was my PE teacher in Tonasket . She was the best and I played all the sports so I always got A's except in tumbling....I got b's. I tried to get her to change it, but no luck!! She always attended our class reunions with such enthusiasm , full of life. When I moved to Ellensburg she took the time to stop and visit. She was delighted when I beat Alice Precht in singles and doubles for ping pong for Okanogan county!! Thanks for all the good years and memories. Marie Rampley Boothman, Wenatchee*

Marie Rampley Boothman - July 09, 2021 at 06:22 PM

MI

I loved Evie and have known her for many years. One of the best times is when we played tennis together, had so many laughs and good times. I loved her straight-forward approach to everything. I haven't seen Evie for several years but she is one of my most memorial friends. My thoughts are with her family and many friends! She is now with Ed her partner in life, may they rest in peace. Miriam Morrissey

Miriam - September 09, 2021 at 01:55 PM