



Evelyn Mae Hess

May 3, 1929 - March 28, 2019

Our beloved mother, sister, grandmother and friend, Evelyn Mae (Beal) Hess passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 28, 2019. This would have been her husband Elmer's 95th birthday.

She was born May 3, 1929 at Colony, Allen County, Kansas as the fourth of eleven children to Albert Linn and Grace Henrietta (Hardin) Beal. She lived her entire life in Allen County, graduating from Lola High School.

Growing up she enjoyed 4-H, taking the family Jersey cows to the Kansas State Fair. 4-H sewing was never her favorite, but she learned well and later sewed many of her family's clothes. She also grew a large garden and canned the bounty. Through 4-H she also met Rosalia (Hess) Badders who introduced her to her brother Elmer Hess, who she later married on April 15, 1950 in Lola, KS. From this union eight children were born. When the children were small, there were no local school buses, so she learned to drive to take the neighborhood kids to school.

In the summer of 1959, they bought their farm south of Humboldt, KS. It took all the money they had, but the next day was payday at the oil company where Elmer worked. Then they were able to start their own milk cow herd.

Evelyn continued to be an active mother, grandmother and farm wife for the

thirty-nine years that Elmer farmed until he passed away in a farm accident October 3, 1989. A year later Evelyn moved into her home in Humboldt. There she became active at the Humboldt Senior Center helping with the daily lunches and meeting friends. In 2015, she moved to Arrowhead Lane in Humboldt, then to the Presbyterian Manor of Parsons, KS in January 2019.

Evelyn was a member of Daughters of American Revolution, the St. Joseph Alter Society, and the Humboldt St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents, loving husband Elmer Hess, son Patrick Steven Hess, daughter-in-law Diana Hess; an infant brother & sister; brother Harry Beal; sisters Eleanor Robinson & Joan Beck; three sister-in-laws and seven brother-in-laws. She is survived by seven children: Ed Hess (Eunice Slife) of Chanute, KS, Bill Hess (Loretta) of Humboldt, KS, Mike Hess (Barbara) of Humboldt, KS, Jeanette Holsten (Don) of Ensing, KS, Tim Hess of Humboldt, KS, Lorie Westhoff (Randy) of Erie, KS, Ron Hess of Oronogo, MO. She also leaves twenty-four grandchildren, twenty-eight great grandchildren and five great - great grandchildren. As well as five siblings; Dorothy West, Robert Beal (Nedra), Nina Powell (Reverend Dale), Richard Beal and Laura Roush. Along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends and family may have informal visitation at the funeral home from noon until 4 p.m. on Monday, April 1. A rosary for Evelyn Mae will be held at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Humboldt on Monday evening at 6 p.m. The funeral will be held at the church at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 2. Burial will follow at the St. Joseph Cemetery, Humboldt. Online condolences may be left at www.countrysidefh.com. Memorials are suggested to be made to the Humboldt Senior Center and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Arrangements have been entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home, 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 67720.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

641 1100 St.
Humboldt, KS 66748

Previous Events

Rosary

APR 1. 6:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
514 Central
Humboldt, KS 66748

Service

APR 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Hess Family,

I was sorry to hear of the passing of Evelyn She was the Matriarch of the entire Hess family. I used to love seeing her at Mass every Sunday before her failing health prevented her from coming. She had such a warm beautiful smile.

My father used to enjoy seeing her every day at the Humboldt Senior Center until he passed away.

My sympathy to all of her children, and all of her extended family and friends.

Sincerely,Mike Dillon

Mike Dillon - April 01, 2019 at 04:26 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss of a special person May God Bless & comfort all of her Family & Friends during the days ahead. Rest In Peace sweet lady.

Janice Jones - March 30, 2019 at 04:24 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Evelyn Mae Hess.



March 29, 2019 at 05:54 PM



“ *She was a wonderful lady. Loved her smile. Will be missed.*

Carol Crawford - March 29, 2019 at 04:41 PM