



Laura Eloise Harkrader

February 8, 1933 - October 14, 2020

Laura Eloise Harkrader passed away October 14th, 2020 at the Morningstar Care Facility in Neodesha Ks due to complications from Dementia.

Laura Eloise Harkrader was born on Feb. 8, 1933 in Elk City Kansas to Leon and Laura "Dean" Newkirk. She grew up in Elk City and graduated from Elk City High School in 1951.

On March 8th, 1954, Eloise married Roy Harkrader Jr. They were married for 57 years when Roy passed away. They had two sons, three grandsons and 1 great granddaughter.

Eloise was a lifetime homemaker with brief stints working at the Army Ammunition Plant in Parsons and the Key garment factory in Chanute. She also worked briefly as a cook at the Wilson County Correctional institution in Fredonia later in life. She loved cooking, gardening and dancing. Eloise and Roy went dancing almost every Saturday night for years in Altoona, Ks. She was active on the board of directors of Altoona Days Association that sponsored the dances until just a couple years ago. Eloise took great pride in providing baked goods for friends and relatives.

Eloise was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Harkrader Jr., her parents, Leon and Laura Newkirk, a brother, Don Newkirk, a sister, Janette Bennett

Thompson and a sister-in law Phyllis Newkirk.

Eloise is survived by her sons, Randal and Regina Harkrader of Fredonia Ks., Robert and Janet Harkrader of New Strawn Ks., Three grandsons, Kevin Harkrader of Chanute, Ks., Allen Harkrader of Olathe, Ks., and Bryan and Kaysi Harkrader of Wichita, KS., and one Great Granddaughter, Lydia Harkrader. She is also survived by one brother, Dyarl Newkirk of Independence, Ks., a sister-in-law, Fran Newkirk Farley of Olathe, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Service will be held on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 10:30 am at Countryside Funeral Home, Fredonia, KS

Family will receive friends at visitation on Sunday, October 18, 2020 from 4-6 pm at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Fredonia Senior Center or Altoona Days Association and can be mailed to or left with the funeral home.

Services are entrusted to:

Countryside Funeral Home, 420 S. 20th, P.O. Box 247, Fredonia, KS 66736

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

Elk City, KS 67344

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **18.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Fredonia
420 S. 20th St.
P.O. Box 247
Fredonia, KS 66736
(620) 378-2882

Service

OCT **19.** 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AD

“ *Eloise was a great friend, she was quick to laugh, and cared so much for people. She didn't take any guff from those people, who would try to take advantage of others. She was a great cook. She was tough, and at the same time forgiving. She loved her family deeply, and bragged on them often. I'm sorry I did not get to pay my last respects. She will definitely be missed.* ”

Angela Doane - October 21, 2020 at 05:01 PM

RD

“ *Randall, Regina, Robert, Janet and families... Was so sorry to hear about Eloise passing. She was so sweet and enjoyed our visits in our store at times... She always had a sweet smile. Loved her family and was so devoted to them. Our thoughts and Prayers are with you now and in the days ahead. May God give you all peace, comfort and strength. Keep the memories of your mother, grandmother, and friend close to your heart. She will be missed by so many. Love, Roland and Shannon Doane.* ”

Roland Doane - October 21, 2020 at 10:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Laura Eloise Harkrader.* ”



October 17, 2020 at 10:23 AM

KS

“ *Eloise, was always so happy, go lucky lady. She had a heart of gold. I don't care where we seen Eloise, she always had to, stop give us a hug, and we would visit. The family has our, Love and Prayers, through these rough days ahead. Robert, Katherine (Glass) Smith. Also Kim and Robbie Stockton. Until we meet again.*

Katherine Smith - October 16, 2020 at 11:27 AM

BM

“ *Eloise and I were best friends all of our growing up years and were called Mutt and Jeff!! Stayed in touch for sometime! Sorry to hear of her passing! My condolences to the family!!*

Berneeda Reed Moses - October 16, 2020 at 10:44 AM



“ *Randall, I am so sorry for your loss and the grief the whole family is experiencing. Linda Riley*

Linda Riley - October 16, 2020 at 09:53 AM

LP

“ *She was the sweetest old lady I knew. So thoughtful and caring. So sorry for your loss.*

Lisa Parker - October 16, 2020 at 09:27 AM



“ *Denice Jones lit a candle in memory of Laura Eloise Harkrader*



Denice Jones - October 16, 2020 at 12:03 AM

WB

“ Randal, I am so sorry at your mother's passing. She looks like a wonderful "mom" and I know you will miss her a lot. My Thoughts and Prayers are with you. Winnie Beal

Winnona Beal - October 15, 2020 at 11:19 PM

SC

“ I love her so much. When she would come to the bank,we had a great time. Wow she was a wonderful baker.
I will miss her dearly
My prayers are for her family whom she loved so much. She will be missed.

Shirley Cline - October 15, 2020 at 11:11 PM