

## Jennie Marie Eva

July 30, 1935 - February 7, 2021

Jennie Marie Gustafson Eva “Grannie” went peacefully at her home on February 8, 2021 at the age of 85. Jennie was born on July 30, 1935 to Elmer and Marie Gustafson in Butte, Montana. She attended Emerson Elementary and Butte High School. She married Walter Ray Eva in Butte in 1952. They welcomed children Donald Raymond in 1952 and Deborah Graham in 1954. Together they enjoyed watching their children compete in dog trials, raise horses, play football and dance for the Purple B’s of Butte High School. Ray passed away in 1987, and Jennie realized how short life was. Thus, it became her mission to live life to the fullest. Jennie worked at Schiff Shoes, Gamer’s Shoes, and finished her career at Town Pump Corporate Office as an Administrative Assistant where she worked for 36 years and retired at 81 years of age.

She was an avid traveler, traveling to New Zealand, Hawaii, China, Ireland, Italy, and Nashville to name a few. She loved dancing from a young age and loved performing with “The Strikettes” and cherished all the friendships she made along the way.

No team roping was complete without Jennie bringing lunch. There was no macaroni salad like hers and nothing like hanging out after eating that salad and just being in her presence. How lucky were we? She was a common fixture at 4-H events, rodeos, team roping, football, volleyball, basketball,

baseball games, wrestling matches, dances, and plays. In general, wherever her family was, so was she. It was never a question of if she would be there, but rather what time she'd arrive. She ran the wheels off multiple cars to be with her family in all their endeavors.

A quote by which she lived was "Be humble, be teachable, and always keep learning". She was never afraid of growth, learning, travel, or dancing. She was life in motion. I don't know if anyone, except maybe Mr. Fiske, knows the number of adult education classes she took about Butte and Montana. Really these classes were about living and enjoying all life has to offer. She wasn't afraid to dress in character, play that character, and put herself out in front of God and everyone to see. She was fearless. She was humble. She believed in the idea that "Life is not measured by the breaths you take, but by the moments that take our breath away".

Jennie often quoted the poem "The Dash" by Linda Ellis. This poem speaks to the dates on tombstones from the beginning to the end. But what mattered most of all was the dash between those years. This dash represents all the time spent alive on earth and what was most important. Jennie's dash was significant. She lived life on her terms, leaving an impact on everyone she came across; leaving people with a lasting impression of what love is and should be. The poem ends with asking the question "would you be proud of the things they say about how you lived your dash?" No person could be prouder of her dash than Jennie Eva.

To all who knew and loved her: continue to live by one of her favorite quotes: "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift, be sure to treat it that way".

Jennie Eva was preceded in death by her parents, half-brother George Pierce, and husband Ray Eva.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Don and Patty Eva of Townsend, daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Tom Graham of Divide, grandchildren, Melissa "Charlie" and Bob Sampson, Jennifer Shearer, Shawn and Robin Graham, Rae and Jeremy Smith and Ed Graham, great-grandchildren, Holden and Raelee Sampson, Sophia Shearer, Dylan and Cole Graham and Henry Smith. Also surviving are her sister and brother-in-law, Beverly and Todd Brothers of Butte, her brother and sister-in-law, Hubey and Evelyn Warren of Elko, Nevada and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins whom she loved dearly.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be conducted Thursday, February 18th at 1 PM in Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home with Pastor Sarah Schilcher officiating. Entombment of ashes will follow in Heavenly Rest Mausoleum in Mountain View Cemetery. Those attending are asked to observe all CDC Covid-19 precautions and face masks will be required.

Those wishing to attend her service via ZOOM may do so at this link: <https://zoom.us/j/92503433454?pwd=OHc0SkRxRWNUM1B5RDBndXMwcWRPZz09>

# Cemetery Details

## Mountain View Cemetery

3910 Harrison Avenue  
Butte, MT 59701

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 18. 1:00 PM (MT)

Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home  
1800 Florence Ave  
Butte, MT 59701  
(406) 723-3221  
<https://wayrynen-richards.com/>

# Tribute Wall

KD

“ Sending Jennie's family our deepest condolences and love. She worked side by side with our father for years and was a treasured friend to him and our family. She had the unique ability to always see the bright side of any situation and was a pleasure to be around.- Family of Bill Dobb (Larry, Steven, Kathy and Arlene)

Kathy Dobb - February 23, 2021 at 02:13 PM

BT

“ So very sorry for your loss, Jennie was a awesome lady. My mom (Evelyn Eva) used to love getting the cards Jennie used to send her. She was always very nice to me. Bonnie Tenold - Eva

Bonnie Tenold - February 14, 2021 at 01:46 PM

SJ

“ So sorry for your loss, she always had a smile on her face and love for all. Great lady❤️❤️❤️

sharlene Medvit Johns - February 12, 2021 at 11:39 AM

SW

“ The most wonderful Aunt, so loving and positive. Hard working, fearless, selfless. What a treasure, she will be missed. Love always, Sandy & Mark

Sandy Wulf - February 11, 2021 at 10:12 PM

ML

“ She was one in a million,, ,so sorry to read this,, Love to Debbie, Donnie , Beverly, and all the family .....Cousin Margie (Eva ) Lunn and family

Marjorie J Lunn - February 11, 2021 at 09:17 PM





“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jennie Marie Eva.*



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February 11, 2021 at 03:51 PM



“ *Jennie was one of the most kind caring and positive outlook on life person that we had the blessing to know and be part of her family. Busy busy lady but always took time to visit us. Love you Jennie you will be greatly miss but always in our  . Love Hubey and Evelyn.*



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**Evelyn Worrying** - February 11, 2021 at 02:18 PM

JC

“ God broke the mold when he created Jennie. Jennie was a most wonderful friend and mentor to me. We had such fun times together. I will miss her more than words can express but I will always thank God that he created her.. I view Jennie as a Butte Icon, priceless and unique. She was a walking history book , a treasure to her family and friends. To Jennie's wonderful family I offer you my sincere condolences and I thank you for sharing her with me. She surely enjoyed life to the fullest as you will see in these pictures

Sincerely,  
Judy Chadwick



Judy Chadwick - February 11, 2021 at 10:37 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jennie Marie Eva.



February 10, 2021 at 09:09 PM

HW

“ I am sending my condolences to all of Jenny's family. I'm so very sad to hear of her passing. I had done her nails for nearly 20 years and I will sure miss seeing her every two weeks. Love and prayers to all of you. 💔🙏  
Heidi West

Heidi West - February 10, 2021 at 08:39 PM

JS

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Jeremy Smith - February 10, 2021 at 05:10 PM

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Christmas at Grannie's, 2017

Jeremy Smith - February 10, 2021 at 05:10 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home - February 10, 2021 at 10:48 AM