



## Linda Mae Evans

August 10, 2018

Linda Mae (Taplett) Evans, age 71, passed away peacefully August 10th at her home in Ephrata.

Born in Seattle, Washington Linda was raised with her brother in Wenatchee by her parents Ervin and Elizabeth Taplett. She grew up with a great apple orchard as her backyard and the family orchard business instilled in her the hard work, duty and constant care she was known for throughout her life. Following graduation from Wenatchee Valley High School, she married Larry Wayne Evans at the age of nineteen. Her husband's naval career took her to Washington D.C where her eldest son, Anthony was born. A few years later they settled in Charleston, West Virginia where Linda gave birth to another son, Derek. Not long after, she returned to her home state where her daughter, Brandi, was born in Wenatchee. Linda raised her three children in Ephrata while working at the Public Utility District for close to 30 years. Her co-workers were like a second family and brought her great joy. Linda will be remembered as a dependable, efficient worker and a trusted friend. After many years of service, Linda retired early and settled down to support her children and grandchildren faithfully.

Her family was the light of her life and the center of her attention. She was especially delighted by her five grandchildren and loved to hear about all their sports and what was happening at school. Her meticulous house and garden

reflected the tremendous devotion and love within her. Not a fan of flying, Linda didn't travel as much as she would have liked, but the trips she took both far and near created lasting memories she reflected on warmly in her last years. The excursion that made the most impact was a group trip to Europe with her daughter and Ephrata friends. Outside of her comfort zone at times, but also blissfully happy, she marveled at the world she saw and learned how much she loved her small town of Ephrata. She often said she would like seeing more of the world, but Ephrata suited her fine. Forever proud of her small town and her family, it is a blessing she passed peacefully in her own home with those she loved nearby.

Linda will be remembered for her strength, generosity, and devotion to family and friends. She is survived by two children, Anthony Evans of Ephrata, Washington, and Brandi Faith of Sammamish, Washington, and five grandchildren: Ian, Anthony, Derek, Aaron, Hailey.

# Cemetery Details

## Ephrata City Cemetery

333 E St. S.W.  
Ephrata, WA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 18.** 10:00 AM (PT)

Nicoles Funeral Home  
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## Service

**AUG 18.** 11:00 AM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Brandi and Anthony.....I'm so very very sorry to hear this news. Linda's and my friendship started when you were young children. She so loved her children. Our friendship deepened with the loss of Ernie and then the trauma of losing Derick. As life moved forward and I left work we rarely saw each other or kept in contact. A few months ago I saw her at a retirement, she seemed great. We got caught up and I heard about all her grandchildren, she clearly loved them and was so proud of all of you. Your description of your Mom was perfect. I have a family reunion Sat but I'm trying to rearrange so I can drive up to Ephrata. You are all in my thoughts and prayers through this difficult time. Your Mom was a wonderful person she will be missed. Attaching a fun silly picture of us at a hydro tour at work. ❤️*



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**Linda Lambe** - August 16, 2018 at 06:46 PM

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“ *Linda Bonneville lit a candle in memory of Linda Mae Evans*



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**Linda Bonneville** - August 15, 2018 at 01:40 AM

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“ Linda was my husband's first cousin. The obituary describes her character very well. Gary and I visited with her two years ago quite by accident. We were delivering flowers, the recipient was not home, and so we knocked on the next door neighbor. How pleasantly surprised we were that it was Linda, our cousin! We spent the next two hours catching up, reminiscing, and laughing. And we noticed the meticulously cared for gardens around her home--a Taplett trait for sure. Linda's son and our son became quite close friends in the 90s, playing chess, & ball together and Linda's home was always open. We will be at the service on Saturday.

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**Leslie Fanning** - August 14, 2018 at 11:07 PM

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“ I remember working with Linda in the mid 80's and she wore her pants backwards to work. We laughed so hard we cried. Then if she was trying to be stern she would point her index finger at you and with the other hand on her hip and again fits of laughter would erupt because we would be doing the same thing back to her. As a coworker she was a perfectionist and a good lady to work with. I know I watched her go through some tough times when her son passed away, but she kept on like a warrior. She will be missed by many.

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**Gail Bohnet** - August 14, 2018 at 04:21 PM