



Evelyn Harshman Hutchison

December 19, 1950 - October 7, 2020

Evelyn "Evie" Harshman Hutchison, 69, beloved sister, wife, mother, and "Mimi" to her grandbabies, passed away on October 7, 2020 after a short battle with cancer. Named after a favorite aunt, Evie was born on December 19, 1950 in Tulsa, the first child of Stanley Jennings Harshman and Marilyn Humphrey Harshman. A proud "daddy's girl", Evie adored her father, mother and younger siblings, Judy and Johnny. Following graduation from Edison High School in 1968, Evie attended Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, where she pledged the Texas Delta chapter of Pi Beta Phi and made many lifelong friends.

In 1969, while at home from college for Thanksgiving, Evie met her best friend and soulmate, Danny Hutchison. Dan was a student at the University of Tulsa at the time. After watching Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid with Evie on a blind double date, he was quickly smitten, and spent every following weekend he could spare in Fort Worth. Eventually, Evie transferred to TU and the two were married on January 7, 1972. Following graduation from TU with her B.A. in Spanish in 1972, Evie obtained her M.A. in History from TU in 1974. She taught history at Tulsa Community College and Cascia Hall Preparatory Academy and later, while raising three children in a busy home, acquired her J.D. from TU College of Law in 1992. As a scholar and educator, she championed higher education for women, and was enormously proud to have a mother and two grandmothers who had graduated from college at a time when that was exceedingly rare. Following law school, Evie practiced law for several years before eventually discovering her true vocation as a professor of Legal Writing & Research and Family Law at the TU College of Law in 2001. Evie became Director of TU's legal writing program, served on multiple committees and received numerous awards for her teaching, including the University of Tulsa Outstanding Teaching Award for 2013-2014. Evie treasured her students and friends on the TU faculty. She was also active in the community, serving on the board of Tulsa Lawyers for Children and staying active in her local Pi Beta Phi alumnae chapter. Despite her educational and professional accomplishments, Evie's true passion in life was her family and friends. Danny and Evie spent 48 years creating a marriage, a life and a

family based on love, laughter, and very loud conversations. To be invited into the Hutchison home was to be welcomed into that family. For years, their house in South Tulsa was filled with the sounds and chaos created by their three children, Amy, Matt, and Tom, and enumerable friends. Many of those friends considered Evie to be a second mother. Once the children were grown, the same house became a playground for Poppy and Mimi's many grandchildren and the center for every family holiday. Evie was a hero to her children, and Danny and Evie's relationship and devotion to one another served as a model for their children in their own marriages. She was the true definition of a matriarch, and the rock upon which the family has been built and will continue to grow in future generations.

Evie loved board games and cards (and was highly competitive), going to movies with friends, dinner and drinks with good conversation, antiques and history, shopping (particularly with her sister, daughter and granddaughter) and traveling (especially to London and Paris). She was a terrible driver but good at pretty much everything else. In a highly partisan time, she had many liberal and conservative friends, and loved and was able to engage constructively with all of them. She was proud of her children, grandchildren and their accomplishments, and would tell anyone who cared to listen (and some who didn't) about them. Brilliant, compassionate and charismatic, anyone who knew her well would describe her as one-of-a-kind.

Evie was predeceased by her parents and aunt, Evelyn Holden of St. Petersburg, Florida. She is survived by her husband, Dan, sister Judy Ruble and brother-in-law David Ruble of Destin, Florida, nephew J.B. Ruble and wife, Leslie Ruble of Portland, Oregon, brother John Harshman of Tulsa, daughter Amy Quimby and son-in-law Mike Quimby of Bixby, son Matt Hutchison and daughter-in-law Caron Hutchison of Austin, Texas, son Tom Hutchison and daughter-in-law Lindsay Hutchison of Tulsa, and her grandchildren, Cate and Cooper Quimby, Anne Carter, Thomas and McCord Hutchison, and Alexandra and Daniel Hutchison.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Evie's family is having a private memorial service on Tuesday with the interment of ashes at Memorial Park following, but when circumstances permit, will be hosting a celebration of life for her extended family and numerous friends to celebrate someone who was larger than life. The family has established the Evelyn Harshman Hutchison Scholarship Fund in her memory at the TU College of Law and requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Fund in her memory. Mimi, we love you and will miss you forever. Moore's Southlawn 918-663-2233 share memories at www.moorefuneral.com

Comments



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Evelyn Harshman Hutchison.



October 12, 2020 at 06:10 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Evelyn Harshman Hutchison.



October 12, 2020 at 01:42 PM



“ I knew Evie at TU in the early '70s when we were both undergraduates in the history department. We had a couple of classes together and if Dan remembers, I was glad to have escorted her to the Phi Alpha Theta banquet and induction ceremonies in the spring of '72. I always said that she and I were now fraternity brothers and she had such an infectious laugh. I am glad she was able to maintain her contacts at TU throughout her life. My deepest sympathies to Dan and her family. May God comfort you all in this difficult time.

Wayne Downing - October 11, 2020 at 08:17 PM



“ I first met Evie when she was a student in my legal research course. Later I was fortunate to have Evie as a colleague at TU Law. Evie had a strong work ethic and she excelled as a student and as a law professor. I remember her kind, gentle manner which made it such a pleasure to be in her company. My deepest sympathy to Evie's family.

Rick Ducey

Rick Ducey - October 11, 2020 at 12:39 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Evelyn Harshman Hutchison.



October 11, 2020 at 12:41 AM



“ I was fortunate to share a friendship with Evie that spanned the years. We met during our first year at Edison Junior High in 7th grade. There are so many memories that I will cherish. I remember how excited she was when Danny proposed to her. She left TCU to come back to TU to be with him and she would have gone to the ends of the earth to be with Danny. We talked about everything, as females do, but most of our conversations ended up with how lucky we were to have great husbands. Her family was everything to her and she loved planning for the holidays, decorating and hosting the festive family events. Evie embraced life and squeezed all she could get out of it. Her joy overflowed to whoever was with her. She truly was a great friend and always looked for the best in people. I feel so fortunate to have had her in my life. I will miss her terribly, but when I think of her, she will still bring a smile.

My heart and prayers go out to her family, to Danny, Amy, Matt, Tom, Judy and Johnny. Evie will always be loving you and cheering you on.

God bless,

Susan Bagwell Watkins

susan watkins - October 10, 2020 at 09:30 PM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Evelyn Harshman Hutchison.



October 10, 2020 at 05:26 PM



“ I was blessed to know Evie through our lovely and lively daughters' Group. We mothers shared those teen years with fun, worry, anxiety, and mostly joy. One experience stands out--a spring break trip to the beach with the girls. Those of us who were there will never forget "Guardy Guard" and we'll share a laugh. Go with God, Evie!! You will always be remembered.

SANDY GRINDSTAFF - October 10, 2020 at 03:58 PM



“ I once sat with her at a restaurant in New Hampshire and she was laughing so hard it was mentioned that she could be probably heard in China. And then she laughed even harder. What a wonderful, infectious positive person. She just created warmth and positivity wherever she went. I feel so lucky just to have known her. My heart goes out to her family.

Matt Burgess - October 10, 2020 at 02:47 PM



“ Evie was the epitome of a happy, kind and very sweet person. She had the greatest, loving parents, such wonderful and fun siblings, married the kindest guy EVER, they had 3 beautiful children they were so proud of and blessed with grandchildren they dearly loved. Evie and Danny did love playing games and I was fortunate enough to have been a part of many game nights ... they both knew every trivial pursuit answer!!! God bless you sweet Evie - I know you are with Stan and Marilyn now . Love and Prayers for Danny, Judy and the whole family.

Sara Goodwin Bovaird - October 10, 2020 at 02:02 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Evie at TU for the past seven years. She was always kind, very dedicated to her work, and always helping out without ever drawing attention to herself. Having watched Evie over the years and seen her kindness and generosity, I know she must have been a wonderful mother, grandmother, wife, and friend. I'm deeply sorry for the family and friends who have lost her, and I just wanted to let you all know how much Evie's co-workers will miss her, too.

Matt

Matt Lamkin - October 10, 2020 at 12:34 PM



“ Ghirardelli Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Evelyn Harshman Hutchison.



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“ Evie Hutchison was my grandma and favorite person to play games with. She was the only one would ever play Uno with me, and we got REALLY competitive in Monopoly. I'll miss playing board games and fighting over how many points a certain card were, but she's in heaven now and someday I'll get to be with her again and play more Uno matches than I've ever played.

Anne Carter Hutchison - October 10, 2020 at 09:13 AM



“ Evie will be missed by so many people. She loved her children and her grandchildren like no other. She evidently was an outstanding educator and motivator. She took my daughter into her family as she did her own children and I will be forever grateful for that. I was blessed to know her during this time and will always cherish the times spent with her. She will be missed tremendously.

Mary Kate Camp - October 10, 2020 at 11:27 AM



“ I met Evie the first day of law school in 1989 and our deep friendship developed and wrapped us both in love and understanding through the next 31 years of life's ups and downs. We studied together, we were law partners and we both taught at TU. We laughed and cried about kids, grandchildren and all of our situations. Her advice to me was invaluable. All those pep talks to each other, talking each other “off the ledge” and the famous bottlenecks she got into when driving. We gave each other confidence in life and in ourselves. No words will ever describe how she filled my heart and the hole in it that she's left behind. I know that people are only on loan to us and I know that under all are the everlasting arms.

Diana Clark - October 09, 2020 at 11:56 PM



“ We were friends at Edison HS and there will never be another Evie!!!! She kept us laughing til tears!
SO blessed to have had you in my life as not only were you hystetically fun but also a brilliant student and later teacher
God bless you Evie! You have enriched numerous lives!!! Mine FOR SURE

Neva Sundvahl - October 09, 2020 at 11:22 PM



“ Shari Grady lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Harshman Hutchison



Shari Grady - October 09, 2020 at 07:23 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Evelyn Harshman Hutchison.



October 09, 2020 at 08:45 AM



“ Always happy and smiling! That was Evie. I worked with Evie at TU Law and I enjoyed listening to stories of family get togethers and especially the ones about her Grandchildren! Evie loved her family immensely and she loved her students as well. Rest In Peace Evie, Love You.

Cyndee Jones - October 09, 2020 at 08:38 AM



“ Evie was so much fun to be around!! I first met her at Edison Junior High School. Her humor, her laugh, and her endearing personality and friendship are wonderful memories. I can only imagine the wife, mother, and teacher she became and the many lives she touched throughout her life. My prayers go out to her sweet family. What a blessing to have known Evie!!

Carol King Tolen

Carol Tolen - October 11, 2020 at 09:56 AM