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With profound love and respect, we honor the life of Evelyn Joyce Creamer, whose warmth, wisdom, and unwavering strength created a home for all who knew her.

Born in Neches, TX, Joyce was a force of nature from the start. Throughout her childhood, she attended 13 schools as her father's work on the oil derricks required frequent moves. Despite this, Joyce always found a way to thrive, adapting to each new place and making lifelong friendships.

Joyce's college years were marked by her time at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, NM, where she became the rodeo queen, embodying both grace and strength. She married Stanley "Keith" Creamer when he returned from serving in the war, and together, they had five strong-willed children, each of whom she loved fiercely and raised with deep care.

A woman of many talents, Joyce worked in various roles throughout her life. She was a teacher in Willcox Unified School District and San Simon Unified School District. She also served as a Jafra makeup representative, managed the Bowie Swimming Pool (where she taught swimming and tended to its natural hot spring well water), and was an active member of Lambda Chi Omega Beta and the Methodist Church. Her diverse work experiences also included roles as a high school soda fountain "jerk," a grain truck driver for her dear friend Billie Ray's family during harvest season, and a legal assistant during her college years.

Joyce's home was her sanctuary place filled with the delicious smell of home-cooked meals and the welcoming embrace of a heart that made everyone feel at ease. She had a unique ability to offer comfort and no-nonsense advice in equal measure. Her resilience and grace carried her through both life's joys and hardships, always maintaining composure and charm in the face of adversity.

Her ice blue eyes could see straight through to your soul, revealing the love and wisdom that lay within her. And her vibrant laugh—one that filled every room with joy—was unforgettable.

She never left the house without lipstick, and her hair and nails were always perfectly

done. Her outer beauty was a reflection of the radiance within her heart.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, B.R. and Dorothy Christmas; her half-sister, Charlene Smith; her half-brother, Garland Christmas; her sister, Billie Jean Moore; her husband, Stanley Keith Creamer; her son, Tommy Glen Creamer; and her daughter, Jerri Lynn Flaming.

She is survived by her daughter, Donna Schmelzla; her sons, Joe Creamer and Bill Creamer; her grandson, Marty Ellis (Adrienne); her granddaughter Katy (Brannon) Holley; great-granddaughter, Sheridan Ellis; and great-grandson, Brent Holley. A celebration of life will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at Willcox Elks Lodge beginning at 2:00 pm.

In honor of Joyce, donations may be made to:

Willcox FFA

240 N. Bisbee Ave.

Willcox, AZ 85643

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 13. 2:00 PM (MT)

Willcox Elks Lodge 2131
247 E. Stewart St.
Willcox, AZ 85643

Tribute Wall

FS

“ Fondly, Tom and Andi Smith purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Evelyn Joyce Creamer.



Fondly, Tom and Andi Smith - March 13, 2025 at 01:21 PM

FS

“ Fondly, Tom and Andi Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Evelyn Joyce Creamer.

Fondly, Tom and Andi Smith - March 13, 2025 at 01:21 PM

GE

“ She taught me in 3rd grade, what a woman, loved her false teeth gag



Gertrude - March 12, 2025 at 10:15 AM

PF

“ Joyce was my 5th grade teacher, in San Simon, many years ago and I always enjoyed visiting with her and Keith. Was an honor to have known Joyce and Keith!



Pati Barnes Fickett - February 22, 2025 at 10:41 AM

BS

“ Joyce was my dearest friend for 49 years. She was a gracious lady, always welcoming, always supportive, always thinking of others. She will be lovingly remembered.

Barbara Switzer - February 18, 2025 at 03:18 PM

LS

“ My fifth grade teacher... loved her! Ruthann Carlisle (Lanna Stoddard).

lanna ruthann carlisle stoddard - February 17, 2025 at 07:47 PM

JG

“ *Janna Garcia lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Creamer*



Janna Garcia - February 16, 2025 at 02:48 PM

SA

“ *Susan Arbuthnot lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Creamer*



Susan Arbuthnot - February 14, 2025 at 01:35 PM

GS

“ *Greg & Carol Smith lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Creamer*



Greg & Carol Smith - February 12, 2025 at 10:15 PM

KT

“ *Kathy Thatcher lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Creamer*



Kathy Thatcher - February 12, 2025 at 05:41 PM

SM

“ *I enjoyed my years teaching with Joyce at the Middle School. Condolences to her family.*



Steve Marlatt - February 12, 2025 at 01:43 PM

TM

“ *Trey Moses lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Creamer*



Trey Moses - February 12, 2025 at 12:41 PM

JM

“ *Our sincere condolences to all the family. My goodness, who did not have Mrs Creamer as a teacher. She was a favorite. She was also just a great, kind person. What a beautiful obituary. Rest in peace Mrs. Creamer. Rey & Jonnie Martinez*

Jonnie B Martinez - February 12, 2025 at 08:52 AM

BO

“ *I am sorry for your loss Donna, what a lovely obituary. . what a legacy and long life. Your in my prayers dear friend.*

bonnie - February 12, 2025 at 02:59 AM

VD

“ *Such a special lady. Condolences to the family.*

Vickey Dickerson - February 11, 2025 at 11:21 PM

MP

“ *Mike & Sandi Puchkors lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Creamer*



Mike & Sandi Puchkors - February 11, 2025 at 10:10 PM

GM

“ *She was one special lady and will be missed! I'll always remember the fun times I was able to be with her.*



Gail Martin - February 11, 2025 at 09:35 PM

PI

“ I have many fond memories of Joyce as a fellow teacher and socially.

Patricia Riggs Inman - February 11, 2025 at 09:22 PM

GW

“ Deepest condolences to the family, always thought the world of Joyce, im sure there wasnt anyone who met her that didnt just love her. Always a kind word for everybody. Rest in peace



Gloria and Bill Wood - February 11, 2025 at 08:23 PM

GA

“ Gussie & Sharon Arzberger lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Creamer



Gussie & Sharon Arzberger - February 11, 2025 at 08:17 PM

MV

“ Michael Valenzuela lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Creamer



Michael Valenzuela - February 11, 2025 at 08:16 PM

GM

“ Gus & Rita Morales sent a virtual gift in memory of Evelyn Creamer



Gus & Rita Morales - February 11, 2025 at 08:04 PM

FB

“ Best teacher ever fair but diligent...rip my friend.

Frederick Bretz - February 11, 2025 at 08:01 PM



“ *Just from that photo I can hear her chuckle. She was always a great lady and a wonderful teacher! Rest well ma'am.* ”



Jennifer Regensberg - February 11, 2025 at 07:36 PM



“ *Betsy Ajeman lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Creamer* ”



Betsy Ajeman - February 11, 2025 at 07:26 PM