

In Loving Memory
Evelyn Jane Maahs

Entered Into Life

*June 2, 1940
Tolleson, Arizona*

Entered Into Rest

*September 10, 2024
Altus, Oklahoma*

Funeral Service

*11:00 a.m., Friday, September 20, 2024
Burkhardt Memorial Chapel
Frederick, Oklahoma*

Celebrant

Amy Borazjani

Pallbearers

*Michael Maahs Mark Maahs
Marty Maahs Mason Maahs
Mitchell McKenzie Bob Rhodes*

Interment

*Frederick Memorial Cemetery
Frederick, Oklahoma*

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Evelyn Jane Maabs, 84, peacefully departed from this world in the early morning hours of Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at her home East of Altus, Oklahoma. Born in Tolleson, Arizona on June 2, 1940, to Luther Eliza & Dollie Mae (Bearden) Rhodes, Evelyn led a life filled with cherished experiences and meaningful connections. During her school years, Evelyn was involved in many clubs and organizations such as Girl Scouts of America where she earned patches in Plant Life, Animal Life, and Ornithology. She lettered in tennis and basketball, but Evelyn's grace, determination, and competitive spirit especially shone through on the basketball court. After graduating from Frederick High School in 1959 Evelyn married her beloved husband, Robert F. "Bob" Maabs, on August 8th of the same year. This union brought forth three children whom she deeply cherished, Michael Robert, Michelle Renee, and Mark Richard.

Following a move to Altus in early 1965, Evelyn immersed herself in her children's lives, serving as a coach for their basketball teams, a den mother for the Boy Scouts, president of the PTA, and a dedicated motocross enthusiast. She was an avid member of the Altus Bowling League and scored many perfect games. Her tremendous love for the outdoors embarked many family adventures in camping, hiking, and sightseeing at the Wichita Mountains range. She enjoyed playing cards and dominos, reading historical biographies, and raising birds. An enthusiastic animal lover, Evelyn always had a special pet throughout her life. Her deep commitment to her faith was evident in her involvement with the Lutheran Women's Association.

After the children began to leave the nest, Evelyn delved into creative hobbies. Her passions included photography, quilting, crocheting, and handcrafting many outfits and costumes for the family and grandkids, bringing home many blue ribbons from the State Fair for her talents.

She also loved growing food in the garden, tending to her irises, and baking her homemade pies for all holidays and family gatherings. Adoring all six of her grandchildren, Evelyn never missed an opportunity to support them in all their activities, cheering them on from the stands. The Maabs house was the neighborhood hangout and an ever-welcoming safe place to land, largely because of Evelyn's easygoing and fun nature.

Known for her quick wit, sense of humor, and matter-of-fact personality, Evelyn brought laughter and joy into our lives in a way that only she could. Her no-nonsense approach to life was a refreshing reminder to embrace authenticity and never shy away from speaking our minds. Her words of wisdom, wrapped in humor and wit, will continue to resonate with each of us and guide us through life's twists and turns. She always kept everyone on their toes wondering what she would say or do next. Evelyn will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who were touched by her warm spirit and unwavering dedication to those she loved.

Evelyn's memory will live on in her husband of 65 years, Bob; children, Michael Maabs and wife Kim, Michelle McKenzie and husband, Mitchell, and Mark Maabs and wife, Robin; grandchildren, Marty Maabs and wife, Lauren, Megan Greer and husband, Ryan, Mason Maabs and wife, Amy, Mabree Edwards and husband, Hunter, Madison Southall and husband, Read, and Shalee Maabs and fiancé, Joe Buchanan; great-grandchildren, Kenli Greer, Kelbi Greer, Montana Maabs, Maddox Maabs, Mattie Maabs, Miles Maabs, Mack Maabs, McCoy Maabs, and Sunny Southall; and many other family and friends. She was predeceased by her parents, Luther and Dollie; and siblings, Doris Ann Rhodes, Harold Newton Rhodes, Carl Riley Rhodes, Loretta Faye Brumbalow, James Luther Ray Rhodes, Charles Leroy Rhodes, and Freddie Wayne Rhodes.