



Kathleen Gayle Evans

September 16, 1949 - March 10, 2025

In Loving Memory of Kathleen Gayle Evans
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Kathleen Gayle Leacock Evans was born in Redondo Beach, California, to Rev. Harry and Dorothy Kelterborn Leacock. In 1956, she moved to Turlock, California, where she became a devoted member of Bethel Temple. It was there that she married the love of her life, Jim Evans, in 1968.

A devoted wife, loving mother, cherished grammy, caring daughter and sister, and a dear friend to many, Kathleen lived a life full of love, adventure, and creativity. For 56 wonderful years, she built a life centered on family, warmth, and shared experiences. She was a proud mother to Lorisa Sousa and Jeremy Evans. Kathleen found immense joy in being a grammy to Makena, Colby, and Ethan, whom she adored beyond measure.

Kathleen had a deep passion for travel, with France holding a special place in her heart. As an avid photographer, she captured the beauty of the world through her lens, preserving memories that will be treasured for generations. She was also deeply committed to enriching marriages through her involvement in Marriage Encounter, where she and Jim helped strengthen the bonds of love and communication for countless couples. Above all, she loved Jesus with all her heart. Her life was enriched by the company of dear friends,

and she brought kindness and joy to all who knew her.

Kathleen is survived by her beloved husband, Jim Evans, with whom she built a life centered on love, family, and shared experiences. She was a proud mother to Lorisa (Manny) Sousa of Turlock and Jeremy Evans of Hawaii. She adored her grandchildren, Makena, Ethan, and Colby Sousa, who brought her endless joy. She is also survived by her father, Harry Leacock of Florida; her brother, Rob (Lory) Leacock of Florida; and her niece and nephews, Susan (Worchihan) Zingkhai of India, and Greg (Cailin) Leacock and their son, Jude, of Florida. She was preceded in death by her mother, Dorothy Leacock.

Though Kathleen is no longer with us, her love, laughter, and adventurous spirit will live on in the hearts of those she touched. She is now at peace with her Heavenly Father, but her memory will forever remain in our hearts.

An Open House Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, March 28, 2025 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Turlock Funeral Home in the Small Chapel.

Previous Events

Open House Celebration of Life

MAR **28**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Turlock Funeral Home
425 North Soderquist Road
Turlock, CA 95381
(209) 632-9111
<https://turlockfuneralhome.com>

Small Chapel

Tribute Wall

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“ John, Jennifer, Michael purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Kathleen Gayle Evans.



John, Jennifer, Michael - March 27, 2025 at 12:25 PM

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“ John, Jennifer, Michael planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen Gayle Evans.

John, Jennifer, Michael - March 27, 2025 at 12:25 PM

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“ So grieved to hear this news, our hearts, love and prayers are with you all. We know your lives have a hole at the moment. May our Heavenly Father fill that hole with comfort, fond, and cherished memories. We too cherished her friendship ❤️. Lovingly, Gary, Kathy and Serenity Egger

Kathleen - March 12, 2025 at 08:42 PM

GE

Oh my sweet Kat, I miss you already. I cannot even imagine walking into your house and you not being there. We had such big dreams of you being able to walk again so we could be back to our shenanigans. We have had so much fun in the last 30 years together. I wanted more of that but it wasn't meant to be. Our trips to San Francisco, sharing milkshakes at Ghirardelli's, trying to buy cameras on Pier 39, sneaking into the chocolate shop at Monterey and buying chocolate covered bananas, dinner cruises on the on the Hornblower in SF. So many great memories. And I wonder if Jim clocked all the hours we spent at your house reorganizing your treasures. Mid afternoon Jim would find us and serve us buttery Chardonnay. What fun times we had. I will miss those times with you my friend but I wouldn't bring you back for anything in the world. I know you are at the height of your glory dancing with Jesus. So dance on dear friend. Dance on. I'll meet you soon. Save a spot for me next to you at the banqueting table. I love you forever.

Glenda Eck - March 12, 2025 at 10:11 PM