



## Kathleen "Toots" Evonne Ryan

August 30, 1943 - April 26, 2026

Our dearly beloved Kathleen has followed the path God laid for her and peacefully entered His Kingdom of Heaven on April 26, 2026. She was born and raised in Yakima, WA to James W. Edwards and Zelika V. Farley. After meeting the love of her life, Patrick J. Ryan, she followed her heart and converted to Catholicism. They were married on June 15, 1963, and soon after they welcomed 3 beautiful daughters. The family moved across Washington State a few times before settling in Wenatchee, where they welcomed two more daughters and opened their first optical store, Evergreen Optical.

Kathleen worked alongside her husband for several years, then eventually stepped away to devote her time to homemaking and pursuing her charitable interests. She was an active member of the St Joseph Catholic Church and spent much of her time in retirement volunteering and enjoying the companionship of friends in her faith community.

As a young girl, Kathleen suffered from polio, and though it left her with physical challenges throughout her life, her adventurous spirit was undeterred. She enjoyed exploring cultures, scenery, and cuisines of places near and far, and traveled abroad several times to fulfill her life-long dream to "eat her way around the world." Her favorite past-times included gardening, picnics, road trips with plenty of stops, fishing and camping. She loved spending time outdoors with loved ones, making special memories to last a lifetime. Talented and generous, she was often found crafting or cooking, and frequently

provided homemade dishes and treats for gatherings, clubs, and special occasions.

Kathleen was admired for her dedication to Christ the Lord and for the devoted, enduring, and passionate love she shared with her husband, Patrick. Her faith and marriage were pure, beautiful, and inspiring. Kathleen was a loving daughter and sister, and cherished being the best wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend that she could be. She will be missed tremendously and remembered fondly.

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