



Sonja Evelo

May 12, 1937 - October 5, 2025

Sonja Ann Gillis Evelo passed away peacefully on October 5, 2025, in Tallahassee, Florida, at the age of 88. She was born on May 12, 1937, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to Naomi Bernice Chandler and Chase Homer Gillis.

Sonja grew up in Terre Haute, Indiana, where she attended Sarah Scott Elementary and graduated from Wiley High School. It was there that she met and later married the boy across the street, George Richard “Skip” Evelo. Together, they shared a lifetime of love, faith, laughter, and adventure.

In the 1970s, Sonja and Skip moved to Tallahassee, Florida, where they built a home filled with warmth, friendship, and faith. As a devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Sonja’s testimony and service touched many lives. She and Skip had the privilege of serving a senior mission in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, an experience they both cherished.

Sonja was a talented artist with an eye for beauty and a love of painting. She was also known for her quick wit and wonderful sense of humor, which kept everyone around her smiling—even in her final week of life. Her laughter, kindness, and creativity will long be remembered by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, George Richard Evelo;

sister, Linda Colyer; brother, Larry Wilson; and grandson, Jared Evelo.

She is survived by her sister, Carol Laycock; sons, Mark Evelo (Vicky) and Chris Evelo (Luz Elena); grandchildren, Shelley Wonsch (Brad), Lindley Fredrickson (Michael), Matthew Evelo, Gabriella Jensen (Miles), Carlos Evelo (Aimee), and granddaughter-in-law, Ashley Evelo-Burnham (Curtis); as well as 10 great-grandchildren, and 2 Step Great-Grandchildren, who brought her endless joy and pride.

Sonja will be remembered for her faith, humor, artistry, and unconditional love for her family and friends. Her legacy of light and laughter will continue to bless all who were fortunate enough to know her.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 562-1518
<https://www.abbeyfh.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
5455 Buck Lake Road
Tallahassee, FL 32317

Celebration of Life

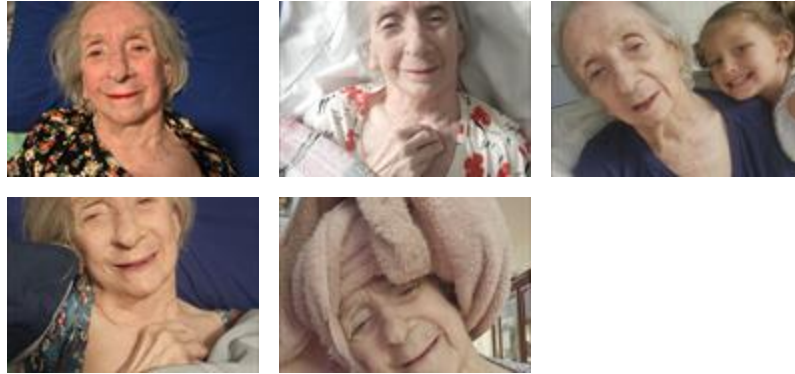
OCT **25**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *We love and miss you Grandma! So happy you are back with Grandpa!* ”



Lindley Fredrickson - October 23, 2025 at 10:22 PM

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“ *Matt's work family at Cureton Plumbing purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Sonja Evelo.* ”



Matt's work family at Cureton Plumbing - October 21, 2025 at 04:02 PM

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“ *Matt's work family at Cureton Plumbing planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sonja Evelo.* ”

Matt's work family at Cureton Plumbing - October 21, 2025 at 04:02 PM

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“ Always the center of attention. Everyone was drawn to her joy of living and her ever present spirit of friendship. The consummate wife to Skip, mother to her sons and grandmother. She will be one to look forward to seeing again in the eternities. The Lee Vass family.

Lee Vass - October 21, 2025 at 02:51 PM