

In Loving Memory



Sylvia Hayhurst
1929 ~ 2021

Sylvia Hayhurst

Date of Birth

September 12, 1929 ~ Greencreek, Idaho

Son / Daughter of

Henry & Mae Mader Beckman

Married

Tim Hayhurst ~ August 7, 1949

Mother of

Debra, Tami, and Michael

Date of Death

January 31, 2021 ~ Pocatello, Idaho

Rosary &

Celebration of Life

3:00 p.m. Wednesday February 3, 2021

Davis-Rose Mortuary

170 Idaho Street ~ American Falls, ID

Recitation..... Bert Fehringer

Life Sketch & Memories..... Mike Hayhurst



**91 Memories of Sylvia
(Wife, Mother, GG and Friend)**

1. Always had sharpened pencils at her house
2. Had all the fun art supplies and paints
3. Taught me to crochet
4. Let us steal the golf cart all the time to drive around
5. Christmas at grandmas – Chex mix, Christmas cookies, Tom and Jerry's, and special Christmas ornaments
6. Best strawberry jam, raspberry jam and applesauce
7. Reading stories on her lap
8. Chilling after school with her Cheetos sandwiches (an unending supply of Cheetos) and cable TV
9. Her impeccable style and class – always impeccably groomed
10. Tire swings in her backyard
11. Getting Christmas ornaments from her every year
12. The sounds of her music boxes
13. Cheering for us at games
14. Helping her with trick-or-treating
15. Bubble gum in the freezer

16. Ample supplies of pop in the fridge
17. Fun times in her toybox cupboard
18. Helping her in the media center
19. Her beautiful rose garden!
20. Playing Rumikub or gin with her
21. Candy bowls always filled to the brim for us
22. Going to New York and Broadway shows with her
23. Tiny, Tiny Too and Tiny Tre' – always bringing them with her and her care of Tiny Tre' with his diabetes
24. How she narrowed her eyes together if she disapproved of your actions or attire or whatever (Jackie said grandkids never saw that one.)
25. Halloween night hostess
26. Always supporting the lone Vandal surrounded by Bengals
27. She would always drink a beer when she did the ironing and laundry
28. Her Sneaky dirty wit
29. Swimming at the Natatorium
30. Walking with her lady friends
31. Crab puffs Christmas Eve and Prime Rib Dinner Christmas Day
32. Always prepared with gifts when visiting
33. No matter who or how many showed up at the last minute the meals were always amazing
34. Always willing to sit and read with the boys, to hear their stories
35. Her Devotion to Tim in his Golden years of physical and mental challenges, supporting him until she could no longer in the home, but remained devoted at care center with daily visits
36. Her great love for family and friends
37. Her "Whatever " responses – you knew the argument was over and you didn't really win
38. Her "I don't know how our children survived" when discussing newer medical concepts or parenting decisions
39. Cream of wheat in the morning
40. Watering down Popper's Black Velvet
41. Perfect cursive handwriting

42. Mom's Swedish Rosettes birthday cookies with powdered sugar on them
43. How she embarrassed me by singing too loudly and off-key in church.
44. How she yelled at dad every time he started singing 'Pull your shades down Mary Ann'
45. Party planning skills
46. Always accessorized with matching jewelry for every outfit
47. Music boxes - always had a present idea.
48. Christmas every year in American Falls
49. Welcoming Mary Martin into the family for Christmas so she wouldn't be alone
50. Always ensuring Santa Claus visited
51. Her homemade Kahlua exchange with one of her friends
52. Bowls of TicTacs
53. The boys taking rides on the golf cart with mom and dad on the course
54. School Clothes shopping & Sea Galley fancy drinks!
55. Her endless delicious recipes and homemade dinners - Chinese food, tuna casserole, Mac&Cheese, stroganoff sandwiches, funeral potatoes, deviled eggs, Christmas rum cake and coconut cream pie to name just a few of her many fan favorites
56. The home-made Easter basket. We still have Mike's and I saw him with it in the videos when he was a toddler
57. Her crocheted baby blankets and blue jean quilts
58. Fancy bridge parties with her friends.
59. Sorority dinners- also fancy
60. Helping with her scrapbooks
61. Island Park and golf
62. Being supportive - not judgmental
63. Hand me downs
64. Shopping at Blocks
65. Neighborhood parties and get togethers
66. Asparagus hunting and prep
67. Canning peaches pears and pickled beans
68. Easter in Weiser

69. Making sure the outfit she gave you was totally coordinated including the socks
70. Holidays with family
71. I always loved her gold and white Christmas 🎄
72. Watching 50 shades of grey 😬😬
73. Christmas in Kamiah growing up
74. Teaching me to throw a basketball so I won the hoop shoot competition – lots of stuffed animals at the arcades
75. The organization of lifetime milestones that had hand written notes in books that she made for kids. and grandchildren
76. AF days parade and picnic
77. Road trips to everywhere: Disney Land, NYC, Boston, Canada - educational and fun
78. Ski trips - they didn't ski but they would sit all day in the lodge while we skied and play gin rummy
79. Mom was so grateful that you were with her during a thunderstorm to make her feel safe
80. Summertime spent in Northern Idaho with aunts, uncles and cousins
81. Generosity
82. Helping during elections
83. Story time in her classroom and crying to Where the Red Fern Grows every year
84. Never having disagreements in front of family
85. Pedicures a time for relaxing and good conversations – she always had beautiful nails
86. Making a roast in the microwave that the dogs wouldn't even eat - one of her only cooking fails
87. Sitting on the front and back porch with a cool drink and conversation
88. Trip to Alaska with mom
89. Crab dip with Bugles
90. Feeding the birds and squirrels – her favorite was named Digger
91. Mysterious nicknames – something about Stevie, Ruby and LucyER

Sylvia G. Beckman Hayhurst, 91, of American Falls, passed away peacefully Sunday, January 31, 2021, at Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello, Idaho. Sylvia was born September 12, 1929, in Greencreek, Idaho. The 'middle' of the seven children born to Henry and Mae Beckman.

Sylvia and her family moved to Kamiah, Idaho where she graduated from high school in 1947. After graduation she attended Northern Idaho College of Education (NICE) in Lewiston. There she met the love of her life, a dark, handsome fellow named Tim Hayhurst. They were married on August 7, 1949. Tim was 22 and Sylvia 19. That same year Sylvia received her 2-year teaching permit from NICE.

Tim and Sylvia's first teaching jobs were in Winchester, ID where she taught in a multi-grade school room for two years. In 1951, they both took jobs and moved to Stites where their lives were centered around school and family. Debra joined their lives in 1954. Tim and Sylvia were so happy to be parents. They showered her with so much love. There could not have been a luckier baby girl.

In 1959, the Hayhurst's left all their friends and family and moved to American Falls for a new job opportunity. She had seen pictures of Sun Valley and thought that's what their new home would look like. But, there was very little irrigation in Power County at that time and the dry sagebrush desert of southeastern Idaho was a huge change for Sylvia after living in the green forests and plains of north Idaho for 30 years. She said she was so homesick she cried and cried for the first year. But the many friends they made, both professionally and socially, became their new extended family and American Falls became their home. Shortly after moving to American Falls their second daughter, Tami, came into their lives. She was a dark eyed, dark haired, beautiful baby. They were now a family of four.

The state changed the education requirements to a 4-year teaching degree and Sylvia returned to college attending the University of Idaho during summers until she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Education in 1962.

Sylvia taught fourth and fifth grades and was the media specialist at Hillcrest Elementary. In 1965, when they thought their family was complete, they added a wonderful, smart baby boy, Michael Lynn. He completed their family. She loved teaching and touched so many lives through learning. Her fellow teachers and administrators were some of her closest friends and the children of School District #381 were her passion. Tim and Sylvia both retired in 1987 after 40 plus years in

education. After retirement they enjoyed many years of traveling across the United States, Europe and even traveled to Australia to bring Mike back after his study abroad.

Sylvia was a wonderful mother, mother-in-law and grandmother and will be truly missed by all. Her holiday dinners were extraordinary. She was a wonderful cook and entertainer. She welcomed her son-in-laws, Jim Tiede and Murray Jones and daughter-in-law, Sharon Martin, to her table. And through the years Tim and Sylvia's family turned from 2 to 30. Enough love to go around.

Sylvia was a PEO member, bowler, avid golfer, played in numerous bridge clubs, member of Delta Kappa Gamma and St. Mary's Catholic church. She was also active in the American Falls Education Association where she was honored with the Service to Education Award. She loved to crochet, arts and crafts, cook, travel, garden and follow her children and grandchildren to their many activities. Her love of books and reading made her the perfect Media Specialists. She was not only an enthusiastic supporter of many school, community, and church activities but also Tim's biggest fan. She loved, helped and supported him in everything. Tim always looked so put together but most of their friends knew it was because of Sylvia. Tim was color blind so she would even layout his clothes for school, trips or activities. She didn't want him showing up with mixed matched socks or plaids and stripes. She was described by many as a classy lady, always put together and because of her so was Tim.

She was preceded in death by her husband of fifty plus years, Finis (Tim) Hayhurst, a grandson Joshua Lowe, great-granddaughter Winter Dahn Elfering, parents Henry and Mae, sisters (Audrey, Jean, Ethel and Betty) and numerous close friends and family members. She is survived by her three children, 8 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, sister (Carol), brother (Don), brother-in-law (Dutch), many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to American Falls Education Foundation and School District #381. Check payable to: School District #381 (in memo write Sylvia Hayhurst). Mail to: School District #381 Main Office, Attn: Paula Laggis, 827 Fort Hall Ave., American Falls, ID 83211

A special thanks to Edgewood Manor, Portneuf Medical Center, Davis-Rose Mortuary and many friends and family for their care and kindness over the last weeks. We are so blessed.

Appreciation

On behalf of the family, we express their gratitude for your many kindnesses evidenced in thought, deed, and attendance at the service.

Davis-Rose Mortuary, American Falls, Idaho

