



Elizabeth Estelle Hardee

April 26, 1933 - May 8, 2026

Elizabeth Estelle (Platts) Hardee, age 93, passed away on May 8, 2026, in Spokane, WA.

Elizabeth was born on April 26, 1933, in Maza, ND, the daughter of Cady Vernon and Albena (Zyllo) Platts. Her education began in a one-room schoolhouse in Maza. After her father transferred to Devils Lake, ND, as Depot Station Master for the Great Northern Railway, she continued her education and graduated from Central High School in Devils Lake in 1951.

She entered the Trinity Hospital School of Nursing in Minot, ND, in 1952.

She met her future husband, Charles Hardee, in Minot, and they were married on March 13, 1953. Charles was serving in the U. S. Air Force at the time. She spent the next 20 years as a housewife and raising their two sons, Robert and Thomas, while Charles was occasionally deployed overseas. She also worked as a nursing assistant in the early 1960's.

Charles and Elizabeth purchased a home in Cheney, WA, in 1973. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 13, 2003. Sadly, Charles passed away in July of 2003. Elizabeth remained in the home until October 2013. She then moved to senior living communities in Cheney and then Spokane.

Elizabeth was preceded in death by her husband; her father and mother; two brothers, Thomas Platts and Richard Platts; and one sister, Lois (Platts) Kirk. She is survived by sons Robert Hardee and Thomas Hardee and his wife Teresa; grandsons Mark Hardee and his wife Airi and Matthew Hardee and his wife Staci; and great-granddaughters Sierra Hardee and Savannah Hardee. She is also survived by her brother-in-law Glen Kirk, sister-in-law Sylvia Platts, and several nieces.

A memorial service will be held later at Arlington National Cemetery, where she will be reunited with her husband Charles.