

Joyce Eyster

Joyce Eyster says "I'm glad and thankful every day." Known as the "Cookie Lady" she welcomes newcomers with her delicious cookies and warm greetings. Born in Minnesota in 1921, Joyce attended college in Michigan. In 1942 she married Eugene Eyster and they spent the war years on government assignments in Pittsburgh and Washington DC. In 1948 with one child, they came to Los Alamos where Gene worked in the Explosives Testing Division. At their home in Western area, they raised five children and Joyce and friends began a much needed catering service for wedding parties, large events like the Opera Ball and a State Gardening Club gathering. At the request of the Director's wife she catered Lab newcomer functions. A member of the Los Alamos Medical Center Pink Ladies for ten years, she helps with visitor information, assists in the Gift Shop, carries out staff and patient errands and always has a plate of home baked cookies ready. Joyce also visits patients at Sombrillo Nursing Home "trying to be a friend to the people who come to visit." A charter member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, she supports numerous humanitarian causes.



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