

Evelyn Rose Gillander

August 17, 1933 - November 8, 2023



Evelyn Gillander was born into a family of musicians, and at age 12 began playing acoustic guitar to accompany her three older brothers who played fiddle, dulcimer and accordion. By her 90th birthday, she had played with 27 different groups.

Evelyn's 1961 Les Paul Special guitar was her most prized possession and she always played it while performing. She played music that ranged from Ukrainian polkas to modern country pop, but her favorite was old-time dance music. She gave her final performance twelve days before her death at the age of 90 and enjoyed every minute.

Manitoba Fiddle Association recognizes Evelyn Gillander as an outstanding accompanist!