



Louise Padden

November 19, 1942 - July 29, 2025

Louise Padden, 82, of Boulder, Colorado, passed away on July 29, 2025, in Fort Collins, Colorado. She was born in Queens, New York on November 19, 1942.

Louise was the only child of the late Edward Padden and Florence Kopson. She was preceded in death by her husband Evert Brown. Louise was a devoted mother to Evert's 3 daughters, Wendy, Julie, and Sherry. She then became a beloved grandmother to 8 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren, all of whom carry forward her spirit, values, and her dreams. For several years she even took extra care to help raise some of her grandchildren. To them and so many others Louise was a mentor, guardian, a champion, and friend. Her life inspired her family and friends to lead impactful and resilient lives.

Louise and Evert lived together for over 50 years until Evert's death in June of 2023. They met in 1972 at a holiday party. Louise's friend said that she needed to meet a guy, Evert. When she first saw him, she said she knew instantly that she was going to love him. Louise and Evert's love was paramount and unwavering. They were truly each other's soul mates.

They were married in Los Angeles California December 25th, 1985. They lived in Los Angeles until 1995 and then moved to Boulder, Colorado. There they became valuable contributors together in the Book Arts League for many

years, and were both well known in their circle of friends as the kind of artists who lived their art. The Papachristou designed house they lived in was itself a work of art and the door was always open for helping others access the creative experience.

Louise held a bachelor's and master's degree from Otis School of Art and Design in Los Angeles. She held an additional Bachelor of Natural Theology in Sacred Healing and was ordained a Minister of Healing by the Healing Light Center Church Seminary. She was recognized several times by the City of Los Angeles for her contributions to her community. Her most notable being the 'Woman of the Year' in 1991 from the State of California Legislature for her outstanding service and dedication.

Louise was a force to be reckoned with. She had a formidable spirit and thirst for knowledge; her resourcefulness was unmatched. She was not only creative with her art, but she was exceptional and ambitious in business. She kept a stunning garden and held a deep love of all things growing. She was an amazing cook and believed that food that could heal the soul. Her life was impactful and influential, and her legacy will live on in every life she touched, every barrier she broke, and every soul she inspired.

Rest in peace Louise, you were and forever will be the light we follow.

Tribute Wall

HB

“ I just learned of Louise's death. Louise and I grew up about a block away from each other and both went to P.S. 6 in Astoria. Eventually we had a relationship in our 20's that didn't last very long. She was a revolutionary at heart and full of adventure. I eventually moved to Alaska and she to Colorado. I had been tempted to contact her over the years, but never did. She was very lovely and smart and deserved to have the long happy marriage that she did.

Herb Berkowitz

Herb Berkowitz - April 02 at 01:00 PM

JB

“ Grandma Louise has been a part of my life since I was born in one way or another, and I've always been so proud to have her as family. She and Grandpa were the coolest kind of artsy, the kind of family you could brag about, and they both always warmly encouraged and supported me in so many ways in life and in my art. I have a lot of fond childhood memories of playing with a rope swing and hammock in her and Grandpa Evert's old house, receiving boxes of clothes they found and sent for me and my siblings, treasuring beautiful personalized items they designed or beautifully inscribed and homemade birthday cards. They hand printing pressed my wedding invitations and she did many of my pre wedding photos.

I lived far away and didn't always get to visit while they were in Boulder but when I did, she and grandpa always made us feel welcome and seemed so excited to share and show pictures of the wild animals that would visit, like the bear that would ramble through their backyard on some evenings. We would explore the unique sights and shops of the city and fly wildly long ribbon dancer things in the park. When we went the last time with our young son Quinten, she and grandpa made a small fort for him and got out all the most interesting toys to play with him. She was an amazing cook and gardener and skilled artist. She had great taste in decoration and design. Grandma was warm and interesting and fun to talk with, and I hope she knew how much I admire and love her and Grandpa.

Jessica Bowman - August 08, 2025 at 01:34 AM

JB

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Jessica Bowman - August 08, 2025 at 12:40 AM

JB

I'm so glad we got to visit! Near or far, you always made us feel welcome and loved.

Jessica Bowman - August 08, 2025 at 04:49 AM

KS

“ *Loved every moment I had with her.*



Kira Stanley - August 05, 2025 at 06:33 AM

KS

“ *She had an epic life.*



Kira Stanley - August 05, 2025 at 06:26 AM

KS

“ Love you forever grandma. ❤️



Kira Stanley - August 05, 2025 at 06:25 AM

KS

“ My grandmother was everything to me. She was literally my favorite human on the planet. She was who I wanted to be when I grew up. After my now ex husband met her for the first time years ago, he said 'I now understand you'. He said I was just like her. It was cruel to watch her get lost in her own mind. I'm thankful she is no longer trapped and pray with every fiber she is at peace and is with her parents and my second favorite human.. my dear grandfather. I carry them with me everyday. Their loss is a ache in my heart.. I love you grandma.



Kira Stanley - August 05, 2025 at 06:22 AM

DA

“ I knew Evert and Louise through the Book Arts League. We had a workshop with Peter Thomas making miniature scroll books that they hosted in their wonderful studio...and like many, we were instant friends! They were enthusiastic volunteers for the League, helping with everything... though I especially remember their joy at the Edible Book Tea, and the Peach Festival in Lafayette! I would drop by their fine house, we would hang around their round table...catch up on our lives and fume about politics!! It was always a treat to get their holiday cards, particularly the ones featuring bears and other critters in their apple tree! Louise was SO devastated when she lost Evert... Her heartbreak was so raw, rough and palpable...

We wave all lost a warm, sweet, funny and loving friend...truly, a blessing to ALL!☐💜

David Ashley - August 03, 2025 at 04:56 PM

SM

“ Sitting in the airport cafe outside of Bend, Oregon, I told Louise, "You would be a good person to be in a foxhole with". Having called her in tears a week before - begging her to get on a plane to come help me pull out of a financial disaster, I firmly believed what I had just said to her. When I begged her to come help, she had said, "No, I really can't come" and I said, "I just bought you a ticket" and she laughed. And she got on the plane. It was a lot for her to travel without Evert but a few days later when she arrived she was armed with a color wheel and ready to hit every garage sale in town bargaining for furnishings, paintings and jumping on delivery trucks full of live plants to show off my almost vacant commercial building. She was indefatigable and full of beans and without her I may have not been able to hang on until the economy turned around. You made me fuller. Thank you my dear Louise.



Samagra MELVILLE - August 02, 2025 at 05:53 PM

AA

“ With heartfelt sympathy to the family,
Aimee & Ed Albe



Aimee Albe - August 02, 2025 at 05:28 PM

SR

“ Louise was with my Dad Evert for over fifty years. She loved my Dad and took care of him through their life together and a great support for him at his end of life. I am so grateful that they are together now. She missed him so much and it was a very painful two years to be without him. She had a hard life growing up. She told me how she lived in New York City and rode the subway by herself to attend Catholic schools. She was very gifted and talented in many artistic and designer ways. She and my Dad had a beautiful life together. I am grateful that she and my Dad brought me to their home for my Senior year of high school. She taught me how to sew, bookkeeping, and cooking. She and my Dad sewed my wedding dress. They were not at my wedding in Idaho but they did do a wedding reception in California for me and my husband. She and my Dad were there for us with advice, counsel, and help when we needed it. She is a very strong and independent spirit that I am sure is very happy to be with her husband and family now. I wish her healing and happiness for eternity.

Sherry Rich

Sherry Rich - August 01, 2025 at 05:46 PM

JA

Thank you Sherry for sharing your special memories of mom.
Love julie

Julie Arneson - August 03, 2025 at 10:38 PM

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Samagra - August 01, 2025 at 05:05 PM

DP

“ Louise was my blood cousin. My late father (Edward Paddeu) was her only first cousin and he was named after Louise’s father (whose real Sardinian first name was Pio.)

I wasn’t even aware that Louise existed until the late 20th Century, when she completed exhaustive research and found my family on the East Coast (NY and NJ.) As a result of her efforts I gained a wonderful new giving family member whose ancestry traced back to the Island of Sardinia, where her father and my grandfather (her dad’s brother Melchiorre) were born before emigrating to America. Because of Louise (named after her Sardinian grandmother Luisa) I had a new family member who shared her passion of researching our Sardinian family with me. I made many a trip to CO over twenty years to spend time with her, poring over old papers, official documents and ship manifests, and she instilled her passion to trace our family in me, for which I will forever be grateful.

She might be physically gone, but her passion and love of family will go forward with me. Thank you for everything Louise. Love you.

Denis Paddeu

Manassas, VA 08/01/25.

Denis Paddeu - August 01, 2025 at 01:02 PM

RD

I knew Everett and Louise for 40 years, starting in Los Angeles. We were introduced by a mutual artist friend. We didn’t see each other until they moved to Boulder. They left because of an earthquake although their home was fine. I don’t know how they chose Boulder. I moved there years later to become a professor at the university there. We had very different lives. She had a wonderful marriage, I was divorced and alone and had lost everything in a wild fire in LA. She was very kind to me when I got there, helping me find a nice rental and sharing meals at each other’s homes. Although our lives were so different we became close friends. As I have no remaining blood relatives, she was an important part of my family of friends. She is very missed. Love you Louise 🥹

Roslyn Dauber - August 01, 2025 at 08:13 PM