



Evelyn Marie Evans

January 26, 1930 - October 2, 2017

Evelyn Marie Evans, 87, Lone Jack, Missouri, went home to be with the Lord October 2, 2017 at Holden Manor Care Center, Holden, Missouri. Evelyn was born January 26, 1930 to Mark Merle Sechrest and Bessie Belle (Hurr) in rural Holden, Missouri. She accepted the Lord as her savior at the Jurden School Revival March 1942. Evelyn attended Stout School and graduated from Holden High School in 1947. Evelyn continued her education at Central Missouri State University and graduated with a Masters Degree in Elementary Education and Elementary Administration and Supervision in 1974. Evelyn served as the Elementary Principal in Lone Jack from 1969 to 1990, when she retired. Evelyn always enjoyed reading, computer research, puzzles, gardening, taking care of her cows and calves.

Surviving her passing are three sons, Ronnie McGowen and wife Jeany, Warrensburg, Missouri; Randy McGowen and Wife Tyra, Lone Jack, Missouri; Kim McGowen, Lone Jack, Missouri. one daughter, Kathy Smith and Husband Wayne, Kingsville, Missouri. one brother Merrill E. Sechrest and wife Pauline, Holden, Missouri, five sisters, Dorothy Wakeman, Holden, Missouri, Mary Bracher, Higginsville, Missouri, Darlene Wise and husband Ronnie, Arkansas, Donna K. Justice and husband Jerry, Riverside, Missouri, and Linda Kirchoff and husband David, Holden, Missouri. fifteen Grandchildren and Twenty eight Great Grandchildren.

She was Preceded in death by two husbands, Glen McGowen and Odis Evans, two brothers, John Sechrest and Kenny Sechrest.

In Lieu of flowers, the family ask that a memorial contribution be made in memory of Evelyn Evans to the Holden Baptist Temple.

Visitation will be held Thursday October 5, 2017 12:00pm to 2:00pm at the Holden Baptist Temple, 605 North Lexington, Holden, MO.

A Celebration of life service will follow the the visitation at 2:00pm with Interment at the Floral Hills East Cemetery, Lee's Summit Missouri.

Cemetery Details

Floral Hills East

Tribute Wall

JM

“ I felt welcome into her family from the first day I met her and her son, Ronnie, at Friendship. We had education in common. In later days she would ask me if I was still teaching. I am proud to have had her as a mother-in-law even though it was for such a short time.

Jeany McGowen - October 05, 2017 at 07:51 AM

JM

“ I asked Carli and Brandi what their memories were of their grandma as we left after telling her goodbye. Carli said "going to church", Brandi said "her birthday's"

Jeany McGowen - October 05, 2017 at 07:47 AM

JM

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Jeany McGowen - October 05, 2017 at 07:01 AM

MJ

“ Monica Gunn Jones lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Marie Evans



Monica Gunn Jones - October 04, 2017 at 09:18 PM

DG

“ *She was a wonderful lady. We'll never forget Mr's Evans meeting the children at the door at school. You knew she cared deeply for the kids. So sorry for your loss.*
Darrell and Brenda Ginnings. ”



Darrell Ginnings - October 04, 2017 at 08:54 PM



“ *Thank you for being an example for my children, my girls, The Richter girls, were with you through grade school. The Richter girls and Marsha and Donald Mull.* ”

Marsha Mull - October 03, 2017 at 10:53 PM

DD

“ *Debbie Doney lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Marie Evans* ”



Debbie Doney - October 03, 2017 at 08:11 PM

DC

“ *It was nice visiting you in the nursing home.* ”



destiny chastain - October 03, 2017 at 07:01 PM



Gail
Metcalf
Schartel

“ *I am very sorry to learn that Evelyn has died. I enjoyed my time teaching in Lone Jack while she was principal of the elementary school. She was a good educator and my condolences go to her family.*

Gail Metcalf Schartel

Gail Metcalf Schartel - October 03, 2017 at 05:50 PM



“ Evelyn was an amazing woman. I always enjoyed listening to her talk about her family. Her face always lit up when she was able to share good news about anyone in her family. She never hesitated to let everyone know how proud she was of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Eventhough the majority of her family lived close to her and she saw them frequently, nothing brought her more joy than when she was with them. There was something magical about the loving bond that held her family together. She was also the principal of the elementary school in our small town. It was more than just a job to her. She genuinely cared about all of her students. Every morning she could be found greeting students as they were about to begin their day. She wanted them all to do their best in school. She cares about their behavior, not just because well behaved students are easier to deal with, but because she cared enough about each one of them enough that she wanted them to grow up to be good people who would strive to make decent choices throughout their lives. She had students who were more of a challenge than others, but she never gave up on them. They may have never known, but she kept track of their continued progress throughout the years, long after they completed elementary school. I don't think she ever knew what a difference she made in the lives of those she touched. She was there for others and showed them love every second of her life. It was less than two months ago she held my grandma's hand and told her she loved her before my grandma passed away. That was the kind of person she was. She thought of others and truly cared about those around her. I can see that is a characteristic she passed down through her family. She was also a very determined woman. She never simply gave up on anyone or anything. That is part of what made her a successful principal. She said what she meant and stuck to it. I can only think one challenge that she never quite conquered; I still don't eat vegetables. She never gave up on trying though. I will miss walking up to her house with my brother and kids on nice days just to visit. She was always welcoming and kind. I loved looking at the pictures of her family that covered the walls of her home. I will miss hearing her talk about building her home herself. I will miss listening to her talk about being

a student in a one room school house, then a teacher in a one room school house and eventually a principal of an elementary school. She has many important roles in her life. She was a mother to four children who she loved with all her heart. She felt blessed to be the wife of her children's father until he passed away. She was then blessed with her second husband who was also a wonderful person. She shared her love for God with those around her. Her faith guided her along her life's journey. I know that her passing is incredibly difficult for her family, but I hope they take comfort in knowing they will see her again. If there is anything I can do, please let me know.

Stacey McKinney - October 03, 2017 at 02:30 PM

 Amy
Smith

“ You will always be with me grandma. I love you!



Amy Smith - October 03, 2017 at 12:21 PM

MF

“ Mendyfamily, Amyfamily, Jonnie family, Naomi-Jon-Dave purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Evelyn Marie Evans.



Mendyfamily, Amyfamily, Jonnie family, Naomi-Jon-Dave -
October 03, 2017 at 12:08 PM



“ *Naomi Chastain lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Marie Evans*



Naomi Chastain - October 03, 2017 at 11:51 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Evelyn Marie Evans.*



October 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM