



Evelyn S. McDonald

August 28, 1938 - May 18, 2024

Evelyn S. McDonald, 85 died unexpectedly in her home on May 18, 2024. Having lived her life to please the Lord, we are certain she heard “Well done, my daughter!” when Jesus came for her in the early morning hours that day.

Evelyn was born on August 28, 1938, in Disko, Indiana to Teleford A. and Phyllis A. (Gaerte) Pearson. She graduated from Laketon High School in 1956 and continued her education at Taylor University where she graduated in 1961. While traveling home for Christmas that year by Indiana Motor Bus, she selected the seat behind the driver, Charles McDonald. They would later marry on May 26, 1962 and were married 57 years before his death in 2019.

Evelyn loved children and had a passion for teaching. Her college education was paused in 1959, when she learned that teachers were needed in a Native American village in Alaska. She spent a year there teaching 1st graders belonging to the Tlingit tribe. She taught for Muncie Community Schools (West Longfellow Elementary), when she and Charles moved to Muncie in 1964, before deciding to invest her time in her own children and the lives of other children whom she cared for in her home, including her grandchildren. She loved teaching children about Jesus and his Word and did so for many years alongside her husband, Charles at Community Church (Agape Ministries) and Calvary Christian Center (Glad Tidings North).

Evelyn was a woman of faith and prayer. God's Word was in her heart and on her lips. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, mentor, encourager, and friend. She is survived and will be greatly missed by her family, daughters Fran Short (Muncie), Beth Hummel (John) of Sulphur Springs, and Mary Robertson (Kenny) of Middletown, her grandchildren Gabriel Hummel, Seth Hummel, Josiah Hummel, Grant Robertson, Hallie Robertson, Mack Robertson, and Evie Robertson. She is also survived by her brother Chris Pearson (Dianne) of North Manchester, along with many nieces and nephews. She will also be missed by many dear friends and neighbors that she loved like family.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Charles, and her sister and brother-in-law, Beverly and Larry Hartzler.

In accordance with her wishes, there will be no visitation or formal service. A private interment took place at Oaklawn Cemetery in North Manchester, Indiana.

Arrangements were entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 West Rochester Street in Akron, Indiana.

May Evelyn's memory continue to inspire kindness, love, and service in the hearts of all who knew her.

Memorials may be directed to First Choice for Women, 3020 N Oakwood Ave. Muncie, IN 47304.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Cemetery

600 Beckley Street
North Manchester, IN 46962

Tribute Wall

RM

“ My deepest sympathy to Fran and Mary and all of Evelyn’s family. She has been so very dear to me ever since her husband, Charles, and my husband, Harry were roommates at a local nursing home. Some of my most memorable moments of Evelyn include hearing her lovely voice singing, *How Great Thou Art*, to calm Harry (Sometimes with his voice joining her) but especially near the time of his death! I love her and will miss our phone calls desperately. God bless you!

Rosalie Metzger - June 02, 2024 at 02:47 PM

BC

“ My thoughts and prayers to the family.
Brenda Cribbs

Brenda Cribbs - June 02, 2024 at 11:31 AM

PW

“ Charles and Evelyn were everything her obituary describes to us. As a young growing family they gave us unconditional love, encouragement, witness, example, and Agape love. We had no family in Muncie when we met at a Charismatic prayer meeting. They cared for our children in their home and ours. No doubt their reunion in our Father’s house free from tears and pain was a special moment. Now, as a part of that great cloud of witnesses, we are counting on their prayers until we see them again. Eternal rest grant unto Evelyn and Charles Oh Lord and let perpetual light shine on them. Amen

Peter Walters - June 01, 2024 at 01:09 PM

DY

“ My dad, Harry Metzger, shared a room with Charles at Signature health care. Through that connection, I came to know and cherish Evelyn. Charles and Evelyn were such dear, faith-filled people. Even after my dad passed, I continued to communicate with Evelyn. Her sweet spirit was inspiring and comforting. You will be missed, dear Evelyn! Until we meet again, I close this message with the same word with which we closed every conversation. Immanuel!!!

Donna Young - June 01, 2024 at 09:52 AM

KM

“ Evelyn McDonald was so kind and loving. She cared for my children in the church preschool faithfully. She always pointed to Jesus when she spoke and she prayed for us often. Evelyn will be missed -Kara Matthews

Kara Matthews - May 31, 2024 at 11:45 AM

PL

“ Mrs. McDonald was a kind, caring, woman our family will always remember for her prayers for us. Our children were privileged to have Mr. McDonald as a teacher. Together they impacted many lives and were a wonderful example of lives well lived.

Philip LaSpina - May 31, 2024 at 07:26 AM

MF

“ To Fran, Beth, and Mary, and the entire family, Rob and I send our sincere condolences. We were blessed to be neighbors with the McDonald family for 7 years and the day we moved in Evelyn warmly met us and shared hot apple dumplings that Mrs. Lamb across the street had made. It only got better over the years and Evelyn did invest her time in the lives of both our children, Kristen and Mark. Our family was blessed to have Evelyn in our lives as she was a very special inspiration and friend. She is missed and we are keeping you in our prayers in the days ahead. Evelyn and Charles were a special couple and are now joined once again.

*In Christ's love,
Rob and Melinda Franz*

P.S We wish to donate to First Choice in memory of Evelyn

Melinda Franz - May 30, 2024 at 09:14 PM



Fran, Beth and Mary, I sure did love your mom and dad! Charles and Evelyn were wonderful neighbors on Shellbark Road. Having older, wiser friends is a blessing and I will miss my dear older, wiser dear one Evelyn. At the end of every phone call Evelyn would say, 'we're going to make it, aren't we' and I would say, 'yes, yes, we are'. I will embrace Evelyn on the other side. Find peace in knowing your mom is in Perfect Hands. Christy Cromer 🦋 You will probably find my phone number in her papers. I neglected to get yours.

Christy Cromer - July 17, 2024 at 10:44 AM