



Evelyn J. Thunell

November 18, 1927 - September 28, 2021

A great woman, Evelyn Joyce Thunell (nee Lagerfeldt) of Quinnesec passed away at the age of 93 on September 28, 2021. She died peacefully at her daughter's home in Cooksville Wisconsin, surrounded by the love of her family.

Ev was born at home in Granite Bluff, Michigan on November 18, 1927 to Wilfred and Elizabeth (Cowling) Lagerfeldt. She was joined by sisters Jeanette ("Sis"), Marjorie, Nancy, and a brother, Franklin, who died as an infant. Ev loved to say "rough and tough from Granite Bluff" which brought smiles to her face even at the end of life.

Ev graduated from Kingsford High School in 1945. She attended business school in Milwaukee. In addition to raising five wonderful children, she held many jobs. She worked as a secretary for a metal works factory in Green Bay. She was the Westwood School secretary (nurse's aide, teacher's assistant, recess supervisor, and lunch room lady who made everyone eat their peas), JCPenney clerk, secretary to the Iron Mountain postmaster, and ended her career as the postmaster in Sagola.

Evelyn and her three children, Jonathan, Bruce Allen, and Marilyn Mann married Ernie Thunell on August 17, 1957, at the Presbyterian Church in Iron Mountain. The family moved from Aurora, WI to Quinnesec in 1958, where Ernie and Evelyn were blessed with two more children, Barbara and Roger. They shared 53 years of marriage before Ernie's passing in 2010.

Ev was involved with youth organizations when her children were young. She was an active member of First Presbyterian Church and held many leadership positions, taught Sunday School and VBS, and was a member of the Martha-Rachael Women's Circle. Ev and Gert Spencer were longtime leaders of the Nimble Thimbles 4-H club. She served as a Boy Scout and Cub Scout leader. Ev was a member of Royal Neighbors of America and the VFW auxiliary.

Ev and Ernie enjoyed traveling to stay with family in Hawaii, Alaska, Maryland, Wisconsin,

and Michigan. They also enjoyed driving or flying to Ernie's WW II army reunions and to Ev's postmaster conventions.

Ev lived and reflected God's love, patience, and grace to all. She lived her life simply and with integrity. She was practical, kind, humble, and generous. All five kids can attest to her melodic whistling heard in the house, outside in the garden, or hanging clothes on the line.

Evelyn is deeply missed and survived by her children, Jonathan Mann and his wife, Bea; Bruce Allen Mann; Marilyn Reed and her husband, Dave; Barbara Thunell; and Roger Thunell and his wife, Cherie. Her six grandchildren whom she loved deeply-Brian Reed; Jeff Reed; Matthew Mann; Erick Thunell; Carina Thunell; and Elijah Thunell and his father, Michael Ward. She is also survived by her four great- grandchildren whom she cherished-Ava and Quinn Reed, Aidyn Mann, and Naia Evelyn Reed. She is also survived by many dear nieces, nephews, cousins, good friends and wonderful Quinnesec neighbors of 60 years-- the Strehlow's, Rose's, and Alberti's. She valued and loved her Presbyterian church family. She is further survived by her sisters and their spouses, Jeanette "Sis" and George Gillette, Marjorie and Gene Churchill and Nancy and the late Gary Steiner.

The family has immense appreciation for Ev's care and thanks the caregivers from Arms of Angel's when she was in Quinnesec and Kathy M, Kate, and Trina when she was in Cooksville. Further appreciation is extended to Barbara's neighbors and friends, Jane and Carlos for their loving support and assistance.

Visitation will be Thursday, October 14 from 4p.m. to 6p.m. at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home and Friday, October 15 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church. The funeral service will follow at 11:00 am officiated by Rev. Michael March.

Interment will be in Quinnesec Cemetery.

Because Evelyn valued education and her faith, memorials can be made to the scholarship fund or soup kitchen at the First Presbyterian Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **14.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon & Nash
901 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Visitation

OCT **15.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
395 Hamilton Avenue
Kingsford, MI 49802

Funeral Service

OCT **15.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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395 Hamilton Avenue
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Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Evelyn J. Thunell.*



October 17, 2021 at 05:28 PM



“ *Evelyn was such a wonderful woman! I was fortunate enough to know her through church when growing up and then as an adult and member of our congregation. She was a caring, sincere person who exuded warmth and love to all she knew. My sincere condolences go out to her children, grandchildren and all who mourn her passing. She lived a full life and certainly easily entered into heaven to be with those loved ones were already there. Know you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Bill Cummings

William J. Cummings - October 15, 2021 at 09:35 AM



Thank you, Bill. She loved her church and church family.

Marilyn Mann Reed - February 11, 2022 at 12:26 PM



I was blessed to know the Thunell family and believe that Evelyn and Earnie both were great influencers to me on what faith, family and acceptance are in a family. They always treated me well. The Thunell family is forever in my heart.

Margie Johnson - August 31, 2024 at 12:41 PM



“ *Eldridge Parks and Jo Ann Henry purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Evelyn J. Thunell.*



Eldridge Parks and Jo Ann Henry - October 13, 2021 at 07:27 PM

CJ

“ *Celeste Parks & Eldridge Parks Jr. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Evelyn J. Thunell.*



Celeste Parks & Eldridge Parks Jr. - October 11, 2021 at 11:42 AM

KA

“ *Kathleen lit a candle in memory of Evelyn J. Thunell*



Kathleen - October 09, 2021 at 05:32 PM

KA

“ *The lilies that were purchased eight days ago in a basket are for the family of Evelyn Thunel, from kathy M. I send my sympathy to all family and friends.*

Kathleen - October 09, 2021 at 05:31 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Evelyn J. Thunell.*



October 09, 2021 at 03:23 PM

SN

“ *Sorry for your loss I'm Gilbert and O'Diel Newman Carl thunell was my uncle. She was a sweet lady may she rest in peace*

Shelby newman - October 08, 2021 at 06:03 PM

WZ

“ Dear Barb and Roger,
Your mom was a treasure. Her devotion to you all, her commitment to her community, her strength, and kind spirit was noticed and admired... Though I am sad to hear of her loss, she sure left a wonderful legacy in you, dear friends of old.
With heartfelt sympathy,
Wendy Gagnon Zambon

Wendy Zambon - October 07, 2021 at 11:42 AM

NS

“ Nancy Steiner purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Evelyn J. Thunell.



Nancy Steiner - October 05, 2021 at 11:04 AM

DD

“ My hubby, Bud Duke, grew up with Evelyn in East Kingsford. We connected again when Bud worked with Ernie at LakeShore. We became "Packer Group" with two other couples and enjoyed many, many times together at each others houses, not just for Packer games. Great times. Bud passed away four years ago, after we were settled in Pulaski, WI near our kids. Hugs and prayers to you all. Dorothy Duke

Dorothy Duke - October 04, 2021 at 12:52 PM

MR

I remember you and Bud and the Burbeys well. I know you all spent many happy times together. ❤️

Marilyn Mann Reed - February 11, 2022 at 12:37 PM

PJ

“ Dear Barb and family so sorry for the loss of your dear mom. A very special lady. It was a blessing knowing her. My dad Donald Roberge age 92 was best friends with Uncle Ejaner Thunell. He also knew your mom. In our thoughts and prayers.

Paula Johnson - October 02, 2021 at 03:53 PM

MR

I remember you all. Thank you.

Marilyn Mann Reed - February 11, 2022 at 12:39 PM

BD

“ *Bob, Sue, GERALYN and Dan purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Evelyn J. Thunell.*



Bob, Sue, GERALYN and Dan - October 02, 2021 at 02:38 PM

EH

“ *Dear Roger, Barb and Family,
My deepest condolences at your Mother's passing. The obituary itself is a warm-hearted testimony of this lovely, lovely woman who graced us with her joy de vive. May your beautiful memories continue to fill your hearts. Whatever soothes your spirit, and brings you peace is what you are wished at this sad time.
Your Friend, Ellie House-Harvath*

Ellen House-Harvath - October 02, 2021 at 01:56 PM

MR

Thank you for your kind words.

Marilyn Mann Reed - February 11, 2022 at 12:41 PM

RT

“ *6 files added to the album Memories Album*



Roger Thunell - October 02, 2021 at 10:14 AM

CH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



christian - October 02, 2021 at 07:50 AM

KA

I miss you very much my dear Evelyn. With love from your caretaker of 7 years, Kathy M.

Kathleen - October 04, 2021 at 06:08 PM



Photo posted by Christian C. nephew of Bea and Jonathan Mann who was born and raised in Metro Manila. Evelyn and Ernie shared in the cost of his college education. Christian has a degree in electronic engineering and is somewhat of a computer whiz.

j - October 08, 2021 at 12:31 AM



“ 9 files added to the album Memories Album



J - October 02, 2021 at 02:11 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



J - October 02, 2021 at 01:48 AM

NS

“ *What can I say about my beautiful Sister ! I could go on forever about the years and years we had together. She was an Angel that always was there for me and my Family. I learned so much from our shared Sister Friendship. MEMORIES galore that I cherish. All her children should be praised for their continuous Love for their Mother. My Love to Jon, Bruce, Marilyn, Barbie and Roger. Sister Evie and Ernie were the best !!*

Nancy Lagerfeldt Steiner - October 01, 2021 at 03:20 PM



Love you Aunt Nancy. J

J - October 02, 2021 at 01:52 AM



I am so sorry for your loss, Evelyn meant the world to me and I appreciate the kindness the family has given me, please take care and thank you all for letting me be involved in her life from Kathy m

Kathleen - October 08, 2021 at 07:13 PM



Thank you for your kind words, Kathy. We are very grateful for the wonderful care you gave to our mom. God's blessings to you-

Marilyn Mann Reed - February 11, 2022 at 12:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Evelyn J. Thunell.*



October 01, 2021 at 03:04 PM



“ *Ev was such a great lady. She included me in many family events and activities. I remember when she and Ernie made room in their Ford Galaxy for me on a trip to Lansing for High School playoffs. That was many years ago and I will never forget that kind gesture. She was always there for me and others. My sincere condolences to all the family. You all take after her. Love Wobs.*

Carl Waldbillig - October 01, 2021 at 02:30 PM



*Wobs...wow! Brought back that memory straight away...if I recall correctly we were 4 in the backseat all the way to Lansing!
Mahalo for the flash back...
Sent with Aloha from Maui
Allen aka Bruce*

Allen Mann - October 01, 2021 at 08:25 PM



Fondest Aloha, good buddy. A large book could be written, hey. J.

J - October 02, 2021 at 01:55 AM

MR

*I also remember. Fun times!
Marilyn*

Marilyn Mann Reed - February 11, 2022 at 12:51 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Evelyn J. Thunell.*



October 01, 2021 at 09:36 AM