



Evelyn Conrads

March 20, 1939 - November 27, 2023

Evelyn Esther Conrads, age 84 of Cedar Falls, passed away on November 27, 2023, at Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo with her husband and children at her side. Evelyn was born on March 20, 1939, near Parkersburg, Iowa to Johann and Henrietta (Meester) Luhning. She attended Beaver #4 Rural School through 8th grade and later completed her GED in 1979. Evelyn married Bernhard (Bernie) Conrads on June 2, 1959, at Pleasant Valley Reformed Church, rural Holland, Iowa.

Evelyn and Bernie settled in Cedar Falls where they were active members of Cedar Heights Baptist Church and where she found her most rewarding employment as the Dining Room Supervisor of the Cedar Falls Woman's Club during the 1980s and 90s.

Evelyn loved her family and friends. She was known for her kindness and her love of others, especially children. Being "Oma" to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren was something she particularly cherished. Evelyn had a deep concern for others and instilled in her own children the importance of showing compassion towards the less fortunate. Her welcoming nature was reflected in her quick smile and frequent giggle. She was full of life, love, and silliness. Later in life, she became a big fan of Iowa Hawkeyes sports and would often call after an event and ask, "What did you think about that game?"

For Evelyn, however, the most important pursuit was that of following Jesus. She often shared the story of when she was a teenager on the farm and, while listening to a radio preacher, understood for the first time that God loved her and that she could have new life through faith in Jesus. When she responded with faith to that Good News, she went outside and said, "The leaves were greener than they ever were before, and the sky was bluer than it ever was." Her whole world changed. In her last days, she continued to hold on to the Lord and shared how wonderful it was to know his love and care. She lived out that faith to the end.

Evelyn is survived by her husband of 64 years, Bernie; children: Lisa McCulloh of Simi Valley, California, and David (Rebecca) Conrads of Iowa City, Iowa; grandchildren: Melissa McCulloh, Kara McCulloh, Tamra (Anthony) Landingham, Mikayla (Juls) McCulloh, John Conrads, Ava Lynn Conrads, and Benjamin Conrads; great-grandchildren: Connor, Brayden, and Baron Calabrese, Quinn Martin, and Kit Landingham; siblings: Herman Luhring, Esther (Marvin) Eiklenborg, Phyllis (Don) Settle, Larry (Marty) Luhring, Janice (Wayne) Arends; brother-in-law: Reverend Ray Kruger; sisters-in-law: Vada Luhring, Judy Luhring, and Rosie Luhring; and her in-laws on Bernie's side: Abe and Wilma Jean Conrads and Jake and Dorothy Conrads; and a legion of nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents: Johann and Henrietta Luhring; son-in-law: Kevin McCulloh; brothers: Johannes, LeRoy, and Kenneth Luhring; sisters: JoAnn Kruger and Mary Ann Danger; sisters-in-law: Shirley Luhring and Darilyn Luhring; brother-in-law: Darrell Danger; her parents in-law: John and Jakoba Conrads; and her brother and sister in-law: John and Katie Conrads.

Funeral Services will be at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, December 9, 2023, at Cedar Heights Baptist Church in Cedar Falls.

In honor of her 20 years as Maître' D of the Cedar Falls Woman's Club, there will be a light lunch open house reception from 12:30 to 2:30 at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club House.

The burial service will take place at 3 PM at Oak Hill Cemetery in Parkersburg.

Visitation will be held on Friday, December 8, 2023, at Richardson Funeral Home (Cedar Falls) from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and one hour before the services at the church.

Memorials may be directed to Genesis Church (P.O. Box 132, North Liberty, IA 52317), where David is the Pastor, to help build a barn/gymnasium to serve children and youth in the Iowa City area.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

Parkersburg, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Funeral Service

DEC 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Cedar Heights Baptist
2430 Neola Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 277-3889
<http://www.cedarheightsbaptist.com>

Tribute Wall

SC

“ Dear Bernie, Lisa, David and families. I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Evelyn was truly one of the kindest woman I have ever known. She was such a dear friend to Mom and I can still hear them laughing/giggling together. The joy they exuded when together was infectious. We all want to have that kind of friendship and so glad mom had her in her life. Bernie, you and Evelyn were a cornerstone at Cedar Heights and served sacrificially and with such joy. I know it was your relationship with Jesus for your love for our church and the people who attended. I am sad for you all but also rejoice with you for a life so well lived and that she is now with Jesus. Praise God for the hope we have in Him. My prayers are with you today as you say goodbye but with the great hope of being reunited someday. Thank you for making such an impact on my life. Scott

Scott - December 09, 2023 at 10:08 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Evelyn Conrads.



December 06, 2023 at 10:09 AM

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“ One of the sweetest & genuinely kind souls that I have ever met. Thoughts and prayers to Bernie and the entire family.

Elijah - December 05, 2023 at 11:08 AM

RL

My Aunt Evelyn was an Amazing woman! While I was fighting cancer, chemo and numerous surgeries, her & Bernie would come help take care of my family. I remember Bernie & Evelyn had my kids(ages 3 & 6)believing they had a mouse living in their car. The kids were so excited! When living in Virginia Evelyn & Bernie and Ray & JoAnn and my parents came out to visit. Went downtown DC to watch July 4th fireworks near Washington Monument. It was a night to remember. A man tried picking a fight with Uncle Bernie as Bernie was protecting our group to stay together leaving the fireworks. I saw a face on Uncle Bernie I had never seen. Had a Wonderful week spending time with family. Evelyn was not a person who fancied dogs, yet after bringing our Australian Shepherd/King Charles mix to my parents home it took only 1/2 hour and she was playing ball with our pup. She giggled & giggled til her eyes teared. She couldn't believe how our puppy could play ball so easily & bring right back to her. She is & will be missed dearly. Love you Evelyn, until we meet again.

Rhonda Lewis - December 07, 2023 at 08:50 AM

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Lisa J McCulloh - December 03, 2023 at 06:11 PM



“ I loved my Great Aunt Evelyn's cheerful spirit and lighthearted nature, ever present smile, and delectable desserts! Her friendship with my Grandma LaPole allowed me to spend more time with her and I always enjoyed her presence as well as my Great Uncle Bernie. To all their children, and grandchildren, my heart goes out to you during this sad time.

Becca LaPole - December 01, 2023 at 09:06 PM

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“ My sincere sympathy to Bernie and the family. Evelyn was such a sweet, sincere lady and she showed the love of Jesus to everyone she met.

Esther Owczarek

Esther Owczarek - December 01, 2023 at 02:57 PM

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“ Aunt Evelyn had the most light-hearted laugh that made us all smile. Her delectable dishes were ever present. Her home and gardens reflected the beauty of her spirit. If I had had the chance to choose a mentor for my granddaughters, she'd have been the choice.

Elaine Drake - November 30, 2023 at 06:27 PM

EE

“ Memory of Evelyn, playing games every Saturday night & her drinking coffee from a mug w a chicken 🐔🐔 that sister Janice had given me over 50 years ago. Evelyn Loved that cup would have to use that cup even when I would have my Christmas chins out she insisted on the chicken mug. She will be greatly missed as still miss sister JoAnn. Bernie was out of town for work one time & JoAnn was staying at Evelyn's home. JoAnn thought she saw a winder peeper. Next morning I get up ready to go to work walk in the hallway & both, Evelyn & JoAnn, walk out of my spare bedrooms without me knowing they had spent the night. We had a really good laugh. Many Great memories of both sisters. Love & Miss them

Esther Eiklenborg - November 30, 2023 at 02:35 PM

HS

Oh...Aunt Evelyn was KIND, sweet, loving, thoughtful....and a "hostess with the mostest!!" She was always good to me, attentive, loving, fun :)played baseball, even, tho she was so feminine!! She will be missed by MANY!! She will spend the rest of her life in the glories of Heaven, adoring her Lord and Savior!!

Heidi Sullivan :). xoxoxo

Heidi Sullivan - December 07, 2023 at 04:10 PM