



Evelyn E. Granzow

March 27, 1922 - December 30, 2015

Evelyn Elizabeth Granzow, a long-time resident of Blissfield, MI, passed away December 30, 2015 in Hastings, MI. She was 93.

Evelyn was born March 27, 1922 in Albuquerque, NM, where her family moved after her father was injured in World War I. After his passing, Evelyn moved back to Holgate, OH with her mother and sister, where she grew up surrounded by her mother's extended family. Her earliest recollections were of farm life, gathering berries in the woods with her grandmother, and watching her uncles make dandelion wine.

Evelyn graduated from Toledo School of Nursing in 1944. Soon after, she enlisted in the Army Nurse Corps and served during World War II, until her honorable discharge in 1946. She then attended Case Western Reserve and earned a Bachelor's degree in nursing, in 1948. In 1950 she was recalled to active duty during the Korean War, and was assigned to a surgical unit in Germany. She was honorably discharged a second time in 1953. She then began working toward an advanced degree, earning a Master's of Nursing Administration in 1955 from Wayne State University.

It was as a nurse in Virginia that she met her future husband, Donald Granzow. They met in late 1954 and were married on August 27, 1955. In 2015 they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

They moved to Blissfield, MI in 1956, where Don established a dental practice. That same year they also joined St. Paul's Lutheran Church, where they remained active members until their move to Hastings, in 2011. During

her more than 50 years as a member of St. Paul's she was a continually reliable volunteer, organizer, and leader. She lived her faith through her actions.

As a resident of Blissfield for more than 50 years, Evelyn contributed to the well-being of the community in countless ways. Because she was a trained nurse, she was often called on by friends, neighbors, and family to evaluate injuries, provide emergency care, and offer informed medical advice. Through the years she also worked for a number of area organizations, including LARC, the Lenawee Community Mental Health Authority, Lenawee Medical Care Facility, and the Cielito Lindo Daycare Program at St. Paul's.

Evelyn is survived by her husband Donald; by her four children and their spouses, John (Gwen), Stephen (Linda), Kathryn (William), and Thomas (Jennifer); by her five grandchildren, Chase, Gage, Zlatko, Emma, and Ian; and by her sister, Alene.

Funeral services will take place 2:00 p.m., Sunday, January 3, 2015 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Blissfield, with Rev. Gary Leking officiating. Burial will follow at Pleasant View Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the Tagsold Chapel of Wagley Funeral Homes in Blissfield, Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Evelyn was an avid, life-long reader and 50 year patron of the Schultz-Holmes Memorial Library. The family requests that memorials be given to the library in her name. Memorials may also be given to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Blissfield or Grace Lutheran Church in Hastings. Online condolences and memories are welcome at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
306 E. Jefferson Street
Blissfield, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Evelyn E. Granzow*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *You have lost a treasure but what wonderful memories she has left behind. SHE will always be remembered for her wisdom and her unconditional love and support she has passed on to so many of us. Our sympathy to your entire family.*

Ed and Mary Lou Knisel

Mary Lou Knisel - January 07, 2016 at 12:56 PM



“ *Condolences to the entire Granzow family. It was great seeing you all and reminiscing about our times together and with Evelyn. She was the epitome of a lady who "had it together". I learned at a very early age that there was no B-S-ing her, and then later on I had so much respect for her that I would never think of even trying to. She set a great example for us all to aspire to, and my life is so much richer for having known her.*

Dan Hacker - January 06, 2016 at 02:32 PM



“ *I never met Evelyn, but I respect what she did for veterans, RIP You were a hero!*

Art Barnhart - January 05, 2016 at 04:37 PM

RK

“ John, Gwen and family, please accept our sympathy at this solemn time in your lives. No matter how old or the circumstances we are never ready to lose our mother. I hope you know that she must have been very proud of you and you family and that gave her great comfort. Rich and Carol Klein

Richard and Carol Klein - January 05, 2016 at 10:27 AM

PT

“ Don and family, loved Evelyn, could always depend on her for the blood drives when I was in charge. She and I were in the hospital at the same time when we were delivering Connie and Tommy. Her b-day is July 10. I cannot remember who was born first, Tom or Connie. She lived a long, wonderful life always putting everyone else before herself. Parker also sends his condolences. Lovingly, Pat and Parker



Pat and Parker Tagsold - January 03, 2016 at 12:10 PM

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“ The Stryker R&D Team purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Evelyn E. Granzow.



The Stryker R&D Team - January 02, 2016 at 01:14 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Evelyn E. Granzow.*



January 01, 2016 at 10:44 PM



“ *Pat, Cyndy & EJ, Dawn & Dave, Bill & Amy and all the cousins purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Evelyn E. Granzow.*



Pat, Cyndy & EJ, Dawn & Dave, Bill & Amy and all the cousins - January 01, 2016 at 07:53 PM



“ *I know of you through Andrea.. You must be grand. Rest in Peace*

Jackie Demski - January 01, 2016 at 07:00 PM



“ *One day, when I was 5 or 6, I was getting on mom's nerves pretty bad, to the point where she'd had enough. However, she was never one to waste a teachable moment, so she said to me "If you behave the rest of the day, I'll take you to see mummies at the Toledo Museum." Woo hoo! Mummies! Needless to say, I shut up right quick... then proceeded to ask "When are we going? When are we going?" for the next week or so. Eventually, she fulfilled her promise. That one experience, seeing mummies as a reward for good behavior, turned into a life-long love of museums and history. Thanks, mom. John.*

John G. - January 01, 2016 at 10:13 AM



I remember your mom being super chilled out, and always a positive presence, and your dad as well. You were great neighbors and friends back in Blissfield, down Jefferson St. I wish you all peace in this transitional moment of life.

Wayne Shannon - January 01, 2016 at 07:23 PM



Sending thoughts and prayers to you and your family John. She was a great lady!

Cathy cement - January 02, 2016 at 09:41 AM



Steve - Sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and yours. Sharon (Lievens) Clark

Sharon (Lievens) Clark - January 03, 2016 at 08:51 AM



*We were saddened to learn of Evelyn's passing and wish to extend our deepest sympathy to you Don and to your family.
Dwight and Carolyn Klump*

Carolyn Klump - January 03, 2016 at 08:54 PM



Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, John.

Linda Sanchez - January 04, 2016 at 10:14 PM