



Evelyn Marie Melnik

January 23, 1925 - September 8, 2022

ADRIAN – Evelyn Marie Melnik, 97, peacefully entered God’s Kingdom on September 8, 2022 at Brookdale Senior Living in Adrian, Michigan with family at her side.

Evelyn was born January 23, 1925 in Ann Arbor, Michigan to Joseph and Clara Gruschow. She had four siblings, Bena, Catherine, Rollin and John. Evelyn graduated from Ann Arbor High School in 1943. During high school she worked at Kresge’s soda fountain in Ann Arbor where she waited on Tom Harmon and the Wistert brothers as well as other Michigan Wolverines. She had a hearty “Go Blue!” for you on Game Days and loved living in Ann Arbor. Evelyn was employed by King Seeley in the 1940’s and trained women building triggers for weapons during WWII. Evelyn was a true “Rosie the Riveter”.

Evelyn met Harry Melnik, a Marine veteran, at a dance at Whitmore Lake in 1950; and they were married on October 20, 1951. Evelyn spent many years working the cosmetic counter at Muir Drugs in Adrian. Mom and Dad enjoyed over 50 years together raising their children, growing vegetables, boating, and doing a lot of fishing. After retiring they loved traveling in their camper and their motor home. They enjoyed the Everglades at Port of the Islands RV Park until Harry passed away in 2003 from pancreatic cancer. Fishing was the main event at the Everglades and the family enjoyed many fine fish fries there.

Mom loved Florida, her “snowbird friends” and warm winters so much that she continued to winter independently in Florida until 2020 when, at age 95, she broke her hip.

Evelyn is survived by her four children, Catherine (Jack) Berman, Stephen (Maribeth) Melnik, Robert (Cindy) Melnik, and Thomas (Jeri) Melnik. Evelyn was blessed with 8 grandchildren: Gordon, Greg, and Alex Berman, Kacey Melnik, Katie Cauley, Nathaniel Melnik, Abby Falk, and TJ Melnik. Evelyn has 7 great grandchildren so far: Cedric and Naomi Berman, Lucas, Dominic, Nicholas, and Audrey Cauley, and Mirren Melnik.

The family would like to thank the Brookdale Assisted Living staff for the care and the love that Mom received; they would also like to thank Hospice of Lenawee for their support during Mom’s last few days.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary’s Cemetery in Adrian, with Fr. Michael Newman, O.S.F.S. presiding. Contributions in Evelyn’s memory may be made to Hospice of Lenawee or Holy Family Parish, St. Mary’s Campus.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian, where online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary' Cemetery

Division Street
Adrian, MI 49221

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Evelyn Marie Melnik*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Bob and family so sorry for your loss*

Kevin Renee Carter Mosher - September 18, 2022 at 06:44 AM



“ *Evelyn worked at Muir Drugs when I met her. Our two children were both toddlers then, and I would go there to pick up prescriptions, etc. Being a young mother I always worried if I was doing the right thing for the kids, especially when they were not feeling well.*

Evelyn with her experience as a parent along with her job was always there to help me with good sound advice and to support me. She became a dear friend, who was so helpful and always smiling while she did it. She means a lot to me. She is in my heart and prayers!

Suzanne M Francoeur - September 10, 2022 at 08:00 PM



“ *Bruce & I spent winters across the street from Evelyn in Whisper Creek RV Park in Florida for quite a few years, until the park closed down. We loved her dearly and will miss her terribly. Thinking of her family during this time.*

Bruce Montfort & Helen Norman

Bruce & Helen - September 10, 2022 at 04:10 PM

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“ DEAR TOM AND JERI,
SORRY TO SEE ABOUT MOM'S PASSING. SHE SOUNDED LIKE
A REAL ACTIVE PERSON AND GREAT MOTHER. TAKE CARE,
STAY SAFE AND GOD BLESS YOU AND YOURS. BARB SELL,
EX- BOOKMOBILIAN

BARB SELL - September 10, 2022 at 02:04 PM

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“ Evelyn was as much a grandparent for me and my sister as my
actual grand parents. We were lucky to have the as neighbors. The
kindness that she and Harry shared throughout my childhood is a
fond memory I will always hold on to. As life took me away from
Adrian, it was always a great joy to reconnect when we were both in
town. Rest In Peace sweet Evelyn. Such a wonderfully full life.
Wonderful to think that she and Harry have finally been reunited.
Much love, Shonn Wiley

shonn wiley - September 09, 2022 at 09:01 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family
of Evelyn Marie Melnik.



September 09, 2022 at 05:32 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Evelyn Marie Melnik.* ”



September 09, 2022 at 03:06 PM