



## Evelyn Jean Urban

March 23, 1933 - November 13, 2023

Evelyn Urban, beloved wife of Walter Urban, passed away into eternal life on November 13, 2023 at the age of 90. Evelyn Jean Genson was born the oldest child of Warren and Mary (Garland) Genson of Ludington on March 23, 1933.

Married on July 31, 1954, Wally and Evelyn celebrated 69 years together. They lived in their Fountain home for more than 60 years, creating a welcoming place for family and friends.

Along with her husband Wally, Evelyn will be greatly missed by her three daughters and two sons: Lorraine (Kenny) Baushke, Carolyn (Steve) McVicker, Tom (Renee) Urban, Larry (Sherrie) Urban, and Suzi (Robert) Panetta. Evelyn joyfully welcomed fourteen grandchildren; Amanda (Josh) Yelenick, Sam (Claire) Baushke, Hannah (Steve) Newell, Garrett Urban, Kyle (Marina) Urban, Ben (Anne) Urban, Matthew Urban, Nathan Urban, Anna (Jay) Oliynyk, Andrew (Faith) Panetta, Chandler (Katie) Panetta, Logan (Kendall) Paneeta, Heather (Chris) Vanderhaag, and Adam (Sheryl) McVicker; seven great-grandchildren Leo and Hazel Baushke, Elise, Brynn, and Caleb Newell, and Jack and Cole Vanderhaag. As a grandmother, her best gift to each grandchild was a yearbook of Urban family photos and memories, creating more than 300 little books of life and love.

Evelyn was the oldest of five siblings: Helen (Charles) Williams, Alice

(Charles) Wallace, Bob (Sue) Genson, and Sally Tushek. Bob and Sally survive and Sally and Evelyn were especially close. Evelyn will also be remembered by 29 nieces and nephews and numerous cousins.

Evelyn loved gardening, especially berries, sharing the fruit and her plants, and canning the produce. She grew raspberries until she was 86. She excelled in making cookies for everyone, and could feed thirty people “real food” without notice. A pot of soup, a batch of cookies, and a visit to the sick was her trademark way to help others. Evelyn was an active member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Custer for over 60 years, teaching CCD classes and leading middle school and high school programs. She worked as a switchboard operator after graduating from Ludington High School with the class of 1952. She also worked as a cashier for A&P, was a caregiver at the Scottville Nursing Home, a waitress/cook at Fountain Tavern and at Johnny’s before finding her niche in the floral business. She co-owned and managed Flowers by Lorraine with her daughter Lorraine from 1976-1996, employing multiple family members over the years. After retirement, Evelyn enjoyed working part-time at Wal-Mart for 19 years, retiring for a 2nd time at the age of 86.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Evelyn at 11:00 am on Saturday, November 25 at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Custer with Rev. Daniel DePew as Celebrant. Burial will follow at Sugar Grove Cemetery. Friends may meet with her family for a time of visitation on Saturday morning from 10:00 am until time of Mass at the church. Those who wish to remember Evelyn with a memorial donation are asked to please consider the Alzheimer’s Association.

# Cemetery Details

## Sugar Grove Cemetery

350 East Sugar Grove Road  
Scottville, MI 49454

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
85 South Madison Street  
Custer, MI 49405

## Funeral Mass

NOV 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

BB

“ *The life of a beautiful, wonderful Lady and Dear Friend has come to an end, here on Earth, but Evelyn, your Heavenly Life is just beginning! You are an amazing Matriarch of a truly loving, giving, and hard working Family. You will be missed and always appreciated for all you did for others. May you rest in peace, enjoying your new found Heavenly Home. You will be missed.*

Beverly Budzynski - November 24, 2023 at 03:25 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Evelyn Jean Urban.*



November 24, 2023 at 08:46 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Evelyn Jean Urban.*



November 22, 2023 at 01:29 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Evelyn Jean Urban.*



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November 21, 2023 at 09:36 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Evelyn Jean Urban.*



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November 21, 2023 at 11:42 AM



“ *Mrs. Evelyn was a very sweet and wonderful woman. Walter and she welcomed me into the family as soon I married Joseph. They were at our reception, his parent's anniversary party, and his parent's funerals. I hope Wally & Carolyn know our Love, condolences, and prayers are with them and the rest of their family at this time.*



*Joseph A. Lavas & Rhonda S. Pye  
Woodstock, Georgia*

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**Rhonda Pye** - November 20, 2023 at 11:28 AM

MB

“ I met Evelyn about ten years ago when our parishes joined together. I admired her energy and her smile and her ready laugh. But then I had the great privilege of bringing her the Holy Eucharist for the last year or so. She always greeted me warmly with a twinkle in her eye and received the Eucharist with joy and piety. I shall miss her bubbly spirit.  
RIP Evelyn.

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**Maude Bigford** - November 18, 2023 at 12:48 PM

ZA

“ 1 file added to the album home



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**Zonta Club of Ludington Area** - November 18, 2023 at 09:50 AM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Evelyn Jean Urban.



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November 17, 2023 at 12:28 PM

PJ

“ Evelyn was a lovely lady and a wonderful member of the Zonta Club of Ludington Area. She hosted our club's Christmas parties at her house several times and we enjoyed "hay" rides behind the tractor.

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**Patty Johnson** - November 17, 2023 at 11:52 AM

RD

“ I got the pleasure of getting to know Evelyn when I took care of her and Walter. She was such a sweet lady. I have missed caring for her. my deepest condolences to the Urban and Genson families. RIH beautiful soul.

Roberta Davis - November 15, 2023 at 02:13 PM

MD

“ Aunt Evelyn you had the biggest and warmest heart of anyone I've ever known. You were always there when people needed help and guidance. You made my family and I always feel so welcome at your house and went out of your way to make it a wonderful visit. There are no words to describe how I will miss you. May God help Uncle Wally and all my cousins through this. Love you all.



Marian DeDalis - November 15, 2023 at 12:20 PM

RM

“ My condolences to all the family. When she was working at Walmart an I would see her there we would talk about everything an anything lol but she mostly loved talking about growing up in fountain an what her family used to own an how she met her husband. So many memories she shared with me. I'm so thankful God put her in my path of life.

Renee machiela - November 14, 2023 at 07:12 PM

RM

I forgot to add. I am the neighbor down the street from the Urbans. Very nice an lovely family. She will be missed very much.

Renee machiela - November 14, 2023 at 07:14 PM

AM

“ Evelyn taught me how to cook at Johnny's in Custer. Her training got me jobs that paid for my college education. She was a lovely woman and a good friend.

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**Arlene Jodko Marcetti** - November 14, 2023 at 04:02 PM

JS

We were neighbors for so many years. When I married my husband her and Wally were the bartenders at the reception. When my mother-in-law and daughter passed away who was first to come with a pie...Evelyn. When our son was in the Iraq War who wrote a beautiful letter to him...Evelyn. Her smile and kindness I will always remember.

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**Joanne Sterling** - November 16, 2023 at 08:00 AM

TW

I knew Evelyn and some of her family through my affiliation with WKLA; and their affiliation with Flowers by Lorraine and Genson's Shoes. Sincere condolences to the Urban and Genson families from myself, Terry Williams; and a friend, Linda Jankowski.

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**TERRY S. WILLIAMS** - December 02, 2023 at 01:54 PM