Evelyn Lorene Murphy

April 13, 1916 - February 24, 2021

Evelyn Lorene Murphy, age 104, of Albia, passed away on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at her home in Albia, IA.

Evelyn was born on April 13, 1916, to George and Maude Grace (Fry) Nucko, at home in Albia. She grew up and attended school in Albia, graduating from the Albia High School with the Class of 1935. On April 6, 1940, she was united in marriage to Michael Thomas “MT” Murphy at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Albia. Evelyn and MT shared 40 years of marriage prior to his passing in 1980.

Evelyn was a homemaker her whole life and also worked as a store clerk at Spurgeon’s and Latimore’s stores in Albia. She was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia as well as a member of the VFW Auxiliary. Evelyn was musically talented, playing the organ and the piano. She loved to be outdoors, keeping up her beautiful garden and yard, which she mowed herself until she was 90 years old. She enjoyed canning her produce, loved to make big meals for her family and was known for her homemade bread. She was very generous, always taking care of others. She was a great mother and grandmother who taught her family to follow “the golden rule.” Above all else, Evelyn loved her family and treasured the time spent with them, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Evelyn is survived by a son, Bill (Judy) Murphy; a daughter-in-law, Charlene Murphy; 8 grandchildren, Joni Halford, Michael Murphy, Mark (Marina) Murphy, Tommy (Christina) Murphy, Annie (John) Prescott, Jennifer (Mike) Sinclair, Lynn (Mike) Beard, and Becky (Mike) Teno; 18 great grandchildren; and 7 great-great grandchildren. Evelyn is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael Thomas “MT” Murphy; 2 sons, Michael “Mick” Murphy and Thomas Joseph Murphy; a grandson, Billy Murphy; a daughter-in-law, Jean Murphy; her parents, George and Maude Nucko; her sisters, Mamie Manley and Eleanor Harris; and her brothers, Edwin Hurd and Joseph Nucko.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2021, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Evelyn’s family present from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. to greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, February 27, 2021, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Pastor Richard Grimes officiating. Burial will follow services at Oak View Cemetery in Albia.

A memorial has been established to the Welcome Home Soldier Monument in Albia.

Cemetery Details

Oak View Cemetery

Albia, IA 52531

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **26**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
https://www.tharpfh.com/

Funeral Service

FEB **27**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

Evelyn Lorene Murphy

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM

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January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM

Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Evelyn Lorene Murphy.

February 26, 2021 at 12:27 PM

Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Evelyn Lorene Murphy.

February 26, 2021 at 08:03 AM

I miss the summers of the 1960's and 70's when I was a little girl. I would spend time with Grandma and Grandpa canning tomatos, freezing corn and Sunday drives to get ice cream. My fondest memory was the Thanksgiving dinner when I had a loose front tooth. Well, it was so loose and I wouldn't pull it and was afraid to eat. Grandma said "Joni, let me see your tooth" I smiled at Grandma and in a flash, before I knew what had happened, she reached over I and flicked my tooth across the table, landing in the gravy! What a memory. I wish as an adult I had lived closer so that I could have spent more time with Grandma. I miss my childhood days and the amazing Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's dinner's we all had together. I was so blessed to have grown up around such an amazing special woman. I love you Grandma. You are now in heaven I am sure and have been reunited with Grandpa, Dad and Uncle Tom. Tell them I love and miss them.

Joni Murphy-Halford - February 25, 2021 at 10:31 AM

TP

So sorry to hear of the passing of Evelyn
My thoughts and prayers to the family.she was a wonderful lady.

Tycene Phillips - February 25, 2021 at 09:53 AM

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Evelyn Lorene Murphy.

February 25, 2021 at 06:58 AM

TH

Our condolences to all of the Murphy family. How remarkable that Evelyn lived in her own home at 104. Strong woman and supportive family. May you find comfort in good memories.

Tom & Patty Hannam - February 24, 2021 at 10:19 PM

Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Evelyn Lorene Murphy.

February 24, 2021 at 10:07 PM

Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Evelyn Lorene Murphy.

February 24, 2021 at 06:04 PM

AP

3 files added to the album Memories Album

Annie Murphy Prescott - February 24, 2021 at 05:59 PM

LW

When Evelyn had a house in town my grandmother had a room in it. Very long time ago, her kids were little. She was a very lovely & sweet lady. My condolences to all of her family.

Larry & Phyllis Whitson

Larry & Phyllis Whitson - February 24, 2021 at 04:52 PM