



## Helen M. Evans

September 18, 1925 - February 12, 2024

Helen M. Evans, 98, died on February 12, 2024 at Windsor Memory Care in Celebration, Florida. She was born September 18, 1925 in Alton, IL., the daughter of the late Marion and Clara (Schroeder) Whitten. On March 26, 1948 in Alton, she married John C. Evans III and he preceded her in death, April 12, 1988. Surviving family: Stacie Machnikowski (George) of Kissimmee, FL., John Evans IV of Hilton Head, SC., Hollace Evans of Okatie, SC., one daughter-in-law, Debbie Evans of Sandy, UT., eight grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded by her siblings; Lois Hornsey, Louise Naughton and Irving Lee Whitten and by one son, Jeffrey Evans.

Helen was an exceptional corporate spouse and supported her family as they moved to build her husband's career. They lived in Illinois, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and Hazelmere, England. Helen entertained family and friends and ensured each guest had a meaningful experience in each location that included local history, culture and art. In retirement, Helen lived in Hilton Head, SC. and Celebration, FL. She designed jewelry, worked in ceramics and became an accomplished painter. She left behind an amazing portfolio of her work for all to enjoy. Helen was very active throughout her life. She was an avid tennis, bridge and scrabble player. She earned an associate degree in Arts from DuPage County College. She worked for the Illinois Children's Home, Western Cartridge Company and Reno and Wright Attorney-at-Law. Helen volunteered for the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Boy and Girl

Scouts, Society of Bluffton Artists, Hilton Head Art League, Beaufort Society of Artist, Hilton Head Hospital and the Presbyterian Church.

Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until time of funeral service at 10:30 am on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army. Additional information and online guest book may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Memorial Park

2308 W. Delmar Ave.  
Godfrey, IL 62035

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 24. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002  
(618) 466-5544  
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral

FEB 24. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JE

“ Grandma was a wise, caring and loving teacher. She led by example, and her integrity and humility should be remembered by all as a moral cornerstone for how we are supposed to treat others. She gifted me with so many life lessons and memories and so, so many laughs. I love you grandma, you will always be cherished and remembered. I pray you are at peace.

J.C. Evans - February 22, 2024 at 08:29 PM

LE

“ I'm so glad to of had such a beautiful soul in my life!! She was one of a kind❤️



Lexi Evans - February 22, 2024 at 06:54 PM

HC

“ Heather, Joe and Camy. purchased the Serene R etreat for the family of Helen M. Evans.



Heather, Joe and Camy. - February 22, 2024 at 05:43 PM

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“ Doug, Teri, Casey & Carly Evans purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Helen M. Evans.



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**Doug, Teri, Casey & Carly Evans** - February 22, 2024 at 01:52 PM

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“ Doug, Teri, Casey & Carly Evans planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen M. Evans.

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**Doug, Teri, Casey & Carly Evans** - February 22, 2024 at 01:52 PM

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“ Sonny lit a candle in memory of Helen M. Evans



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**Sonny** - February 21, 2024 at 11:17 AM

JN

“ I remember the first day I met Aunt Helen. Sweetest smile and such a beautiful sparkle in her eyes ! I knew than how special she was going to be to our lives ❤️ love & miss you for always 💖  
Love , Judy & Gregory

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**Judy Naughton** - February 16, 2024 at 04:03 PM