



# Evelyn L. Childress

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## **Evelyn L. Childress**

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**E**velyn L. Childress, age 93, of Lewes, DE passed away on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, at home among loving family. She was born February 6, 1923 in Ontario, OR, the daughter of the late John Zittercob and Lillian Dail.

Evelyn held an Oregon college degree. Late in World War II, she taught mathematics to servicemen in their quest to find jobs as they returned home from the war. Her first husband, Harry Thurman, was an engineer who, in his spare time, developed as yet unavailable prosthetics for some of those wounded servicemen. Several years after his death, she married Bill Childress, owner of The Saxon Swan on Second Street who lived in Lewes.

A beacon of hard working farming stock, she kept both husbands on the straight and narrow path of community citizenship and good natured fun. An important part of that fun was her inherited children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, the younger the better.

Evelyn is survived by her stepson Hampton Childress, and his wife Paula, of Towson, Maryland, stepson Marcus Childress and his wife Ellen of Plains, Montana. Both provided grandchildren for Evelyn, and Hampton's son's family brought great grandchildren of both sexes to her life and true joy. Paula's son, Stefan and wife Janja gave her great grandsons also, who especially enjoyed her home on the coast and her unparalleled chocolate chip cookies. Evelyn's closest remaining Oregon Zittercob family includes nephews Tom and Robin Zittercob, John and Cheryl Zittercob, Ann Kouns, Jan Troutner, and all their children.

All services are private.

If you would like to make a gift on Evelyn's behalf, memorial contributions may be made to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963 or by going to <https://www.delawarehospice.org/donate-now/>

Please sign Mrs. Childress' online guestbook located on this site.



## Tribute Wall

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BD

**Beth Dewson** posted:

Our mom, Karlyn Dewson, was so fond of Evelyn. They enjoyed many a laugh and meal with friends in beautiful Lewes, De. They stayed in touch over the years as my mom moved back to Wilmington, DE. My sister Kay and I recall her delicious homemade treats she would mail at Christmas time. I recall her enthusiasm for life and love for learning new things. May she rest in peace. Karlyn, Kay & Beth Dewson

November 28 at 4:53 AM

BV

**Barbara Vaughan** posted:

Dear Hamp and Paula, I am so sorry for your loss. You two were so precious to her and you made her life richer and more enjoyable for so many years. Bill and Evelyn were the most welcoming folks when i moved to Lewes in 1992. I treasure those memories and the joy of our mutual friendship with the Frankenfields. Sadly, Barbara Vaughan

November 14 at 7:21 AM

JV

**Jakob Virizlay** posted:

I always loved visiting Grandma Eve during the holidays and in the summer time. We had lots of fun talking, eating, and spending time together while making many memorable memories that won't be forgotten. Even though she is not with us today, her spirit is still with us every day. Jakob Virizlay

November 12 at 2:55 PM

MV

**Matej Virizlay** posted:

Grandma Eve was an inspiration to our entire family and always spread love throughout the house when family and friends came to visit. She also made the most amazing food, especially her delicious cookies. Once we tried a cookie we just couldn't get enough and kept on coming back for more! Grandma Eve is a very special person and will always have a place in our hearts. Matej Virizlay

November 12 at 2:48 PM



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DF

**Dolores Fiegel** posted:

I met Evelyn over 20 years ago at Osher Lifelong Learning (formerly called "the Academy). Throughout the years we both attended poetry, Shakespeare and opera classes. She could always be counted on to sign-up and travel with us to trips to Opera Delaware in Wilmington, DE. Evelyn walked to school as part of her exercise program and in hot, sunny weather I would see Evelyn with her usual smile and her parasol. I treasure the beautiful coat she knitted in a handwork class ... we made a deal when she decided the coat was too large for her small frame. I will miss Evelyn and have fond memories of this fine genteel lady .... and I have the coat to remember her by. Dolores Fiegel 302.645.4568

November 12 at 12:40 PM

JZ

**John & Cheryl Zittercob** shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

The family of John Zittercob sends our condolences to the Childress family . Thank you for being there for Evelyn. Aunt Evelyn will be forever in our hearts. She was truly an amazing Lady. Godspeed John ,Cheryl Zittercob & Family



November 10 at 3:07 PM

LW

**Laurie Wesler** November 26 at 12:31 PM

Paula and Hampton, I feel so fortunate that we were able to share dinner one evening a few years ago with you two and Eve at your home. I knew from the minute we met her that she was so incredibly special...bright, warm, caring -- a true delight!. She instantly felt like family and someone everyone would want to know. I am deeply sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts. May her memory be for a blessing...Love, Laurie and Bob

AF

**Ann Fried** November 25 at 3:04 PM

We remember a trip when we met Paula, Hampton and Eve in Page, AZ and took a boat ride on Lake Powell to Rainbow Arch. She was such a gentle and caring woman who made the trip special. Anyone who crossed her path was blessed. It was wonderful for us to get to know her. Ann and Stephen Fried

JD

**Joanne Defiore** November 17 at 5:00 AM

Oh, how I will miss Evelyn. Her smile and friendship will always be treasured in my memory and in my heart. I worked at the Saxon Swan for 17 years, and I remember when her "almost" husband--owner of the Saxon Swan--was planning on marrying her, as they were both widowed, and great friends for many years. Our friendship was immediate, and we always celebrated our birthdays together. Was shocked to read her obit in the Cape Gazette, because I had just talked to her about a month ago. My sincerest condolences to the family, who I got to know personally through the years working at the Saxon Swan.



**John & Cheryl Zittercob** shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album. November 10 at 3:07 PM



**Cheryl Zittercob** November 10 at 3:34 PM

2003 One of the last pictures we have of Aunt Evelyn and Gerald together at our daughters graduation.(back row) Evelyn, Jennifer Fricke (Great Niece), Jan Troutner (Niece), Ryan Zittercob (Great Nephew), (Front row) Gerald Zittercob(brother of Evelyn), Cheryl Zittercob (Wife of John), John Zittercob(Nephew)



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**Cheryl Zittercob** November 10 at 3:37 PM  
2006 Aunt Evelyn and Jennifer Zittercob Fricke



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