



Evelyn I. Stover

January 6, 1928 - August 16, 2017

Evelyn I. Stover, 89, of St. Petersburg, Florida formerly of Centralia and Hoffman Illinois, passed away Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at Gulf Shores Care Center in St. Petersburg. She was born in Vernon, Illinois, to the late Walter and Edna Wernsman, the oldest of 15 children. She married Russell Stover on May 21, 1947 in Centralia.

She is survived by her daughter, Cynthia Ernst and her husband Bob, four sisters Dorothy Choate, Nita Bogue, Edna Barrow and Jane Peters and two brothers, Bob Wernsman and Mike Wernsman. She is preceded in death by her husband Russell, one sister, Carol Ann, and six brothers, Dean, Dale, Charlie, Russ, Joe, Jerry, and Jack. Mrs. Stover was very proud of and loved all 39 nieces and nephews and their children. One of her favorite things was family gatherings and she was known for bringing her famous homemade chocolate cake and baked ham.

Evelyn was a graduate of the CHS Class of 1945, graduate of SIU Carbondale and taught at rural, one-room school houses in Marion and Clinton counties. She worked at the Hollywood Candy Company and later in 1967, went to work at Kaskaskia College where she worked until she retired 42 years later in 2009. While at KC, she received the Faculty & Staff Award for Outstanding Part-Time Staff in 2004, the Alumni Recognition Outstanding Humanitarian Alumnus Award in 2006 for the State of Illinois, and the Trustee Recognition Honoree Associate Degree in 2009. She also supervised the Food Baskets and Angel Trees for BCMW and Salvation Army, started the

Volunteer Ambassador Program at KC, and Co-chaired the first Heart Walk in the area.

In addition, Evelyn was an active member of the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Centralia where she was a Sunday school teacher for 42 years. She was also a mentor for the "Tuesday's Child" program at the church. She was a Charter Member of the Central City Lioness, former President, and Lioness-of-the-Year. She received the "Studs Terkel Award for Volunteerism" for Organization of the 100-Year Anniversary for Hoffman, Illinois and was BPW Women-of-the-Year.

She will be remembered as a Loving Wife, Mother, Family Member and Dear Friend to all those she touched on her life's journey.

Friends are invited to visit from 12 noon until the time of service at 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 16, 2017 with Reverend Elaine Bush officiating at Hillcrest Lakeside Chapel in Centralia, Illinois. Memorials may be made to the Hoffman Volunteer Fire Department or the Kaskaskia College Fine/Performing Arts Department and may be received by Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home who is assisting the family with arrangements.

Please view the online obituary or send condolences to Mrs. Stover's family at sutherlandfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

DB

“ Evelyn recruited me into AmeriCorps while I was a student at Kaskaskia College many years ago. AC is a big part of my life and I thank Evelyn for helping me while I was there. I will always think fondly of her and I'm sad to hear of her passing.

David Boozer - October 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Just learning of the loss of a great woman. My condolences to her family and friends. She was my first boss and a great one. I started working for her as a data entry person in the Data Processing Department at Kaskaskia College. I was just a senior in High School working through the school's work program. She was a wonderful mentor to a young High School student working for the first time. She had a way of putting you at ease and always kept you busy! I continued to work for her during my years as a student at KC. I learned a lot from her and went onto Illinois State to complete my college education and established a career in IT, thanks to her guidance. I have thought of her often over the many years and my memories are of great fondness for her as a boss and mentor! Glad to have those happy memories of her.

Tammy Sager - October 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ I wish to extend my sympathy to Evelyn's family. I did her hair for many years and she was always the nicest lady and always had a kind word for you when she met you anywhere.

Sharon Fleming - September 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ I worked for Evelyn at Kaskaskia College right after she started there in the Data Processing Department. She was a mentor and wonderful example. She taught much more than what I learned in the classroom about work life and how to be a good employee. She was a great advocate for the students. She inspired me to never stop learning and striving. I taught high school for 14 years and then became a university administrator for 19 years in the technology department of Millikin University. She was an inspiration for me the rest of my life. I want to express my condolences to her family.

Pat Pettit (Francois) - September 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Celebrating a life well lived. I will cherish memories of my friend, Evelyn, forever. She was such a special lady at Kaskaskia College; touched so many lives in a positive way. God speed, Ev!

Jan Ripperda - September 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

WN

“ She will be greatly missed. Our condolences to the family.

Wadella Nagai - September 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I went to school with Cindy she will remember me as Connie Schilling,. We've not seen each other for sometime now I miss and ask about you at each class reunion I've attended. You mom was always such a sweet lady when I visited after school. I know she will be greatly missed by everyone that knew her. Sincerely, Connie

Connie Skiles - September 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ I worked with Ev at Kaskaskia College with the AmeriCorps Program. She was a great mentor and a friend. Rest in Peace Ev. Wendy

Wendy Blythe - September 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Evelyn was always such a great neighbor to our family.

Carla & Jerry (Boehne) Hanon - September 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ Evelyn Stover was my cousin and my friend. She was a considerate person and an angel in my life when I was going through rough times. I will miss her and her sense of humor. She was always so positive and upbeat.

Victoria Migliore - September 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM