



Melva Dawn Evans
February 27, 1929 - August 7, 2023

Celebrating the Life of
Melva Dawn Evans

Thursday, August 10, 2023 9:00 a.m.

Broussard's Chapel

Silsbee, Texas

Chaplain Randy Miller

Danielle Zabala, Flutist

Desiree' Martinez, Soloist

"In the Garden"

by Alan Jackson

Obituary and Opening Prayer

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Family Reflections

"Amazing Grace"

Congregation

Scripture Reading

Greg Connelly

"How Great Thou Art"

Message of Comfort

Closing Prayer

♥ *TO THOSE I LOVE* ♥

*When I am gone, just release me,
let me go – so I can move into my
afterglow. ♥ You mustn't tie me down
with your tears; let's be happy
that we had so many years. ♥ I gave you
my love, you can only guess
how much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have
shown, but now it's time I traveled on alone.
So grieve for me awhile, if grieve
you must, then let your grief be comforted
with trust. ♥ It's only for a while that
we must part, so bless the memories within
your heart. ♥ And then, when you must
come this way alone, I'll greet you with
a smile and a "Welcome Home."*

Mother



Melva Dawn Evans, 94, of Sour Lake, went to be with her Heavenly Father, Monday, August 7, 2023. She was born on February 27, 1929, in Wisner, Nebraska, to Angeline Odessa Jenik Schulz and Erwin Henry Carl Schulz.

Melva enjoyed growing up on a farm. She graduated from Sedgwick High School in 1946, where she was the pianist for the school choir. After graduating from high school, she attended Barnes Business College in

Denver, Colorado, from September 1946 until May 1948, taking classes in accounting, typing, shorthand, and court reporting. She was a member of the Jane Phillips Sorority.

Melva married her pen pal from World War II, Calvin B. Evans of Berwick, Louisiana, on September 28, 1949. They were married for fifty-six years and had four children.

In 1967 she graduated from Lamar University earning her Real Estate License. Melva was a self-employed Real Estate and Insurance Agent from 1967 until 1969, when she went to work for Williams Insurance in Beaumont. In 1970 Melva went to work for the United State Postal Service in Beaumont. She was the U.S. Postmaster in Nome, Texas from 1973 until 1979 and the Postal Systems Examiner in Beaumont from 1979 until 1981. She went on to serve as the Accounting Officer from 1981 until her retirement in 1987.

Melva volunteered in many local organizations. From 1963 until 1970 she was in the Home Demonstrator Club and was a Charter Member and secretary for the Alma Carpenter Library in Sour Lake. She was a 4H Leader from 1967 until 1968 and Hardin Jefferson High School Band Booster and member of the Hardin Jefferson PTA. Melva organized blood drives for her community and worked with the Cancer Crusade. She was a member of the Sour Lake Thicketeers Square Dance Club, Christian Women's Fellowship, the National Association of Postal Supervisors, and the Red Hats. Melva and her husband also worked for the Red Cross Disaster Relief Teams from 1994 through 2002.

She loved flowers, birds, cats, and traveling. Upon retirement she traveled the world with her husband, Calvin, family, and friends, always sharing that Austria was her favorite. She enjoyed camping throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

Survivors include her children, Lodi Eugene Evans and his wife, Mary, of Sour Lake; Dawn Roxanne Ellis and her husband, David, of Kountze; and Calvin Leniel Evans and his wife, Patty, of Rosepine, Louisiana; granddaughters, April Pilgreen and her husband, Jimmy; Desiree' Martinez; Dyana Stowers and her husband, Derek; Dr. Danielle Zabala and her husband, Kevin; and Kira Connelly and her husband, Greg; Christy Summer and her husband, Michael; Bobbie Jo Rogers; Victoria Holder; and Chance Evans; nineteen great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren; and fur babies, Susie and Arabelle. She is preceded in death by her parents, Angeline and Erwin Schulz; husband, Calvin Benton Evans; son, Gregory DeWitt Evans; grandson, Allen Gregory Evans; and brother, Delvin Schulz.

The family would like to thank Melva's housekeeper, JoAnna Anderson; her caregivers, June Owens and Diane Arabie; and the team at Harbor Hospice, for all the love and care given to Melva.























Pallbearers

Greg Connelly
Derek Stowers
Jimmy Pilgreen
Joey Pilgreen
Kevin Zabala
Michael Summer
Colby Martinez

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery
Sour Lake, Texas
"As the Deer Panteth"
Danielle Zabala, Flutist

Memorial Contributions

American Red Cross
706 Magnolia Street
Beaumont, Texas 77701

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