



Evelyn Ann Lange

July 10, 1934 - August 8, 2023

Lebanon, Ohio – Evelyn Ann Lange, 89, of Lebanon, Ohio passed away at 4:24 PM on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 in an automobile accident coming home from book club at the 741 Senior Center.

Born July 10, 1934 in Ashland, Wisconsin to Eric Sanford Johnson and Anna (Hallberg) Johnson. Evelyn was the youngest of five children. She grew up in a Christian home, on a farm in Northern Wisconsin, with no electricity and an outhouse, and where she had to walk miles to and from a one-room schoolhouse...many times wearing snow shoes. She graduated high school early, at age 16, living in an apartment at age 15, because she had no other way to attend her high school. These early years formed her into a strong woman who knew not only how to survive in life, but also thrive.

She moved to Chicago when she was 21, after working a few jobs in Ashland and traveling the midwest with God's Bible Army ministry team. Evelyn possessed amazing secretarial skills and quickly discovered that she desired to use them serving her Lord and Savior. This is when she started working at Compassion International in the founder's basement home office, during the early years of this now global ministry. This experience solidified her lifetime of working to help children in need through several Christian organizations, most of them serving alongside her husband.

Evelyn married Carl R. Lange on November 24, 1961 in Chicago, after meeting him on a blind date introduced by mutual friends.

Together Carl and Evelyn adopted four children and fostered several others. They loved to camp and travel as a family in their RV, often to the north woods near Ashland Wisconsin, an annual Thanksgiving week trip to Disney World, or following their favorite gospel singing group around the country. Carl and Evelyn were active members of Solsberry Christian Church for over 20 years. After Carl passed away in 2012, Evelyn helped to lead the GriefShare ministry at church. She actively volunteered at Area 10 Agency on Aging in Ellettsville, IN, Opportunity House Resale Store in Bloomington, IN, and later Caring Partners International in Franklin, OH. For over a year, Evelyn actively participated in the 741 Senior Center in Lebanon, OH where she was a beloved member.

Surviving relatives include her sisters in law, Ruth Carlson of Illinois and Shirley Johnson of Wisconsin. Evelyn's children, Eric & Rebecca (Ens) Lange of Ohio, Craig Lange of Indiana, Tracey Lange of Indiana, & Brandon Lange of Indiana. Her grandchildren, Matthew & Sarah (Fenton) Lange, Jonathan & Emily (Ogden) Lange, Andrew & Christine (Clark) Lange, Joshua Lange, Candace Carlson, Grace Lange, Liam Lange, Oliver Lange and Emily Lange; great-grandchildren, Addison Lange and Judah Lange.

She was preceded in death by her parents, all of her siblings, and her husband of over 50 years.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be conducted at 3:00 PM Sunday, August 20, 2023, at the Solsberry Christian Church, 10825 E. Christian Church Rd, Solsberry, IN 47459, with Minister Tom Mcnerney. Visitation will begin at 2:00 PM and there will be a brief graveside moment at Solsberry Cemetery following the memorial service. Jenkins, Lester, & Sons Funeral

Home in Bloomfield is in charge of arrangements.

The family asks that memorial contributions be made to the Solsberry Christian Church (www.solsberrycc.com), an amazing church family who has loved and cared for Evelyn and her family for over 20 years or Compassion International (www.compassion.com/ways-to-donate), a child-advocacy ministry pairing compassionate people with children living in extreme poverty to release them from spiritual, economic, social, and physical poverty.

Online condolences are available at www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com/obituaries

Cemetery Details

Solsberry Cemetery

Solsberry, IN 47459

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **20**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Solsberry Christian Church
10825 E. Christian Church Road
Solsberry, IN

Memorial Service

AUG **20**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Solsberry Christian Church
10825 E. Christian Church Road
Solsberry, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Our sympathy to Eric, Becky & family. Evelyn will be so missed on this earth but our heavenly reunion will be great!* ”

Jack & Dorothy Kotowski - August 19, 2023 at 09:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Evelyn Ann Lange. ”

August 18, 2023 at 12:13 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Evelyn Ann Lange. ”



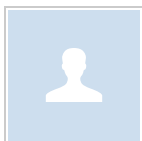
August 18, 2023 at 12:13 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Evelyn Ann Lange. ”



August 17, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Evelyn Ann Lange. ”

August 16, 2023 at 11:49 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Evelyn Ann Lange.*



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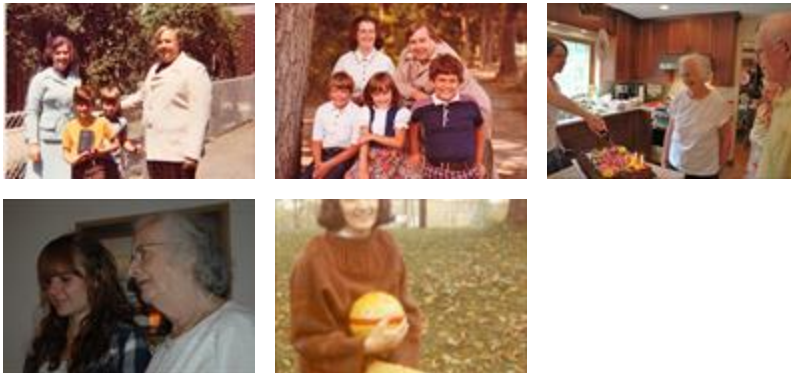
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“ I met Evie and Carl in 1964 and worked with them in church ministries. Evie was a unique combination of a skillfully competent secretary, energetic, diligent, and Godly while still being gentle and kind and willing to be a behind-the-scenes support team. Her smile could light up a room, her kind words encouraged and edified and brought joy to many. Her patient and forgiving spirit radiated Jesus and His character and her love and commitment to Him. She sacrificed for the good of others with joy and considered it a privilege to help out wherever and whenever she could. That certainly included caring lovingly for her husband and children. And when Carl needed lots of extra care, she didn't just do it for duty, but did it with a sweet, kind spirit. She loved her Bible and Jesus and loved to talk about both, as they were the foundation of her world. If she were off to a grand world tour somewhere she had always longed to go, we would all miss her but be happy she could finally go. The world has indeed lost a very special person, but we rejoice that she is in her ultimate HOME, breathing celestial air, seeing Jesus face to face, and is in her best possible Destination, waiting for us to join her. Goodbye for now, sweet friend.

Naomi Bennett - August 15, 2023 at 09:13 PM

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Naomi Bennett - August 15, 2023 at 08:43 PM



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Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home Inc. - August 15, 2023 at 12:32 PM