



Evelyn Bolt

May 9, 1925 - January 25, 2025

Evelyn T. Bolt of Lake Villa, IL, passed away on January 25, 2025. She was born in Oak Park, IL to the late Joseph and Grace Thor on May 9, 1925. Evelyn grew up in Wheaton, IL, participating in church and school choirs and bands, and in many school activities. Upon graduation from Wheaton High School, she attended Cornell College in Mount Vernon, IA, majoring in English Literature and minoring in Vocal Performance, and graduating Phi Beta Kappa. After college, Evelyn moved to New York City to study Opera Performance at Juilliard.

Returning to Wheaton, Evelyn met and married Richard Bolt in 1953. They moved to Lake Villa in 1956 and raised their children there. She joined Lake Villa United Methodist Church and became a very active member; as a soloist, Sunday School teacher, children and adult choirs director, and as a Trustee. Also active in the community, she was an administrative assistant at College of Lake County, a teacher's aide at Antioch High School, and Vice Chair of the Lake County Zoning Board of Appeals. She fulfilled her love of singing as a member of both the Waukegan Concert and Chicago Symphony Chorus for many years.

Evelyn was an avid reader and crossword puzzler, and excelled at baking, sewing, and needlecrafts. She enjoyed meeting new people and learning their stories. Evelyn is survived by her children Elin Bolt, Madison Bolt, Linda (Carl)

Bolt-Babcock, and grandson Christian. She was preceded in death by her husband Richard, brother David Thor and sister Jeannette Murphy. A Celebration of Life will be held at Lake Villa United Methodist Church (110 McKinley Avenue) on May 4th at 10:15 am; a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall will follow. Memorial gifts may be made to LVUMC or a favorite charity.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 4. 10:15 AM (CT)

Lake Villa United Methodist Church
110 McKinley Ave
Lake Villa, IL 60046

Tribute Wall

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“Mrs. "Ev" Bolt was my choir director when I attended Lake Villa UMC as a child. I never learned to read music, but the things she taught me about music stayed with me all my life. Her voice was beautiful, she was patient with us children, but three things stood out to me as a child. Her hair was a lovely silver that I had never seen in a lady that was "the same age as my parents." Secondly her smile that lit up the room and made me feel happy if it was directed at me. Third, which turned out to be true, when she said choir directors lived longer because of all the cardio with their arms. She was my parent's good friend and my choir director for 10 years. She will be in my heart forever.

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