



## Evelyn Ruth Hofer Martin

January 4, 1928 - November 21, 2018

Evelyn “Evie” Ruth Hofer Martin passed away on November 21, 2018 at Heritage Health in Hoopeston, Illinois. She was born on January 4, 1928 to Andrew and Agnes (Kelly) Hofer on a farm near Chalmers, Indiana. On June 19, 1949, she married Richard “Dick” Martin, her husband of almost 68 years. He preceded her in death on May 6, 2017.

Evelyn is survived by her four children: Linda Martin of Hoopeston, IL, Carol Martin (Shari Grote) of Minneapolis, MN, Donna Martin (Sarah Reckmeyer) of Ottawa, IL, and David Martin (Brenda Villa) of Cincinnati, OH; two grandsons: Sean (Bianca) Danner of Madison, WI and Scot (Jen) Danner of Danville, IL; and one great-granddaughter, Madison Danner. She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Zelma Klene and husband James Klene; one brother, Rev. Andrew Hofer and wife Charlotte “Chi” Hofer; and one sister in infancy, Dorothy.

Evelyn attended East Lynn Grade and High Schools, graduating in 1945. She remained loyal to East Lynn green and white her entire life. Upon graduation from high school, she worked at FMC until she was married. Evie and Dick partnered closely, raising 4 children and running operations at Maple View Farm. Later, she shared her gift of hospitality as the local Welcome Wagon lady, as receptionist at the Hoopeston Chronicle, and as a Meals on Wheels volunteer. In her final years, Evie enjoyed making new friends and reconnecting with old ones at Autumn Fields and Heritage Health.

Evelyn was a member of First Presbyterian Church for over 50 years, where she served as an elder, taught Sunday School, and sang in the choir. She kept her love of music alive playing piano and singing throughout her life. She was also a member of the Sweet Corners Square Dance Club, Owl Club, and was a past Worthy Grand Matron of Eastern Star.

A celebration of Evelyn’s life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 1, 2018, at First Presbyterian Church in Hoopeston, Illinois with Rev. Wade Meranda and Rev. Ann Schwartz officiating. Visitation will be at the church two hours prior to the service.

Cremation rites have been entrusted to Anderson Funeral Home. The family would appreciate memorial gifts be given to First Presbyterian Church, Hoopeston Public Library, or Iroquois Memorial Hospice.

Please visit [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com) to view Evelyn’s eternal tribute page and to

send the family condolences.

# Events

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**DEC**   **Visitation**   11:00AM - 01:00PM

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First Presbyterian Church  
915 E. Orange St., Hoopeston, IL, US, 60942

**DEC**   **Funeral Service**   01:00PM

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# Comments

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“ My deepest sympathy to you and your family, Donna and Sarah. Wow. What a life well-lived! I absolutely loved reading about your mom's life and all of the fun and important things she was involved in. At such a sad time, is it terrible to say that her obituary made my day and made me smile? Take care, because no matter the circumstances, we're never ready to say goodbye. I'll keep you close in my thoughts and prayers across the miles. Love you.  
Becky

**Becky Nett** - December 04, 2018 at 09:08 AM

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“ We are so sorry we couldn't attend the visitation and funeral for your mother, but our granddaughter, Sarah, got married yesterday at Bloomfield Barn near Chrisman, IL. Evelyn was a wonderful woman who liked just about everyone she met. She was always so positive and thoroughly enjoyed life. You were fortunate to have such a mother, and we were so fortunate to have known her. Our sympathies to all of you.  
Earl & Cecelia Dixon

**Earl & Cecelia Dixon** - December 02, 2018 at 09:53 AM

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“ Mike Slocum & the CBLT Team from Capital One purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Evelyn Ruth Hofer Martin.



**Mike Slocum & the CBLT Team from Capital One** - November 30, 2018 at 03:14 PM

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“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Evelyn Ruth Hofer Martin.



November 30, 2018 at 01:23 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Evelyn Ruth Hofer Martin.



November 30, 2018 at 12:42 PM

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“ Alisa Danek (and pups) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Evelyn Ruth Hofer Martin.



**Alisa Danek (and pups)** - November 28, 2018 at 09:28 PM

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“ Donna and family, my Mom and I were so sorry to learn of your dear mother's passing. We have such wonderful memories of both your mother and father when they resided at Autumn Fields together with my parents. I think they may have had the rowdiest dining table in the place and quite a few joyful escapes to the DQ for ice cream. Clyde will be there on the other side, waiting to welcome Evelyn. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this time of profound loss. May friends, family and a lifetime of wonderful memories sustain you through your grief.

With sympathy,

Nancy and Elizabeth 'Liz' Runge

Elizabeth Runge - November 27, 2018 at 12:09 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Evelyn Ruth Hofer Martin.



November 27, 2018 at 09:44 AM

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“ Condolences to the Martin family at the loss of your mother. Evelyn will be missed by all of the Hoopeston Historical Society. She shared her memories in the scrapbooks she kept for the Historical Society over the years. Wonderful treasurer she gave us. Her smile will be greatly missed.



Carol Hicks - November 26, 2018 at 09:59 PM

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“ Linda & sons and rest of family, so sorry for your loss. Evelyn was always a bright spot in my day when I saw her & Richard out & about. Hugs & comfort--Dale & Penny

**Penny Lithgow** - November 26, 2018 at 11:51 AM

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“ Linda and family,  
I remember your mom and also your dad helping with Sunday School, Bible School, and Youth group. Your mom was always caring and helpful to all of us as children in any activity with which she participated. I am sure you will miss her terribly, but your memories will provide peace and comfort to you.  
Christie Barnard Rice

**Christie Rice** - November 25, 2018 at 11:51 PM

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“ Linda, Carol, Donna, and David - So sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. Hold on to all the memories. Sincerely, Harry Gudeman

**Harry Gudeman** - November 25, 2018 at 12:34 PM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear of Mrs. Martin's passing. Thoughts and prayers to all of you during this difficult time, but I know that she is now reunited with your dad and they are happy together again. Love to you all.

**Ginger Grant** - November 25, 2018 at 10:18 AM

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“ Ev and Dick were always the "secret" deacons of the church. If anyone was ill, they showed up for visits with Ev's snickerdoodle cookies. They were also twins to my husband and I. Randy and Ev shared the same birthdate and Dick and I shared the same birthdate. Finally they knew exactly how old we were because they were married the same year we were born. Priceless memories.  
Rita Carter

**Rita Carter** - November 25, 2018 at 09:14 AM

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“ Jamie Strawser lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Ruth Hofer Martin



**Jamie Strawser** - November 25, 2018 at 12:23 AM

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“ Julie James-McCrory lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Ruth Hofer Martin



**Julie James-McCrory** - November 24, 2018 at 09:23 PM

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“ Jonathan Oberghel lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Ruth Hofer Martin



**Jonathan Oberghel** - November 24, 2018 at 05:03 PM