



## Evelyn Tharp

September 21, 1931 - June 15, 2024

Evelyn "Ev" Thompson Tharp, 92, of Davidson, NC, peacefully passed away at home on June 15, 2024.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, June 21 at 2:00 pm in the chapel at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home in Mooresville, NC. Visitation will be at 1:00 pm prior to the service. A graveside service will be held at 4:00 pm on Saturday, June 22 at Lyons City Cemetery, Lyons, GA.

For those unable to attend the service, please use the following link to view the service: <https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTcxODg0MDE1ODMxNDg1NyZvbmVyb29tLWFkbWluJmNvcHlfbGluaw==>

Ev was a uniquely unique woman. She was the perfect combination of the quintessential southern lady and a true Steel Magnolia. She was a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, teacher and the epitome of a true friend to so many throughout her life. Ev's family meant everything to her, and she never wavered in their importance to her. She was born in Augusta, GA on September 21, 1931 and was the daughter of the late Harry Hilliard Thompson and Grace Pughsley Thompson. Ev grew up in the bucolic little southern town of Lyons, GA, and graduated from Wesleyan Conservatory with a B.A in Music and Music Education. After college, she married her cherished husband of 50 years, the late John "Jack" W. Tharp, and together they raised

their three girls in Charlotte, NC. Ev was an active member of her community especially when it came to children. She taught at Cotswold Elementary School for 34 years, and while she was known as being a bit strict, she was also beloved as a teacher who showed her students unconditional love and the unyielding belief in their abilities. In 1987, she was honored by the Charlotte- Mecklenburg Senior Center with the Distinguished Service Award as the city's outstanding senior worker, and upon her retirement she was honored by the Charlotte Observer as an educator of honor and high standards. In addition to her years of working with children, Ev was also an avid volunteer with the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections, and she took her role as a chief judge during election season with great pride and the utmost seriousness. Upon retirement, Ev and Jack moved to Davidson, NC in 1986. She was a member of Davidson College Presbyterian Church.

Ev was predeceased by her husband, Jack; and precious daughter, Nancy Tharp Walker.

She is survived by her daughters, Margaret Tharp Mueller (Greg), Frances Pauline Tharp, and special daughter, Fran Pughsley ("Squirt"); her beloved grandchildren, Gregory Mueller (Tel Aviv, Israel) and Evelyn "Evie" Walker McMahan (Ryan) of Mooresville, NC; her cherished great-grandsons, Walker and Thomas McMahan; and special great-grandsons, Bransen, Jack, and Braylen. She is also survived by her beloved sister, Barbara Meadows and many dear nieces, nephews and cousins.

Her family would like to thank Ev's outstanding and caring doctors, Novant Hospice Care and her many wonderful caregivers from Bayada-Huntersville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville is serving the family.  
Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Lyons City Cemetery

Lyons, GA 30436

# Previous Events

## Receiving Friends

JUN 21. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

## Funeral Service

JUN 21. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall



“ *Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Evelyn Tharp*



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**Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory** - June 19, 2024 at 03:39 PM

DC

“ *We send our deepest condolences to you and your family. Ev was a long time member of Davidson College Presbyterian. May God surround you with comfort and strength as you grieve your loss. Blessings,  
The Clergy and Staff of Davidson College Presbyterian Church*

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**Deborah Conner** - June 26, 2024 at 01:33 PM

LM

“ *Sending Condolences and sympathy to the Family.*

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**Luckie Moore** - June 21, 2024 at 02:26 PM

EA

“ *Eugenia A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Evelyn Tharp.*

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**Eugenia A.** - June 20, 2024 at 04:36 PM

EA

“ Eugenia A. purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Evelyn Tharp.



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**Eugenia A.** - June 20, 2024 at 04:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Evelyn Tharp.



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June 20, 2024 at 02:09 PM

DW

“ Ev worked with Rita for several years at school and she and Jack became close friends. Sending condolences to Francis and Margaret on their loss.  
Doug Webster

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**Doug Webster** - June 20, 2024 at 09:10 AM

TT

“ Trippi, Mike, Glenn and Blake Thompson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Evelyn Tharp.



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**Trippi, Mike, Glenn and Blake Thompson** - June 19, 2024 at 09:39 PM

JC

“ Jodi Coyer lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Tharp



Jodi Coyer - June 19, 2024 at 04:55 PM

PK

“ What a legend Ma E was - I will miss her dearly. She was always there making sure I gave her grand dogs the best of care. You're in my heart & mind Frances, Margaret, Evie & the whole family

Paul Kritzinger - June 19, 2024 at 04:52 PM

JA

“ Jamie And Anita purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Evelyn Tharp.



Jamie And Anita - June 19, 2024 at 01:32 PM

SF

“ I'll miss EV especially when visiting the area. We've lost a true treasure. She was a hoot to work with and if anyone told EV about their problem, she could tell them how to solve it. Our condolences to Francis, Margaret and the families. Sarah Fulcher, Pine Knoll Shores, N.C.

Sarah B. Fulcher - June 19, 2024 at 01:15 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Evelyn Tharp.*



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June 19, 2024 at 09:30 AM



“ *Love, the Bowden family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Evelyn Tharp.*

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**Love, the Bowden family** - June 19, 2024 at 09:30 AM