



## Evelyn Lenkey

October 26, 1930 - July 17, 2020

Evelyn Lenkey “nee Crist”, age 89 of Merrillville, passed away on July 17, 2020. She was a graduate of Hammond Tech High School. Evelyn attended Hoosier State Beauty School and was employed at Inland Steel. She later worked at the St. John Township Assessor’s Office. Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband- Joseph Lenkey; parents- Charles and Minnie Crist; son- Tim Eder; brother- Harold, and her sisters- Thelda, Martha and Eleanor. She "Nana" is survived by her daughters- Cheryl Bydo, Sue (Doug) Giordano; 4 grandchildren- Joe (Jamie) Giordano, Jason (Amanda) Giordano, Dawn (Steve) Roberts, Lisa Patton; 7 great-grandchildren- Ethan, Dan, Owen, Jake, Jordyn, Garrett and Logan; daughter-in-law- Karla Eder, and many other loving family and friends. Evelyn’s family would like to especially thank her neighbors in Broadfield for their special care and love. Friends are invited to visit with Evelyn’s family at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, on Thursday, July 23, 2020 from 4 p.m. until the time of the service at 6 p.m. Pastor Donald Stock officiating. COVID-19 protocol, masks required. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUL **23**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CA

“ To all of Evelyn’s family,

*Our parents moved in across the street from Evelyn and Joe in 1993. You may have heard her speak of Lois and Emil. Evelyn and our dad were both talkers, and they would talk up a storm together! When our mom’s hip was going out, Evelyn came over to mop her kitchen floor for her. There aren’t many neighbors that would do that.*

*After my dad passed away in 1998, Evelyn and our mom spent a lot of time together. Our mom loved to drive and Evelyn loved to go, go, go! They would go shopping, to open air markets, to get a hamburger, or just for a leisurely drive together.*

*The last few years of our mother’s life, we took turns staying at our mom’s house, and really got to know Evelyn well. She was such a great person, always helping out so many of the neighbors. She was a kind hearted soul, and will be missed by many.*

*From Emil and Lois's daughters,  
Barb and George - Chicago  
Joan - Houston  
Carol - Phoenix*

*Sorry this is so late, I had a hard time posting it.*

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**Carol** - July 27, 2020 at 11:05 PM

KC

“ Sue, Doug and family  
Mrs Lenkey personified Broadfield. It would not have become what it is if not for her.  
Her energy, friendliness and willingness to help anyone in need was remarkable. And she never expected(nor would she often accept) anything in return. She was a genuinely kind and good person and there are not many like her in this world.  
I am grateful for having been her friend and for all the the happy times we shared.  
She will be greatly missed.  
Rest in peace, Mrs Lenkey. You made a difference in the lives of all those with whom you interacted. Your life mattered and you will be remembered for your generosity and kindness. There is no better legacy that this.

*Karen Collins*

*Kathy Trapane and family.*

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**Karen Collins** - July 23, 2020 at 02:06 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Evelyn Lenkey.



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July 23, 2020 at 02:31 AM

EI

“ Dear Cheryl, Sue and family,

*There was only one Evelyn and she was a huge part of my family's life. Mom used to say she was sad when Aunt Thelma and Uncle Pat sold their home, but felt so blessed that Evelyn, Joe and family moved in. I can see mom and Evelyn sitting in the nook at the kitchen table drinking cup after cup of coffee, day after day and them swimming in your pool, while we swam in ours...happy to be away from the screaming kids, I'm sure.*

*We adored Evelyn and mom couldn't have had a better friend, always there to help and make her laugh. She will be missed by so many, but what wonderful memories she has left us. Oh, and Cheryl, I remember too...11 4. You all have my deepest sympathy.*

*Eileen Gaffney Clark*

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Eileen - July 20, 2020 at 07:38 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Evelyn Lenkey.*



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July 19, 2020 at 09:19 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Evelyn Lenkey.*



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July 19, 2020 at 07:36 PM