



Evelyn Myrtle Koning

October 3, 1929 - September 27, 2025

Evelyn Myrtle Koning died of natural causes on September 27, 2025 at Hope Landing Assisted Living in Charlotte, Michigan, within a week of her 96th birthday.

Evelyn was born on October 3, 1929 to Wendell W. and Olive E. (Bennett) DeMeritt, on the farm of Edward O. F. DeMeritt near Morenci, Michigan. She was raised through the depression years by her parents, and by Aunt Lillian Porter of Morenci while her parents worked in Florida. She attended a range of schools including Sand Creek High School and Adrian High School, where she graduated in 1947 as class valedictorian. She married her high-school sweetheart, Robert P. Sears on August 29, 1948. Evelyn delivered daughter N. Kathleen in 1950, but Robert was tragically killed in a trucking accident later that year.

Evelyn went into nurses training, where she met David R. Koning, a patient in the Adrian hospital. David and Evelyn were married on September 20, 1952. Evelyn delivered son Ross E. in 1953, daughter M. Christine in 1955, and son Paul D. in 1957. The family moved to Charlotte, Michigan in 1958. Evelyn enjoyed sewing, cooking, gardening, canning, freezing, decorating, hosting parties, and sold World Book Encyclopedias, as she raised her four children into middle-school age. She then entered Lansing Community College and Michigan State University to earn her Bachelor's degree and teaching

certificate (1970), and her Master's degree in Reading (1972). She started teaching at Charlotte Junior High School in 1971, and retired from Galewood Elementary School in 1991.

Evelyn joined her first church as a youth, and encouraged her parents to join. She and both husbands were church members. All of her children were baptized, and became members of Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church in Charlotte. Family life always included the church. Evelyn was a Sunday School teacher and Superintendent. She was a Cub Scout den mother and a Campfire Girls leader. She had a beautiful singing voice and provided many solo performances. Evelyn was an active member of the Order of Eastern Star, served a term as Worthy Matron, and was its Chaplain for many years.

Living to the age of 95, she was preceded in death by her forebears, husbands, brother (William W. DeMeritt), and 2 sons-in-law. She is survived by her 4 children, 11 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great grandchildren. A celebration of life for Evelyn will be held at 210 East Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church in Charlotte on November 16, 2025 at 1:30 PM; in lieu of flowers, memorial donations are welcome at the church. Her family will inter the cremains of David and Evelyn Koning at Oak Grove Cemetery in Morenci, Michigan on November 17, 2025

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **16**. 1:30 PM (ET)

Lawrence Ave. United Methodist Church
210 E. Lawrence Ave.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall

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“ *What a lovely women Evelyn was. Lyle and I will always remember many wonderful things about Evelyn, but most of all we will remember that she sent us an anniversary card every year. Thanks to her it reminded us of our anniversary, which Lyle and I both forgot almost every year until we received Evelyn's card :) :)*

Cindy Robinette - November 14, 2025 at 05:59 PM

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“ *Koning family, so sorry to hear the passing of your mother and grandmother- I pray that you find comfort after her passing.*

- Dylan shaddox

dylan shaddox - October 15, 2025 at 06:44 PM

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“ *I had her in 8th grade. She was very nice. She was a great teacher.*

Scott VanderMoere - October 10, 2025 at 05:41 PM