



Nona J. Evans

November 28, 1940 - August 11, 2025

Nona J. Evans, a spirited and creative soul, passed away peacefully on August 11, 2025, at the age of 84. Born in Southwestern, Minnesota, on November 28, 1940, to Clifford and Mamie (Hoffarth) Partlow, Nona lived a life rich with hobbies, friendships, and adventure.

Nona's professional life was as varied as her interests. After earning her bachelor's degree, she began her career teaching arts and crafts at a nursing home, a perfect fit for her creative spirit. She then spent 15 years at General Mills before shifting her focus to her true passions. Her love for ceramics led her to a job at a local shop where she made her own pieces and taught classes. Later, she found her calling in quilting, a hobby that connected her to a vibrant community of fellow artists and filled her with joy.

In August 1983, Nona married the love of her life, David J. Evans. Together with son, Shawn, they embraced the outdoors, creating cherished memories while camping, beginning in a tent, graduating to a trailer and, eventually, enjoying the comfort of their boat. They often took the boat to the Apostle Islands and, during the winter, found great joy skiing in Colorado. Nona and David often said, "We never go on vacation, we always go on an adventure!" Nona's quilting journey followed her from Minnesota to Alabama and finally to Sun City West, Arizona, where she quickly found a new quilting group. This community became her "giant social club," filling her days with friendship and shared creativity.

Nona was preceded in death by her parents, Clifford and Mamie, and her

brothers, Cliff and Wally. She is survived by her loving husband, David J. Evans, and her son, Shawn Michael Lovejoy.

A burial service will be held at Fort Snelling National Cemetery on September 3, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to St. Mary's Food Bank in Nona's honor.

<https://www.stmarysfoodbank.org/ways-to-give/tribute-donations/>

Previous Events

Burial

SEP 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Fort Snelling National Cemetery
7601 34th Avenue, South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Tribute Wall

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“ Ashley At Simply Cremation lit a candle in memory of Nona J. Evans



Ashley at Simply Cremation - August 20, 2025 at 12:06 PM