

Evelyn Margaret Milbrandt Heil, educator, supportive wife, loving mother, grandmother and faithful believer, peacefully passed away in Houghton on September 3, 2021. She was born on September 10, 1925 in Scranton, PA, a daughter of the late Carl and Melba Hartman Milbrandt.

A native of Rochester, Evelyn was the first from her family to attend college, earning a bachelor's degree in Mathematics in 1947 from Houghton College in New York. In 1955 she was awarded a master's degree in Education from the College at Brockport, SUNY. She taught elementary students in Rochester, Chicago IL and Kansas City MO, and found great delight in teaching first graders to read.

On August 6, 1949, she married John J. Heil, a Kodak chemist. He dreamt of becoming a physician and she encouraged and supported him through medical school. Upon his graduation, she turned her attention to raising a family and assisting with his family practice in Massillon OH. Dr. Heil was an osteopathic physician and a founding member of Doctors Hospital of Massillon OH. He predeceased her in September of 2000.

Evelyn's faith played a pivotal role in her life. She shared her gifts of music and teaching in the churches she attended, including Whipple Heights Christian & Missionary Alliance Church in Canton OH and First Baptist Church of Massillon OH.

A creative person, Mrs. Heil shared her artistic skills through her paintings, organ and piano music, and singing. She also enjoyed gardening and making floral arrangements with the Massillon Garden Club. Mrs. Heil loved to entertain and was apt to host spontaneous gatherings at her home. She enjoyed growing plants and sharing fruit from her trees. She rejoiced in her days, her motto being "Have a little fun every day!" She daily sought to share God's love with others. To reflect her sunny outlook on life, she has requested that all wear bright cheery colors to her memorial services.

Evelyn is survived by her children Janet (Richard) Stegen of Houghton; Margaret Heil of Asheville NC; Gary (Kathie) Heil of Bear DE; and Karen (Mark) Heil Borchert of Wellsville. She adored her 12 grandchildren: Shane (Jenna), Gabriel (Lauren), Zack, Sarah (Mike), Josiah, Nathanael (Missy), Elissa (Conly), Levi, Jessica, Daniel, April, and one great-granddaughter, Anya Marie. The second oldest of five children, Evelyn is survived by her brother Carlton (Dyonne) Milbrandt of Northville, MI, two brothers-in-law, Louie Carini and Bruce McClarin both of Rochester, one cousin Marlene (Marvin) Smith of Rochester and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents she was predeceased by a grandson, Joshua Gibbs, her sisters, Lois Vander Mallie, Shirley Carini and Anna Jean McClarin.

A graveside service will be at 11:00 am on Monday, September 20, 2021 in Sunset Hills Memory Gardens in North Canton, OH.



Evelyn Margaret Milbrandt Heil

September 10, 1925 - September 3, 2021

HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

11:00 A.M.

Psalm 1

**“Blessed is the one
who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,
but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,
and who meditates on his law day and night.
That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers. “**

Prelude– Some of Evelyn’s Favorite Hymns

Near to the Heart of God

Sheep May Safely Graze

Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us

Announcement

Word Of Grace / Greeting

Prayer

Hymn *What a Day that Will Be*

Family Reflections—Janet Stegen

Songs *I Will Rise / Oceans* Sarah Heil Rosecky & Jessica Borchert

Reflections—Margaret Heil

Hymn *God Leads Us Along*

Reflections—Gary Heil

Song *He Shall Feed His Flock* Margaret Heil, piano

Reflections—Karen Heil Borchert

Scripture Reading: Psalm 1

Homily

Prayer

Reflections

Hymn *Face to Face*

Benediction

Postlude



Organist: Dr. Judy Congdon

Officiants: Rev. Dr. Wes Oden & Rev. Dr. Karen Heil Borchert