



## Evelyn L. Kovalick

April 13, 1932 - November 12, 2021

Evelyn L Kovalick, 65-year resident of Glen Dale passed away November 12th at age 89 of complications from dementia.

Evelyn was born in Mozart and attended Wheeling High School where she was a Majorette and one of the first women to ever run for student government. She excelled at academics and graduated from Wooster and Bethany colleges and obtained a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Utah.

She married the love of her life at age 20 and she and George Kovalick, of Ohio Valley coaching fame, formed a partnership that went on to produce many championships, 4 sons, 9 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. George preceded her in death in 1984.

She was also preceded by her siblings, Walter Harbert of Henderson NV, Iris Steele of San Diego CA, Jerry Harbert of Moundsville and her parents Isabelle Hickman and Bryan Harbert.

Evelyn was a lifelong educator, science teacher, and media coordinator who had a long and distinguished career with Ohio County Schools.

She was a strong and independent woman in an era where that wasn't common. She held several positions of responsibility including Supervisor of Library / Media, Coordinator of Science, Coordinator of Teacher Training Programs, and the Teacher Expectation Student Achievement program (TESA). She earned the Edgar Dale Award for Excellence in Educational Media.

She was an adjunct instructor for Wheeling College and started her career as a chemistry teacher at Moundsville High School. She was a member of 10 professional associations including the National Science Teachers Association and the West Virginia Science Teachers Association and held 7 Certifications / Credentials.

After retiring from public school service in 1989 she started a second career with AIMS – Activities that Integrate Math and Science and traveled the country training teachers to make their science programs more interesting and exciting for their students.

She also traveled to China as part of an international educational outreach program. She is survived by her four sons and their families including: George Kovalick Jr. of Las Vegas NV, Dr. Mike & Susan Kovalick of Bethlehem, Will and Becky Kovalick of Glen Dale and Joe and Lu Kovalick of Oakley CA.

Grandchildren include Matt Kovalick, Will Kovalick, Kristina Davis, Jessica Steele, Bryan Kovalick, Alex Kovalick-Mills, Katie Kovalick, Evan Kovalick, Karyn Kovalick and Great Granddaughters Leah Steele and Emerson Davis. Family will receive friends on Saturday, November 20th from 10am until the time of the Funeral Service at 11am at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 1 Ridgecrest Rd. Bethlehem/Wheeling, WV.

Interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Wheeling, WV.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Alzheimer's Association at [alz.org](http://alz.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Greenwood Cemetery

Wheeling, WV 26003

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory- Wheeling/Bethlehem  
1 Ridgecrest Road  
Bethlehem/Wheeling, WV 26003  
(304) 232-0400  
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Service

NOV 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

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1 Ridgecrest Road  
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# Tribute Wall

PC

“ *Mike and Family:*

*Sorry to hear about your mother.*

*Please know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.*

*She will be sadly missed but never forgotten.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Pete & Erin Cuffaro*

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**Pete & Erin Cuffaro** - December 04, 2021 at 07:43 PM

KC

“ *My most sincere sympathy for your loss of Evelyn. She was my mentor in the AIMS program and inspired me to teach with the hands-on science and math methods and to travel with her in WV to teach other teachers. She was a wonderful and encouraging influence, loving and caring parent and grandparent and just as enthusiastic educator as I have ever known. Condolences to your family but especially to Dr. Michael and his as I remember our days at Bethlehem Elementary.*

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**Karen Cappone** - November 21, 2021 at 09:59 AM

KC

*enthusiastic*

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**Karen Cappone** - November 21, 2021 at 10:02 AM

SJ

“ Prayers for the family.

Sara JoAnderson - November 20, 2021 at 07:27 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Evelyn L. Kovalick.



November 19, 2021 at 12:54 PM

BD

“ Bobby and Jackie Douglas purchased the A Full Life for the family of Evelyn L. Kovalick.



Bobby and Jackie Douglas - November 18, 2021 at 05:59 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Evelyn L. Kovalick.



November 18, 2021 at 02:56 PM

DW

“ Sincere condolences to the Kovalick family. I played for Coach Kovalick at West Liberty and knew of his wonderful family. As long as we remember the family they all will still be with us.  
*Dave Waples (WL, 1963)*

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**Dave Waples** - November 17, 2021 at 08:39 PM

DF

“ George, Mike, Will, Joe,  
  
*Sincere condolences to you and your families on the passing of your mother. The obituary describes her life perfectly. A caring, loving, wife and mother and dear friend to many.  
Your Mom and Dad were a great influence on my life for which I will remain eternally grateful.*

*David Forgash WL 1964*

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**David Forgash** - November 17, 2021 at 07:24 PM

LJ

“ Evelyn's Family,

*Evelyn was a first class educator and education leader. She possessed the unique ability to inspire while simultaneously expecting high level performance. She provided excellent leadership to teachers through her staff development and consultation skills with teachers and administrators.*

*It was my good fortune to work with her for many years. We all share in your loss.*

*H. Lawrence (Larry) Jones, Ed.D.*

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**Lawrence Jones** - November 17, 2021 at 10:41 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Evelyn L. Kovalick.*



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November 17, 2021 at 09:46 AM



“ *My condolences to the family.*

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**John Craig, MyrtleBeach, SC** - November 17, 2021 at 07:08 AM



“ *Debbie Kaiser lit a candle in memory of Evelyn L. Kovalick*



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**Debbie Kaiser** - November 16, 2021 at 07:58 PM



“ *My sincere sympathy on the loss of Evelyn.*

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**Barbara Cuichta** - November 16, 2021 at 10:23 AM

DP

“ I am so very blessed to have been able to take care of your mother Evelyn at Hope Assistant living . Evelyn was such a treasure in my heart and I will miss her so dearly. God bless this special angel in heaven and this special family. My prayers , God's love , blessings and many cherished memories be in all your hearts. Forever Evelyn will be in my heart and cherished memories



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**Doreen Prevost** - November 16, 2021 at 02:00 AM

LB

“ Love Denny and Loretta' Bowman purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Evelyn L. Kovalick.



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**Love Denny and Loretta' Bowman** - November 15, 2021 at 07:50 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Evelyn L. Kovalick.



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November 15, 2021 at 05:42 PM