



Evelyn B. Kemp

August 21, 1930 - January 26, 2026

Evelyn Kemp, born August 21, 1930, passed away peacefully on January 26, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of strength, elegance, and devotion to family and community. She was the ninth of twelve children born to Edward Byron, Sr. and Susie Allen Byron.

Evelyn met her beloved husband, Irvin O. Kemp (Savannah, Georgia), in Macon, Georgia while working as a dental assistant in the office of Dr. Dewitt Walton. They migrated to Washington DC in 1956 and shared a loving marriage until Irvin's passing on April 5, 2020.

Strong-willed and relentless in the best sense, Evelyn was a woman who stood firm in her values and lived life with intention. She loved children deeply and considered every child she cared for during her years as a dental assistant at Terrell Junior High School in Washington, DC to be her own.

Evelyn had a lifelong passion for fashion, beauty, and shopping. Her shoe closets were famously overflowing, and she was always ready with skincare recommendations or style advice. In her younger years, she modeled with The Grace Del Marco Agency, which played an important role in redefining standards of beauty and professionalism and helped shape what would later become known as the "Black is Beautiful" movement. Evelyn's work with the agency reflected her confidence, elegance, and belief in representation.

She was a gifted letter writer, known for thoughtful handwritten notes tucked into every greeting card. A proud witness to history, Evelyn attended Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s I Have a Dream speech in Washington, DC and remained a steadfast advocate for women's rights and civil rights throughout her life. In later years, she served on the Board of Directors of the Legal Counsel for the Elderly where she helped seniors connect with LCE attorneys and social workers.

Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the apple of her eye, and her love for them knew no bounds.

Evelyn Kemp will be remembered for her resilience, her elegance, and her unwavering love for family.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the Legal Counsel for the Elderly in memory of Evelyn B. Kemp

<https://www.aarp.org/legal-counsel-for-elderly/?msockid=284faee4080b60ff198abbef09bb61bc>

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - Prince George's County
4308 Suitland Road
Suitland, MD 20746
(301) 736-1616
info@marchfh.com
<https://www.marshallmarchfh.com>

Funeral Service

FEB 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Repast

FEB 7. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Greenbelt American Legion Post 136
6900 Greenbelt Road
Greenbelt , MD 20770

Tribute Wall



“ *Marshall-March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Evelyn B. Kemp*



Marshall-March Funeral Homes - January 30 at 01:20 PM

FD

“ *From Kadie Davies purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Evelyn B. Kemp.*



From Kadie Davies - February 06 at 09:25 PM

MF

“ *Madden's Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Evelyn B. Kemp.*



Madden's Family - February 05 at 06:16 PM

MF

“ *Madden's Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Evelyn B. Kemp.*

Madden's Family - February 05 at 06:16 PM

CF

“ *Calderon, Mixon, Woodley families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Evelyn B. Kemp.*



Calderon, Mixon, Woodley families - February 05 at 11:01 AM

EF

“ *We can't begin to imagine what you are feeling, but please let us share our heartfelt condolences. In times of distress we need comfort that soothes our hearts. May the peace of God guard your hearts.*

Evans family - February 03 at 11:32 AM

JJ

“ *Our thoughts and prayers extend to all of you who are faced with the displeasure of losing a loved one to our worst enemy called Death, in these critical situations it's normal to feel helpless not knowing where to turn. However, our heavenly creator has assured us in HEB: 6/11 that it is impossible for him to ever forget us, He also stated in John:5/28/29 that all those in the memorial tombs will here is voice and come out, So GOD is given us all his promise of hope of us being together once again. Meanwhile we can give our thanks to the March family funeral directors: for their perfectional assistance and their heartfelt concern toward the unfortunate friends and families; THANKS.*

Joe Jones - February 02 at 10:57 AM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - January 30 at 01:20 PM

RB

We wish you peace and comfort that only God can provide. We loved Mrs Kemp like a mother and will always treasure her love and the time we spent with her. May her life and legacy continue to shine bright for all who loved her. We made a donation to the Lincoln Legal Council for the Elderly in her name.

Rachel Baylor - March 04 at 04:24 PM