



## Eva Veronica Lenard

September 4, 1931 - August 14, 2023

Eva Veronica Lenard, 91, of Bloomington passed away on Monday, August 14, 2023, at Cedarhurst of Bloomington, after an extended illness.

She was born on September 4, 1931, in Budapest, Hungary, the daughter of Alexander and Klara (Korosy) Kelemen. In 1944, Veronica was just 13 when Nazi troops occupied Hungary, and although her family was only nominally Jewish and had become Unitarian, they were subjected to Nazi anti-Semitism and survived by obtaining false identities and living in hiding. Following WWII, Veronica completed her high school education and enjoyed Budapest with a group of friends. These friends later relocated to diverse parts of the world, but Veronica remained in communication with them throughout her life. By 1949, Soviet domination of Hungary made remaining there undesirable. With no legal ways out of the country, Veronica escaped to Vienna, Austria, via a sham marriage to an Austrian student. A year later, she arranged for the paid smuggling of her parents across the border. From Vienna, they moved to Salzburg, Austria, and then, after a brief stay in a U.S.-run displaced persons camp, to Toronto, Canada. Following several years of trans-Atlantic correspondence, Veronica married fellow Hungarian Holocaust survivor Andrew Lenard in Toronto in 1953.

They began married life in California, where Veronica attended the University of California Berkeley, receiving her Bachelor's, and then New York City, where she received her Master's in social work from New York University. Next stop was Princeton, New Jersey, where children George and Dorothy

were born in 1957 and 1959 and they bought their first home. In 1966, Andrew was offered a professorship at Indiana University, so the young family moved to Bloomington and began living in the home they occupied thereafter.

Veronica worked as a Clinical Social Worker in Bloomington for many years before retiring. During her long career, she impacted countless lives through individual therapy and found great value in being present for her clients during difficult times. She was awarded the Monroe County Social Worker of the Year in 1982. She was involved in a variety of community organizations, including membership in the Unitarian Universalist Church. Veronica loved her family, which came to include three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Veronica developed many close friendships over the years and treasured her connections with others. She always enjoyed a busy social life that included singing, listening to music, volunteering, traveling, and hiking, as well as visiting with family and friends. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. Veronica is survived by her children, George Lawrence (Annette Davenport) Lenard of St. Louis; Dorothy Claire Lenard of Bloomington; three grandchildren, Emily Marie (Jon Stark) Lenard; James Alexander Lenard; and Michael David Moshe Lenard; and two great grandchildren, Lily Stark and Clara Stark. She was preceded in death by her parents, Alexander and Klara Kelemen, and her husband, Andrew Lenard.

A celebration of life service for Veronica and Andrew will be held 1:00pm on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at the Allen Funeral Home 4155 S. Old St Rd 37 Bloomington. Visitation will be held from 11:00 m to service time on Saturday, October 14, 2023 also at the funeral home. A private burial will be held at White Oak Cemetery.

Gifts in lieu of flowers may be made to The Alzheimer's Association ([alz.org](http://alz.org)). Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Cemetery Details

## White Oak Cemetery

Bloomington, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **14**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

## Celebration of Life Service

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# Tribute Wall

ML

“ *A photo of Aunt Veronica with our cousin Eszti in 2010. Just a snapshot, but I think it captures both of them. I miss them so much.*  
Mary Lenard



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Mary Lenard - October 14, 2023 at 10:23 AM

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Mary Lenard - October 14, 2023 at 10:21 AM

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“ *From a walk around Lake Monroe with my mom and Uncle Andrew and Aunt Veronica in 2013. A good memory.*  
Mary Lenard



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Mary Lenard - October 14, 2023 at 10:04 AM

DR

“ In 1969-70, I joined the faculty of Indiana University's Psychology Department. The Department then operated a Psychological Clinic, with a psychiatrist and social workers providing counseling services and helping supervise training of graduate students in clinical psychology. Veronica was a key member of that staff. She was extraordinarily dedicated to her work. At the time, the Psychological Clinic at IU was the only mental health clinic between Indianapolis and the state hospital in Madison. It offered important services for children and adults in need and gave Veronica opportunities to serve others. That she was later honored as County Social Worker of the Year is no surprise. I did not know of her challenging life story during WWII. Reading it enhanced my admiration for what she contributed to our community. My condolences are extended to her family, Richard J. Rose, Emeritus Professor, Psychological and Brain Sciences, Indiana University.

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Dick Rose - October 14, 2023 at 09:18 AM

BB

“ I miss our wonderful walks around Veronica's neighborhood. We walked through the woods and talked - about everything. We met as social workers when we first came to Bloomington in 1969 and continued our friendship until the end. What a great listener Veronica was. And I loved hearing stories of Hungary and of all her relatives and Andrew's relatives. I loved how she loved to dance. She told me that she would just put on some music and then dance until her heart was content. As her house needed repairs, she said she wasn't going to bother. She said someone else after her could fix up their wonderful house, and now Dorothy is doing just that. I imagine doing so is a special way for George and Dorothy to celebrate their parents and all their history and their wide range of interests and talents.

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Barbara Jean Backler - October 14, 2023 at 08:34 AM



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**Allen Funeral Home and Crematory** - September 16, 2023 at 12:07 PM