



Eva Irene Messmacher

August 22, 1926 - July 26, 2016

Eva Irene Messmacher, 89, of Bloomington, passed away on Tuesday, July 26, 2016, at Garden Villa Health and Living. She was born in on August 22, 1926 in Treben, Germany as the daughter of Fritz and Elsa (Volkmar) Hildebrandt.

Eva's life was filled with challenges that strengthened her and filled her children with admiration and love. After escaping from East Germany in World War II she later came to the United States not knowing a word of English. She was proud of her citizenship and determined to learn English which she did with a charming accent. Her family moved to Bloomington because her sister lived here. She raised her three children on her own and walked to work every day to Sarkes Tarzian and later was proud to work and retire from General Electric. She taught her family to be grateful for everything and was the first woman in her family to learn how to drive. Her most cherished moments were with her family especially being Oma to her grandchildren that she loved so much.

Eva is survived by her children, Thomas (Kathy) Messmacher, Evelyn (Tom) Alwine and Kent (Michele) Messmacher; grandchildren, Heather Messmacher, Tommy Alwine, and Emily Messmacher; Eberhard Hildebrandt in Germany, and several nieces and nephews.

A private family service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Eva's memory to the IU Health Bloomington Hospice House. Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, have been entrusted with arrangements.

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“ I met Eva while working at G.E. I was the secretary for Quality Control and Eva worked on the lines. I was 21 at the time and she was 42. We became quite good friends and talked nearly every day. This picture doesn't look like I remember her, but it must be the same person. She told me stories of when she was young. So sorry to hear this....

Jeannie Walters - December 29, 2017 at 10:06 AM

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“ We were so sorry to see this news, although a little late. Eva was a wonderful friend and colleague for many years at GE. She was always on top of all issues and kept me on my toes as well. Our sincere condolences go out to you. -- Johnny (and Mary) Popp

John and Mary Popp - August 05, 2016 at 06:16 PM

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“ Evelyn and Family: Sadden to hear of Eva's passing. Eva was my neighbor for years.. she was such a joy to talk to. I miss seeing Eva and her neighbor ladies sitting outside talking and enjoying themselves. I miss Eva. Thoughts and Prayers to all. Virginia [Jenny] Bowman... 4309 Cherry Orchard Ct.

Virginia Bowman - August 02, 2016 at 05:28 PM

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Evelyn Alwine - July 31, 2016 at 06:43 PM

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“ *Thomas, Evelyn, and Kent, I am saddened beyond words. I will really miss Eva so much. She was a true friend. She taught me so much. I love her dearly. We had some really good times and on some of our outings we had the best chauffeur (you Evelyn) that took us places we could not have went otherwise. Thank you kids for your kindness. You were her life. Love you all.*



Delma LAUGHLIN - July 30, 2016 at 06:21 PM

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“ *Michelle Lantz lit a candle in memory of Eva Irene Messmacher*



Michelle Lantz - July 28, 2016 at 10:00 PM