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## Obituary

The gentle soul of Evelyn Marie (Downs) Hawley, 73, passed peacefully into the arms of the Lord on April 17, 2020 at Country Meadows in Frederick, Maryland after succumbing to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Born February 4, 1947 in Washington, D.C., she was the daughter of Elmer Downs and Frances (Goodwin) Downs. She was united in marriage for 43 years to Bob Hawley. Evelyn graduated from Immaculata High School, Washington, D.C., class of 1965, and attended Seton Hill College, Greensburg, PA, graduating in 1969. Shortly thereafter she earned a Master's degree in Reading. She then earned a Master of Science degree in Special Education from Johns Hopkins University in 1997. Her career was in elementary and special education in Prince Georges, Montgomery and Frederick counties in Maryland. She retired from the Frederick County, Maryland, Public School system in June of 2009. Evie was a generous, selfless, thoughtful, patient and kind person throughout her life. Her faith and perseverance gave her the strength to overcome the adversities she had to bear. She made many friends. She truly loved keeping in touch and gathering with family, fellow teachers and dear neighborhood friends. She so much enjoyed sewing for family members and for Project Linus, providing homemade blankets to children in need at the Baltimore Child Abuse Center. Together, Bob and Evelyn enjoyed the precious times with their family and grandchildren. Evelyn is survived by her daughters, Pamela Ann Rampolla, Karen Deanna Hawley and Eileen Denise Rizzo, 8 grandchildren (Stephen, Meghan and Sean Rampolla, Anna and Caleb Houck, and Catherine, Dominic and Caroline Rizzo), sisters Elaine Dyer and Norine Downs, many nieces and nephews and brother-in-law Bill LaBianca. She was preceded in death by her sister Alice Nieman. The family extends heartfelt thanks to the staff at Frederick Health Hospital and Country Meadows and countless others for their compassionate care. Cremation



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Services are being handled by Resthaven Funeral Services. A Celebration of Life service for Evelyn will be held at a later date due to current restrictions. Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at [www.resthaven.us](http://www.resthaven.us). In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Evelyn's name to Project Linus, either online at [www.projectlinus.org](http://www.projectlinus.org) or mailed to 2440 Harvey Gummel Road, Hampstead, MD 21074.

To send flowers to the family, please visit our floral store.



## Tribute Wall

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**Bill Brubaker** posted:

I too, was a coworker and friend of Dr. Bob. Being married 43 years, I realize how much of a best friend she must have been to you. I did some work with special education students, and I would've loved to have met and spoken with her. She apparently touched a lot of lives positively. My prayers are with you and your family. Sincerely, Bill

May 8 at 12:23 PM



**Eileen Tipperman** posted:

I worked with Evelyn at Deer Crossing Elementary. She was a beautiful person inside and out. I remember her calm and gentle spirit with her special education students. She was always positive and encouraging with a warm, engaging smile. My sincere condolences to her family and friends.

May 6 at 11:47 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Evelyn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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