



## Evelyn Christy

March 10, 1939 - August 30, 2025

### The Life of a Queen

On March 10, 1939, Evelyn Tilghman Christy, was born to the late Evelyn Tilghman in Princess Anne, MD. She was the oldest of four siblings and this was a title that she did not take lightly. She was affectionately known to a vast amount of people by many names such as Baby Evelyn, Auntie Ev, Miss Tilghman, Mama Christy, Aunt Evelyn, and Mama E to name a few. Evelyn has built a legacy that will allow her light never to dim nor be forgotten.

Evelyn attended Somerset County Schools where she graduated from Washington High School in the year 1957.

After graduating, she chose to pursue work with private families in Pennsylvania, before deciding to relocate back home to work in the Somerset County School System. This is truly where her desire for human services really kicked into overdrive. Evelyn then made the courageous choice to obtain a position with The Holly Center. There, she served a very special population for 27 years as a classroom instructor, while simultaneously working part-time for the University of Maryland Dining Services, which is currently known as Thompson Hospitality. She was employed there until she chose to enjoy her much deserved retirement in December of 2023. Evelyn touched so many lives during those 35+ years. This was a job that she truly

loved and was perfect for, as she adopted many students into her family, over the years.

Anyone who had the utmost pleasure to know Evelyn, knew that other than God and family, her true passion and calling was cooking and feeding people. Some of her greatest joys were Sunday dinners and holiday dinners with her family and all the countless others that were invited. She was a lifelong member of Metropolitan United Methodist Church. She found joy in attending the Somerset County MAC Center, where she met some special people. Evelyn was an avid traveler, and she loved to conquer new experiences as a cherished member of her AARP chapter.

On August 30th, 2025, Evelyn completed her mission on earth and was peacefully called home in her sleep. She leaves 3 generations to cherish her memory, her only daughter, LaReine Kindle-Cropper (Sewell); her only granddaughter; Kayla Kindle (Sterling); and the only great-grandson, Durell Hyland Jr. Her legacy will live on through her one brother, John Thomas Tilghman; sister-in-law, Dr. Patricia Tilghman; nieces, Tamarra Tilghman, Trina Tilghman-Dix (Charles), Dr. Ayanna Tilghman, and nephews, Jason Tilghman (Kendra), and Leon Tilghman, Jr. (Jenna); and a host of great and great-great nieces, nephews, and dear friends whom she has loved throughout her 86 years of life.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 44 years, Melvin Christy; her three brothers, Norman Tilghman, Leon Tilghman, Sr., Littleton King; and four sisters, Mary Fields, Bertha Worthy, Bessie Corbin and Barbara Leatherbury.

Mrs. Evelyn Tilghman Christy was a beacon of light and a blessing to all who were fortunate to experience her presence! She will be loved, remembered, and cherished forever.

Lovingly Submitted ~ The Family

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **19**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Metropolitan UMC (Princess Anne)  
30522 Dr. WM Hytche Blvd  
Princess Anne, MD 21853

## Visitation

SEP **20**. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Ella Fitzgerald Performing Arts Center  
30613 College Backbone Rd  
Princess Anne, MD 21853

## Funeral Service

SEP **20**. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Princess Anne, MD 21853

## Live Stream Broadcast on Facebook

SEP **20**. 1:30 PM.

Bennie Smith Funeral Home MD / VA

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ Ms Evelyn will always be remembered for her godly kindness and the way she made everyone feel seen and lived. Rest in peace ❤️  
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Jackie Taylor- Bailey - October 07, 2025 at 12:12 PM

BT

“ Sending prayers to the family.



Barbara A. Trott-Jones - September 20, 2025 at 01:50 PM

MJ

“ Mark Sr, Keisha, Mark Jr purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Evelyn Christy.



Mark Sr, Keisha, Mark Jr - September 20, 2025 at 07:54 AM

MJ

“ Mark Sr, Keisha, Mark Jr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Evelyn Christy.

Mark Sr, Keisha, Mark Jr - September 20, 2025 at 07:54 AM

LM

“ *Love Always Angel Melvin purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Evelyn Christy.*



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**Love Always Angel Melvin** - September 19, 2025 at 06:14 AM

CB

“ *Colonia Bivens lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Christy*



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**Colonia Bivens** - September 15, 2025 at 05:24 PM

AA

“ *Alice Cole Anderson lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Christy*



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**Alice Cole Anderson** - September 15, 2025 at 08:03 AM

PJ

“ Words cannot express the sadness we feel for the passing of Baby Evelyn as we all called her. She was part of Gladys extended family and she often shared how much she missed my mom. Baby Evelyn was always giving her support to our family as long as her health allowed her to. She was a true friend and loving woman of her promises and faith in God made her even more special. She feed us and many more because she was a great cook. I could tell you about the many things she did for others and she loved to share stories of the pass. I will miss her sweet voice but she's with our father whom we trust and believe her reward is great in the arms of our Lord.

*Sadly Missed, Peggy and Wayne Johnson*

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**Peggy Johnson** - September 13, 2025 at 10:15 AM

SS

“ Sharon Corbin Spencer lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Christy



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**Sharon Corbin Spencer** - September 12, 2025 at 05:02 AM

NF

“ Naomi Fontaone lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Christy



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**Naomi Fontaone** - September 11, 2025 at 12:13 AM



“ I'm so so sorry for your loss sending prayers  
🙏 you have my deepest condolences to you  
and your family.



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**Patrice Robertson** - September 06, 2025 at 10:19 PM

PS

“ Sincere Condolences and Prayers to Lorraine and family 🙏

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**Precious Selby** - September 06, 2025 at 09:10 AM

MM

“ To the Christy family I will surely miss Baby Evelyn homemade rolls  
and how she would call to check on me Lareine and Kala I love you  
guys take care of your Uncle Tommy

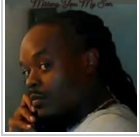
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**milton maddox** - September 05, 2025 at 09:19 PM

AB

“ Lightning this candle for Mrs Evelyn Christy  
she was a beautiful woman inside and out.  
Always a smile whenever I saw her. Lareine I  
am so sorry for your loss. Love you my friend



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**Anette Bishop** - September 05, 2025 at 06:11 PM



“ So sorry to hear. Ms. Evelyn was an amazing Woman! Beautiful Soul had love for all! Prayers for the Family!



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**Teene Corbin** - September 05, 2025 at 02:31 PM



“ Malinda Tull lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Christy



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**Malinda Tull** - September 05, 2025 at 12:14 PM



“ So many precious memories spent with Ms. Christy. Take your rest. Praying for your family.

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**Dr. Nicole' Gale-Nikki** - September 04, 2025 at 11:51 AM



“ Sorry For Your Loss



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**Thomas Widgeon** - September 04, 2025 at 07:29 AM



“ *In celebration of Evelyn's long life of service to her church, to the University, ,and the community, we extend heartfelt prayers and condolences to the family..*

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**Lloyd Ward** - September 03, 2025 at 06:01 PM

BG

*Our sincere condolences to the family as you mourn the loss of your loved one and our dear friend. May God's blessings bring you peace, comfort, and healing.*  
*James and Baola Gould*

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**Baola Gould** - September 15, 2025 at 03:00 PM

MW

*Our sincere condolences to the family, keeping you in our prayers. ❤️*  
*🙏 The Woods Family*

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**Mr& Mrs. Patrick & Emma Woods** - September 18, 2025 at 11:19 PM