



Evalyn Marie Herrity Phelps

May 1, 1929 - January 4, 2025

Evalyn Marie Phelps, devoted Catholic, lifelong Democrat, and staunch Union supporter, entered eternal rest on the day of Our Lord, January 4, 2025.

In addition to her parents, Frank and Alice Herrity, and her sister Jean Cavaness, Evalyn was preceded in death by her beloved husband James F. Phelps, her cherished son, Dennis P. Phelps, and her youngest great grandchild, Maisie E. Adams.

Evalyn grew up in Washington D.C. as the middle child between sisters Jean and 'baby' Shirley. Her father encouraged her interest in outdoor activities, even as far as working on the family's car and she relished her youth as Daddy's 'Tomboy.' Evalyn had a lifelong belief in Jesus Christ, a belief she said formed when she was only 5 or 6 years old. She told us: "I ALWAYS knew that Jesus was looking out for me – so I was always going to look out for Him."

Evalyn married Jimmy Phelps, the love of her life, on April 23, 1949. Their marriage produced 7 children: six boys and one girl: Buddy [Paula], Dennis [Yong], Pat [Denise], Mary Claire [Tony], Mickey [Lowry], Chris [Lynn], and Tim [Veronica]. Evalyn's legacy lives on through her children, her 20 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren, and her 3 great-great grandchildren.

The people in Evalyn's life were diverse and numerous. Most everyone fortunate enough to have known Evalyn loved her dearly. Her Life was one of commitment - Commitment to Family, Church, Community and Country. Evalyn was a tireless supporter of many activities that unite a community and spent decades donating her time and effort on all these fronts. She volunteered for countless causes, including Southern Maryland Youth Organization, Democratic Central Committee, Board of Parks and Recreation, St. Joseph's Rectory office, St Joseph's Prayer Group, and the Center for Abused Persons. As a founding member and past president of SMYO, she was an integral part in bringing organized youth sports to Charles County.

Evalyn discovered her second family in the 1970's when she began working for Charles County Parks & Recreation. Many co-workers brought her immense joy by attending her 90th birthday celebration.

Evalyn was a fairly rugged and fearless individual. If she was interested in something, she found a way to personally experience it, even if that desire took decades to fulfill. She was an avid traveler whose religious beliefs led her to visit Medjugorje and Rome, and her love of the outdoors, animals and other cultures took her to Kenya, the Galapagos Islands, the Copper Canyon, the Arctic Circle, her ancestral home Ireland, and more.

Evalyn Phelps was the embodiment of action, motivated by great love.

Evalyn and her sisters have always been fiercely proud of their Irish heritage. So much so that for decades [at least once a year at some family event] they would, as a trio, sing a modified version of the Irish song "Harrigan" substituting their maiden name HERRITY. It was always humorous and done with a little dance.

So, please feel free to sing this little ditty sometime in tribute to the always

"MARVELOUS" Evalyn Phelps.

H - E - double R - I - T - Y

spells HERRITY!

Proud of all the Irish blood that's in me

IN ME

Divil a man can say a word agin' me.

AGIN' ME

H - E- double R - I - T- Y

you see,

It's a name that a shame

never has been connected with,

HERRITY,

That's me!

Funeral Mass, 11am, January 17, 2025 St Joseph Church 4590 St Josephs Way, Pomfret, MD 20675

Live stream: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpJpCtTsRxYebrZyIY3Zlrg/live>

Special thanks: The Phelps family would like to express their sincere appreciation to Kathy Swain Leighty for taking such great personal care of their mother during the last several years.

In lieu of flowers please donate to your favorite charity or the Center for Abused Persons. www.centerforabusedpersonscharlescounty.org/

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
4590 St Josephs Way
Pomfret, MD 20675-3207
(301) 539-3903

Tribute Wall

LG

“ Love, Erin, Eric, GGrands, & GGGrand purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Evalyn Marie Herrity Phelps.



Love, Erin, Eric, GGrands, & GGGrand - January 16, 2025 at 08:33 AM

EF

“ Effie purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Evalyn Marie Herrity Phelps.



Effie - January 11, 2025 at 03:15 PM

SF

“ Shelton and Cavaness Families purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Evalyn Marie Herrity Phelps.



Shelton and Cavaness Families - January 11, 2025 at 12:52 PM

YF

“ *Evalyn Phelps was an extraordinary human being.
Her intelligence and courage
we're perfectly balanced by her belief that God gave her Both.
She had a "Can Do" attitude and a "Work Ethic" that got it Done.
Her Pride in personal accomplishments were always tempered with
true Humility.
She never lost faith or the insight that faith provided.
Her life "Mission" was to serve and help others.
I say: Well Done, Evalyn
"Mission Accomplished"
Please pray for us There as you always did Here.
YFSIL*

YFSIL - January 10, 2025 at 08:25 PM

JM

“ *My sincerest condolences to the Phelps family in this time of loss.
May God bless your Mom*

James M Mills - January 10, 2025 at 08:10 PM

BU

“ *Buddy so sorry for your loss loved your mom and dad my deepest
sympathy 🍷*

Beth Ullman - January 10, 2025 at 09:59 AM

JH

“ *Buddy, so sorry for your loss, my prayers for you and the family,
John*

John Hyde - January 10, 2025 at 09:47 AM

LH

“ *My condolences to the Phelps family. May the memories you shared bring you comfort at this difficult time. God Bless.*



Loraine Davies Hennessy - January 09, 2025 at 04:19 PM

JB

Condolences to the family and Mary claire

Joan beetler - January 11, 2025 at 09:46 AM

SQ

You Know I'm With You, In Spirit.

Steve Quinn

Steve Quinn - January 11, 2025 at 06:08 PM