



# Evelyn "Evie" Braatz

NOV 28, 1921 - JUN 3, 2014



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## **Evelyn "Evie" Braatz**

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**E**velyn was born on November 28, 1921 in Racine, to Bartol Peter Petak and Ethel (nee: Rost) Petak.

Evie was united in marriage to Walter A. Braatz on May 29, 1948 at Grace Lutheran Church in Racine. Walter preceded her in death on June 6, 2012. Evie had a very strong work ethic. She worked for Hamilton Beach in the office for many years. She also worked in several different areas at West Lawn Memorial Park. In addition, she enjoyed working beside her husband at the Seven Mile Fair. She was a member of the Racine/Kenosha Beekeepers, a member of an organist club and a member of Grace Lutheran church.

Evie is survived by her brother, Bob Petak, her sister, Elaine (Erv) Bullette, Sisters-in-law; Fritzie Braatz, Martha Schaub, Dorcas Hammer, many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends, especially Barbara and George Godlewski and Gary and Mary Buchholz.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents, Bartol and Ethel Petak, her husband, Walter A. Braatz, one brother, Lawrence (Bessy) Petak, sister-in-law, Ginny Petak, brothers-in-law, John and Erv, sister-in-law, Irene, brothers-in-law, Frank Hammer and Bernie Schaub and her sister-in-law, Marcia Fuller.

There will be a funeral service for Evelyn on Friday, June 6, 2014 at 2:00 pm at Wilson Funeral Home. Relatives and friends may meet with the family from 1:00 pm until the time of service. Reverend Randall Poppe will officiate.

There will be a private interment at West Lawn Memorial Park on Monday, June 9, 2014 at 1:00 pm.

Memorials may be directed to St. Monica's Senior Living Center Activities, which Evie enjoyed.



## Events

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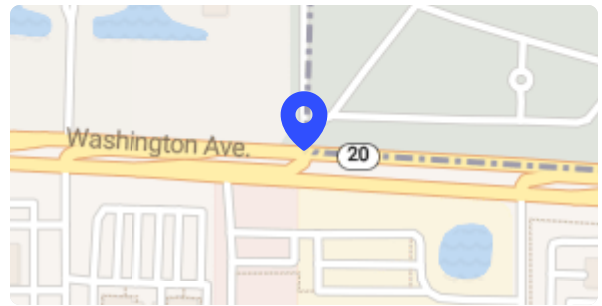
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### Cemetery Details



**West Lawn Memorial Park**

9000 Washington Avenue, Mount Pleasant WI  
53406





# Tribute Wall

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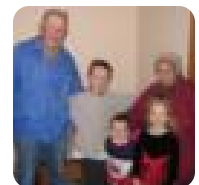
**Margaret (Gosia) W.** posted:

Mrs. Braatz, as I referred to her all of my life, and my children refer to her all of their lives will always have a place in our hearts. She was a driven, strong woman that really paved her own path. She wore pantsuits, managed a business. The Braatzes didn't break often and rarely did they vacation, they had one of the hardest jobs after they "retired" - growing food. She was shrewd, innovative and feisty. She had multiple uses for beeswax, kohlrabi and made pepper jelly before it was trendy. She was kind to animals and those that were kind to animals. When they could no longer chase dogs, she continued to cuddle cats. My memories go way back. Listening to their grandfather clock, sledding down their hill, watching her boil jam. Every day, like today, that I work in my own personal garden, I feel close to her and Mr. Braatz. My memories go way back, planting onions (& leaving when I was tired) and selling at the market or at their house, Wednesday milk runs to a dairy farm, following Mr. Braatz down the corn rows for sweet corn to bagging popcorn, shucking peas, and being corrected many times! Hollyhocks, asparagus, gladiolas. They were our grandparents without the blood relation. We had regular Sunday dinners and, when I was an adult, continued to celebrate all holidays, birthdays, and celebrations. When living out of town, it's hard not to think, I should have, I could have. I am sad, but I know her body and God said it was time. She was happiest keeping busy, making something, doing something, keeping Mr. Braatz in line :), and it took it's toll on her body and mind to not have what she loved. Keep her and Mmemory and work ethic alive - grow something, put up a bird feeder, adopt a pet, buy local honey or support a farmer's market! If anyone reads this that may have their pictures, I would love a copy of Mr. Braatz's work core days at a camp near Rhineland, and just a few other copies or scanned pics. God bless.

June 7 at 6:09 PM



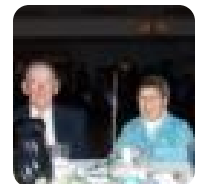
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**Amy Laundrie** posted:

I have fond memories of helping my Aunt Evie and Uncle Wally sell produce and jams and jellies at the Seven Mile Fair. At my brother Jeff's retirement party, my aunt and uncle told some funny stories. My favorite was about Squeaky the Raccoon. When a raccoon invaded a barn belonging to friends of Aunt Evie and Uncle Wally, the friends shot it not knowing it had babies. Aunt Evie and Uncle Wally took one of the babies and named it Squeaky. Aunt Evie gave it milk out of a bottle and it slept in their bed. Once it grew too big, they released it. Aunt Evie enjoyed her dogs and cats, too. After Uncle Wally died, her cats were great company.

June 5 at 2:24 PM

MD

**M Jill Deschaine** posted:

Evie was such a sweet lady. We had our organ lessons together for several years. We played the organ and each others house just for fun Then we would take a break and I would give her a hair cut or perm. I considered her one of my dearest friends ever. Rest in peace forever sweet lady! I will never forget you as long as I live

June 5 at 10:28 AM



## Media

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Margaret (Gosia) W. shared a photo to the **New Album Name** album.

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Thanksgiving 2007 - a quick photo on the way out. A healthy holiday.



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Enjoying a celebration - always so relaxed out - it was rare when they weren't working.



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

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



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