



## Evonne Mae Rand

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Evonne Mae Rand (Williams), 77, of Chanhassen, Minnesota, entered the presence of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on May 29, 2026, following complications from a recent illness and a chronic respiratory condition. Surrounded by the love of her family and friends, she leaves a legacy of unwavering faith, generosity, creativity, hospitality, and a deep love for God and others.

Born on August 21, 1948, in Red Wing, Minnesota, to George and Mabel Williams, Evonne was the second of five children. She grew up with her sisters, Diane, Mary, and Tamara, and her brother, Geoff. After spending much of her childhood in St. Paul, Minnesota, her family moved to Dubuque, Iowa, where she graduated from Dubuque Senior High School with the class of 1966.

Following graduation, Evonne completed cosmetology school and married her former husband, Pete Rand. During his years of service in the Marine Corps, Evonne intermittently joined him at bases in Jacksonville, North Carolina, and Key West, Florida, while also working as a skilled hair stylist when back home. They then returned to Dubuque and welcomed their two daughters, Tiffany and Jenny. In 1980, the family moved to the suburbs of Minneapolis, where

Evonne devoted herself to raising her daughters and building a home centered on faith and love.

While Evonne greatly valued her early career as a hair stylist and her later career in merchant services, her greatest calling and most cherished role was being a devoted mother and grandmother. Her home was always a place where family and friends were welcome, and visitors looked forward to enjoying her exceptional food and a cozy place to rest. Becoming "Mimi" to her seven beloved grandchildren was one of the greatest joys of her life. She was faithfully present, giving of herself in steady, loving, and sacrificial ways.

She also had a gift for creating beauty and belonging in everyday life. A gifted seamstress who taught herself to sew as a young child, she expressed her love through creativity by making handmade gifts, preparing thoughtful meals, and offering quiet acts of service. She had a way of making people feel seen, valued, and cared for while exemplifying the phrase "love shows up." In her later years, Evonne created a cozy Northwoods-inspired home in Chanhassen, where she graciously extended her trademark hospitality in a space that reflected her warmth and creativity.

At the center of Evonne's life was her unwavering faith in Jesus Christ. That faith expressed itself in a deep gratitude for God's blessings and a desire to share them with others. She was a friend to all and gently pointed others toward the hope, peace, and grace she had found in her Savior. Those who knew her will remember her ability to see the good in others, and above all, her steadfast trust in the Lord.

Evonne is survived by her loving daughters, Tiffany McIntosh (Pete), Jenny Paradise; her beloved grandchildren, Julia McIntosh, Ella McIntosh, Ava McIntosh, Sophia McIntosh, Nick (Sydni) Paradise, Madeline (Jake) Braccini, and Lauren Paradise; her sister, Mary; her brother, Geoff; goddaughter, Ingrid;

and many beloved extended family members and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Mabel Williams, and her sisters, Diane and Tamara.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Monday, June 29, 2026, at Grace Church in Eden Prairie, MN. Visitation will begin at 10:15 a.m., followed by the service at 11:00 a.m. A reception will immediately follow. In true Evonne fashion, we will gather with smiles, gratitude, and shared memories.

Grace Church, Door 2

9301 Eden Prairie Road, Eden Prairie, MN

Livestream available through Grace Church: [www.grace.live/memorial](http://www.grace.live/memorial)

Evonne's life was marked by faithfulness, gratitude, and grace. She welcomed freely, gave sacrificially, loved deeply, and joyfully reflected the grace of Jesus Christ. Though she will be profoundly missed, her family and friends rejoice in the assurance that she is now healed and forever in the joyful presence of her Savior.

"Well done, good and faithful servant." Matthew 25:23

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Southwest Christian High School Scholarship Fund where all seven of Evonne's grandchildren were blessed to attend and where she never once missed a Grandparent's Day celebration.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The Banbury family is so torn apart with hearing today of Yvonne’s passing. We all spent a wonderful life being a friend of Evonne and her children. So sorry for the loss of your Mom and Grandmother. Candy, Terry and family.*

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**Candy Banbury** - June 18 at 02:02 PM

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“ *Recently we had been talking about aging. Something Evonne did with humor which I appreciated. She was very clear that she wanted to stay independent in her home and said, “I want to go from Coach Drive to Washburn-McGreavey”.*  
*She also mentioned multiple times that she wanted to die in her sleep like her dad and I agreed how wonderful would that be, to go to sleep and wake up with Jesus and my mom.*  
*I’m so glad she was welcomed into heaven as a good and faithful servant exactly the way she wanted to.*  
*I’ll miss her until I see her again.*

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**Ingrid Melander-Fontaine** - June 17 at 05:04 PM