



## Evelyn Crowder Early

February 6, 2023

Evelyn Early, 95, a native and resident of Portsmouth, Virginia for 90 years, passed away peacefully at her home in Charlottesville, Virginia, on February 6, 2023.

She was a devoted wife, mother and homemaker, and a lifelong member of Broad Street United Methodist Church. She volunteered at Maryview Hospital in Portsmouth for 37+ years. Until she lost most of her eyesight, she was an avid reader, played cards and dominoes, and loved doing her crossword and Sudoku puzzles.

She was predeceased by her husband of 71 years, Ira Clyde "Bits" Early. She is survived by her daughter, Linda Early Tolon, of Baytown, Texas, two sons, John Hilton Early of Charlottesville, Virginia; and Mark Thomas Early of Arlington, Virginia, four grandchildren, five great grandchildren, one niece and four nephews.

Evelyn was a woman whose great faith in Christ guided, comforted, and sustained her throughout her life. She loved the old hymns and sang them up until her death. Her daily devotions were an integral part of her life, and when she could no longer see to read, she had them read to her as a daily bedtime story. Her passing is beautifully captured by scripture:

2 Timothy 4:6-7 ...."the time of my departure has come. I have fought the

good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”

A graveside service will be held on February 17 at 2 PM at Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens, in Suffolk, Virginia. The service will be officiated by the Reverend Linda Early Tolon. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorial contributions be made to the American Macular Degeneration Foundation ([www.macular.org](http://www.macular.org)).

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

FEB 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens  
4569 Shoulders Hill Rd.  
Suffolk, VA