



Evelyn Nesbit-Dentley

September 15, 1953 - August 4, 2025

Evelyn Louise Nesbit Dentley, 71, was called home to be with the Lord at 6:30 PM

on August 4, 2025. She was born to Willie and Marian Green Nesbit on September

15, 1953, in Ottumwa, IA. She was a proud graduate of Ottumwa High School Class of 1971. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from

Simpson College in Indianola, IA. After receiving her degree she relocated to Memphis, TN where she met the love of her life Stanley "Skippy" Dentley. On October 21, 1978, they exchanged vows pledging their eternal love to each other.

Evelyn loved children and enjoyed teaching for 31 years until she retired from Memphis Shelby County Schools. It brought her so much joy that after retiring, she continued as a substitute teacher for four additional years. Evelyn accepted

Christ as her personal savior at an early age. She continued her spiritual journey

for many years as a devoted member of Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church

where she previously served over the Joy Ministry. She is survived by her husband

Stanley "Skippy" Dentley; sister Rochelle (Steven) Nesbit Hale; sister-in-law

Phyllis

Derrickson Nesbit; stepbrother Rick (Lisa) Jones; a host of nieces and nephews;

family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers Willie

Abraham Nesbit, Jr., and Emerald Martin Nesbit.

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” Philippians 4:13

Cemetery Details

Memphis Memorial Gardens

3700 N. Germantown Pkwy
Bartlett , TN 38133

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (cst)

Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church
7289 Stage Rd.
Memphis , TN 38133

Service

AUG **16**. 1:00 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall

DS

“ Dorothy S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Evelyn Nesbit-Dentley.

Dorothy S. - August 16, 2025 at 03:42 PM

KA

“ My dear childhood friend and confidant, we shared many wonderful times together in Ottumwa, Iowa. Without you, life would have been very different, one more lonely, one without endless laughter and so much shared love. Your smile and laugh always contagious that you could bring me out of sadness just by being there. Never one to complain about having to wear a full body brace for your spine, we spent many hours playing and dancing anyway. I have always loved you even though we were miles apart and heaven has definitely gained an angel.



kay Allen - August 16, 2025 at 01:18 PM

LF

“ Linda Flowers Reed and Michael Flowers. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Evelyn Nesbit-Dentley.



Linda Flowers Reed and Michael Flowers. - August 15, 2025 at 02:44 PM

CY

“ *Cousin Subrena (Tena) Young-Williams purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Evelyn Nesbit-Dentley.*



Cousin Subrena (Tena) Young-Williams - August 15, 2025 at 09:52 AM

FL

“ *GOD has called another one of HIS children to eternal rest. Evelyn was a hard worker who strived to do her utmost best. She gave her whole heart in whatever she was involved in all while making sure her husband (Skippy) was taken care of. Oak Grove will miss the sweet fragrance of Evelyn. Evelyn will truly be missed!*
—Faye Long,
Oak Grove Member

Faye Long - August 15, 2025 at 09:45 AM

MB

“ *Rest in peace Evelyn Louise Nesbit Dentley. You will be truly missed by family and friends. As kids, being first cousins, we were all like brothers and sisters. As years past, Evelyn ask me if I would make her wedding dress. Of course I said yes, Evelyn was a beautiful bride. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Evelyn will be truly missed by all.*



*From Cousin's Marian Flowers Baugh and family
Linda Kay Flowers Reed, and Michael Flowers*

Marian Baugh - August 14, 2025 at 05:02 PM

YD

“ We have fond memories of our beloved Evelyn Dentley. We, your family from California, cherish the times we shared at family reunions, your visit to California, and especially the warm hospitality you showed when we visited you and Skippy. You welcomed us with love, laughter, and kindness that will never be forgotten. Rest in peace, dear Evelyn.

Yvonne, Kenny, Yvette & Denise - August 14, 2025 at 09:58 AM

DJ

“ Doug Johnson lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Nesbit-Dentley



Doug Johnson - August 13, 2025 at 10:21 PM

FC

“ Ms. Evelyn was a very sweet, caring person. She would have you laughing in a heartbeat. She was a godly woman. She had a beautiful smile. She has said, "goodbye" to her loved ones. In heaven, she has heard, "Well done thy good and faithful servant." May the God of comfort wrap His loving arms around Stanley and the entire family!

Freda Crawford - August 13, 2025 at 09:56 PM

FC

“ Freda Crawford lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Nesbit-Dentley



Freda Crawford - August 13, 2025 at 09:41 PM

BB

“ Rest in heavenly peace Evelyn. It has been many years since spending time together at Second Baptist church in Ottumwa. Good memories. Barbara Baugh

Barbara Baugh - August 13, 2025 at 07:11 PM



“ I was thinking about her just the other day. We were friends in high school. I am feeling the loss even tho' I hadn't see her in years.



Stephanie Fox - August 13, 2025 at 11:35 AM

EC

“ Rest in Peace, Evelyn. I worked with Evelyn at her father's rib joint for a very short stint. It was a great experience following her around the kitchen. Evelyn was a kind caring soul. I admired her father for years, i spent time watching him down at the river cooking his ribs and selling his "secret sauce" or giving it away. You will be missed by your family, your friends, and your classmates of 1971.

ELLEN CARLO-MCKEEL - August 13, 2025 at 10:53 AM

LW

“ Such fond memories growing up with the Nesbit family especially at Second Baptist Church in Ottumwa, IA. My condolences and prayers of strength and comfort to the Nesbit Family.

Larnette Winston

Larnette Winston - August 13, 2025 at 12:11 AM



RI

“ Richard and Nancy Beechum, Iowa purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Evelyn Nesbit-Dentley.



Richard and Nancy Beechum, Iowa - August 12, 2025 at 10:23 PM

RI

“ Richard and Nancy Beechum, Iowa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Evelyn Nesbit-Dentley.

Richard and Nancy Beechum, Iowa - August 12, 2025 at 10:23 PM

RB

“ I remember Evelyn from a little girl to adult and college days at Simpson. Your see she is a first cousin. Our mothers were sisters. Many good times parties and just visiting as we got older. Rest in peace cousin until we me again!!

Richard Beechum - August 12, 2025 at 10:17 PM

TS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult. She was a jewel with such a beautiful, kind, and gentle spirit! Blessings and Love, Tiffany, Madelyn, and Mallory Sanders



Tiffany Sanders - August 10, 2025 at 05:48 PM

MF

“ Mike, Melissa and Family purchased the Purple Open Rose with White Mums (Silk Cemetery Flowers) for the family of Evelyn Nesbit-Dentley.



Mike, Melissa and Family - August 09, 2025 at 09:51 PM

JA

“ Cousin Jannie White and Family sends our condolences for your lost and ours

jannie - August 08, 2025 at 10:03 PM