



Evelyn Abdo

September 24, 1920 - November 20, 2008

Evelyn Abdo, 88, of Onondaga Hill, died Thursday, November 20, 2008 at home surrounded by her family.

Born in Syracuse, New York, she was the daughter of Tawfick George and Cocab Seikaly Abdo. She was a graduate of Syracuse University with certification in School Administration and Supervision and a Masters Degree in Elementary Education. She retired from the Syracuse City School District after teaching for 36 years.

Evelyn was a member of American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) and started the Syracuse chapter in 1982, Chair of Education Committee, National Association of Arab-Americans, U.S.S. Liberty Supporters, Onondaga Art Guild, Bradford Art Group, volunteered at Upstate Medical Center, Onondaga Free Library and WCNY Tel-Auc where she donated several paintings for the auction.

Evelyn's professional memberships included being a member of Delta Kappa Gamma (Alpha Omega Chapter); Central New York Chapter of International Reading Association; Association for Childhood Education; Syracuse Teacher's Association; Syracuse School Administrator's Organization; New York State Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development; Onondaga County Retired Teachers Association and numerous curriculum committees in the Syracuse City School District .

Evelyn was a lifetime member of St. Elias Orthodox Christian Church. She was the Church School Director for 15 years, choir member, member of Committee for Religious Education of Can-Amer Region; President of Antiochian Christian Youth Organization for two years and Delegate to Regional and Archdiocesan Conventions of Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese.

Evelyn received the Kiwanis Laymen's Award; Outstanding Member award from the Antiochian Christian Youth Organization; was Salutatorian of her graduating class from Syracuse City Normal School; won several awards in juried art shows for her water color paintings and had several of them accepted for the New York State Fair.

She touched and inspired many lives and will be missed by many more.

Evelyn is survived by one sister, Selma Abdo of Onondaga Hill, New York and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents and two brothers, Louis George and Kamal George Abdo.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Evelyn Abdo* ”



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“ Letter From Heaven "To my dearest family, some things I'd like to say. But first of all, to let you know, that I arrived okay. I'm writing this from heaven. Here I dwell with God above. Here, there's no more tears of sadness; Here is just eternal love. Please do not be unhappy just because I'm out of sight. Remember that I am with you every morning, noon and night. That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through, God picked me up and hugged me and He said, "I welcome you. It's good to have you back again, you were missed while you were gone. As for your dearest family, They'll be here later on." God gave me a list of things, that he wished for me to do. And foremost on the list, was to watch and care for you. And when you lie in bed at night the day's chores put to flight, God and I are closest to you... in the middle of the night. When you think of my life on earth, and all those loving years, because you are only human, they are bound to bring you tears. But do not be afraid to cry: it does relieve the pain. Remember there would be no flowers, unless there was some rain. I wish that I could tell you all that God has planned. But if I were to tell you, you wouldn't understand. But one thing is for certain, though my life on earth is over. I'm closer to you now, than I ever was before. There are rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb; But together we can do it by taking one day at a time. It was always my philosophy and I'd like it for you too; That as you give unto the world, the world will give to you. If you can help somebody who's in sorrow and pain; Then you can say to God at night..... "My day was not in vain." And now I am contented... that my life was worthwhile. Knowing as I passed along I made somebody smile. God says: "If you meet somebody who is sad and feeling low; Just lend a hand to pick him up, as on your way you go. When you're walking down the street with me on your mind; I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind." "And when it's time for you to go... from that body to be free. Remember you're not going..... you're coming here to me." --Ruth Ann Mahaffey (author)

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“ We are so saddened to hear of this unfortunate loss. Evelyn, may you be at peace in heaven with God. Selma may God bless you. Please know that we share your pain and that we will ALWAYS be here for you and your family. Your loving neighbors, Mohammed, Karema, Jamla, Amenh, Nor, Jamel and Nasem Rizek

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“ Evelyn and her sister have been our neighbors for years. Their families and their loved ones are in our prayers. Do not stand at my grave and weep I am not there; I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow, I am the diamond glints on snow, I am the sun on ripened grain, I am the gentle autumn rain. When you awaken in the morning's hush I am the swift uplifting rush Of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft stars that shine at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry, I am not there; I did not die.

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“ Evelyn was my supervising teacher in 1970 when I first joined SCSD. She never left me feeling intimidated, and was always helpful to me as I developed my planning and organizational teaching skills. That was way back in the old Bellevue school which is long gone. I retired a few years ago, but never forgot Mrs. Abdo and all she did to cultivate a new teacher.

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“ My condolences to the family of Evelyn. I have known Evelyn for 25 years through our membership in the Onondaga Art Guild. She was always encouraging to us ""younger"" members. I remember her beautiful paintings and her ready smile. Evelyn, you will be missed by all who came in contact with you in the Syracuse art scene. With deep sympathy, Helga Gilbert

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“ My heartfelt condolences to the family. The Abdos were a big part of my memories of the Valley.

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“ I have many Fond Memories of Aunt Eve from my Childhood. Our Thoughts and prayers are with all of you.Becky, Brian, Devin and Abigail Fenner

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“ Terribly sorry for the loss of Evelyn. We have known the Abdo family for decades and offer our sincerest condolences. David MelnicoffDaytona Beach, Fl.

November 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ To our beloved Abdo Family and especially to Selma. Our deepest sympathy on the passing of Evelyn. May her memory be eternal

November 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I have wonderful childhood memories of Aunt Eve and am keeping the whole family in my thoughts and prayers. All our Love, Cindy, Paul, Sean and Katelyn

November 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear the sad news. I knew Evie (and Selma too) from the Onondaga Art Guild. She was always so friendly and upbeat. We will miss her smiling face.

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“ Dear Selma: So sorry to read of your sister's passing. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.. I hope you will remember me from my old days at Holiday Inn and the conferences you use to plan with me. God be with you.

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