



Evelyn Cross Dean

August 31, 1942 - November 10, 2025

Evelyn D. Cross Dean, 83, of Indianapolis, passed away November 10, 2025. She was born August 31, 1942 in Rushville to Edmond “Jake” & Laura Jean (Christopher) Yazel. She married Lawrence M Cross in 1959 and he preceded her in death in May of 1979.

Evelyn was a machine operator at Allison Transmission for nearly 30 years. She was an avid card player & especially enjoyed playing bridge. She had been a member of her bridge club in Indianapolis for 55 years.

She will be missed by her children, Lawrence (Sam) Cross, Cindy Williamson, Alicia Cross and Amy Lavender all of Indianapolis, brothers, John (Miriam T.) Yazel of Summerville, FL, Ronnie Yazel of Rushville, Dennis D. Yazel of GA, Christopher J. (Teresa) Yazel of Attica and Bruce Wayne Yazel of Rushville, sisters, Jenny Chance of Simpsonville, KY and Shelby Williams of Indianapolis, 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and brother, George Yazel.

No public services have been planned at this time.

Inurnment will take place in the Rushville East Hill Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

East Hill Cemetery

746-740 IN-44
Rushville, IN 46173

Tribute Wall

RS

“ I first met Mrs. Evelyn through her granddaughter Jordan. She didn't know me at all, but welcomed me right from the start. The last time I visited her, and really every time I saw her, she was always funny and kind, with a witty comeback or comment. I'll never forget her face when she found out my grandparents lived in Rushville for years too. As she would say, she must have been a good egg as a child, cause she became a great chicken. Condolences to the family from my husband and I. We'll miss you terribly Mrs. Evelyn!

Ryan Stocker - November 17, 2025 at 10:00 PM

SC

Thank you for making the trips up here. Momma enjoyed your company. We are still here, hope to see you soon

Sam Cross - November 23, 2025 at 09:04 AM

AS

“ When I first met Evelyn through dating her grandson, she told me right off the bat that I shouldn't wait to come see her just when he was around. She welcomed me into her home and her family immediately, and that really is the kind of person she was. She loved her family and those around her fiercely, and she cared for everyone with whom she came into contact. I see her legacy live on through her loved ones, and she is greatly missed. She will forever be remembered as a true matriarch and a true friend.

Alexa Smith - November 17, 2025 at 12:40 PM

SC

She was our caretaker until she was 80, then AJ became hers. She was our leader, the best you could ask for as a momma. Thank you for the kind words.

Sam Cross - November 23, 2025 at 08:43 AM

JL

“ Anytime she would come to visit or us visiting her, it would always feel like a vacation. Her house was always filled with great décor, great food, and a lot of laughter. She was a strong and confident woman, but always found a way to make everyone feel loved. She would always have maraschino cherries for me in the pantry and would tell me “Not to eat myself sick” which, of course, I would. I am so happy to have had her in my life and will always remember her.



Jacob Lavender - November 17, 2025 at 11:05 AM

SC

Jake. You are named after her daddy. I know ow there is a special place in her heart for you. She enjoyed her Tennessee trips to see you and sis, and of course your mom and dad. You be careful, we need ya home. A big thank you from.the whole family, and the USA. Love you nephew

Sam Cross - November 23, 2025 at 09:00 AM



“ My family and myself were lucky to have her. The most beautiful person inside and out you could ever meet. My sweet Grandma I will miss you forever and carry your memory with me. I love you.

Lyndsay Meisenhelder - November 15, 2025 at 04:15 PM

SC

You and your sisters were her life from when I wondered back home to my momma, some of the best years of this old man. First born grandkid. You weren't rotten, even rotten she loved you so. Love you kid

Sam Cross - November 23, 2025 at 09:08 AM

JL

“ I couldn't have had a better grandma. You brought out the best in me and I enjoyed our time together. Every memory will hold a special place in my heart for the rest of my life. I love you so much

Jordan Lavender - November 15, 2025 at 01:06 PM

SC

The best picture ever, you know which one. She loved her Tennessee babies. She is proud of you.....

Sam Cross - November 23, 2025 at 09:10 AM

VN

“ Such a sweet person and a great member of Rushville High School

Vickey Nunn - November 13, 2025 at 08:24 PM

SC

She, at heart was a Rushville girl, even after 65 years away. Thank you

Sam Cross - November 23, 2025 at 08:48 AM

AE

“ She may not have been my grandma, but I always felt her warmth and spunk when around her. She will be missed.

Adrienne Eaglin - November 13, 2025 at 08:17 AM

SC

Thank you my niece, she was everyone's grandma if they came in contact with her, especially when you guys were tots, she loved it. Thanks Adrienne

Sam Cross - November 23, 2025 at 08:52 AM

SC

“ The mother all people wish to have, was granted to my 3 sisters and myself. A giving and loving individual, sister to 8 siblings grandmother of 7 and 3 greats, and other little ones she loved. Lifelong friends that I've known since first memory. She will be sorely missed and greatly remembered.

Sam Cross - November 12, 2025 at 02:39 PM

CH

I can still remembering meeting her at Grandma McManus' home when she married Larry. So pretty! Very quiet, but elegant. Sorry to learn of her passing. I know she was a wonderful mom and grandma!

Cynthia McManus Hall - November 15, 2025 at 08:42 AM

DE

Evelyn was a classmate and a great friend. She was a lovey person. Prayers and hugs for all the family.

Doris & Roy Elmore - November 22, 2025 at 04:35 PM

SC

Thank you. She was at heart a Rudhville girl
Thank you

Sam Cross - November 23, 2025 at 08:53 AM

SC

Even after 6 months the grief has not lessened. The memory of you will never fade. Momma you will never know the impact you have had and will continue to bestow on your children, and all that truly know who you are.

*I always knew your dedication to my sister's and myself you had, in your passing i have a better understanding of life, and the trials that come with it. Incredible what you went through and remained "YOU". Dad was, I thought the pillar of strength, now I know what kept that pillar up was the woman behind him keeping him together. The person I look up to the most, the one who could answer most questions with a mere look, could comfort long distance, encourage without effort, who always made you feel better after failure, and kept you humble after triumphs. I never understood it fully until you departed, now I know. As always....your favorite son,
Sam*

Sam Cross - May 09 at 03:22 PM