



# Evelyn Mary Chewning

SEP 29, 1929 - MAR 11, 2021



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## **Evelyn Mary Chewning**

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**M**rs. Evelyn Mary Chewning, 91, of Spotsylvania, passed away Thursday at the home of her grandson.

Originally from Bell Island, Newfoundland, Evelyn attended St. Edwards Convent School and studied business at Immaculate Conception Academy. She married Henry Floyd Chewning in 1950 and became a military wife and mother. Evelyn demonstrated her personal strength, faith and fortitude when upon her beloved husband's death, she operated and grew the business they had begun together, H.F. Chewning Grocery, all while raising her young family. She was a fixture in the community for 50 years, but the role she valued most was that of mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Evelyn was greatly loved, and will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her son, John W. Chewning, and her daughter, Koren Chewning, both of Spotsylvania, three grandsons, David Bull (Renee), of Henrico, James Chewning (Lindsay) and William Chewning, both of Spotsylvania; five great-grandsons, Joseph Bull, of Henrico, James, Henry, Marshall and Benjamin Chewning, all of Spotsylvania; sisters, Margaret Mackenzie (Colin), of Ottawa, Ontario, and Eleanor Dominic of St. John's, Newfoundland, as well as nieces and nephews in Canada and the United States.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Floyd Chewning, daughter, Beverley Ann Bull, son, James Harvey Chewning, III, granddaughter, Sarah Lee Bull, her parents, William and Christine Thistle, and her brothers, William Thistle and Henry Thistle.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 am on Friday, March 19, 2021 at St. Matthews Catholic Church, 8200 Robert E. Lee Dr, Spotsylvania. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in her memory to the charity of your choice.




# Events


**Evelyn Mary Chewning**

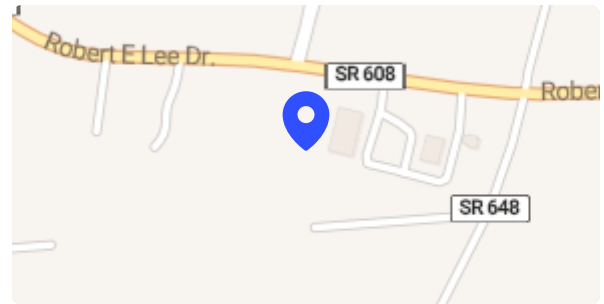
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## Mass


 **Friday**, March 19, 2021

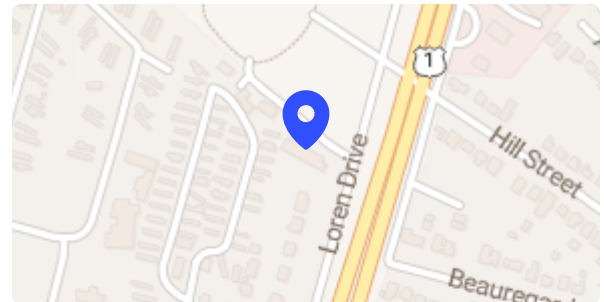
 10:30 AM ET

 **St. Matthew Catholic Church**  
8200 Robert E. Lee Drive, Spotsylvania VA  
22553



## Cemetery Details

 **Sunset Memorial Gardens**  
3702 Loren Drive, Fredericksburg VA 22408





## Tribute Wall

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SM

**Sister Maryjo** lit a candle in honor of Evelyn.

Ms. Chewing was a women with a heart of gold. She helped our family very much during a difficult time. She was always so very kind and her family too. We are very grateful for her always being a women that cared so much for so many people. ... God bless you and words can never thank you for all you did for our family.... May God reward you at his great banquet in heaven....Sister MaryJo Crooks... one of the the Crooks girls...



March 29 at 4:05 PM

JD

**John M. Dolan** posted:

I moved to Spotsylvania almost 30 years ago. I did construction back then and use to stop at that store all the time. She was one of the first people I met when I moved here. I am glad such a nice person had a long life.

May 4 at 3:27 PM

RB

**Ray Bartley Jr.** posted:

I'm saddened to hear the news about the passing of my friend and customer Ms.Chewing. My father supplied her store with various merchandise for many years before I took the business over in 1986. I remember "Warming up to her style" She truly operated her business that each person that came inside was family and they're presence mattered..... The conversations seemed endless. I do'nt think she knew how much she affected me. I certainly will miss her. My prayers will remain with her family.

March 19 at 3:25 PM

RC

**Rodney Carter** posted:

Blessings and prayers to the family prayers with Evelyn Mary Chewing for being always polite and caring thanks for the childhood memories your store buying candy and enjoying your presence 🙏

March 19 at 10:29 AM



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TR

**Tina Ritz** posted:

Sending our thoughts and prayers to all of your family. Mrs. Chewing was such a staple in the community. Tina Ritz & Mike Slingerland

March 19 at 7:01 AM

BP

**Beverly Payne** posted:

Always enjoyed her friendship and conversation. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

March 18 at 6:18 PM

AN

**C** posted:

Truly a wonderful women. A heart of gold. RIP Mrs. Chewing. Love always Bob and Cathy Zinn

March 18 at 5:57 PM

JB

**Jose Brown** lit a candle in honor of Evelyn.

My deepest sympathy, extended condolences and prayers are with members the Chewing family. To the Family of Mrs. Evelyn Chewing Many thanks to Mrs. Chewing "Evelyn" for all that she did to help others within Spotsylvania, County, VA. Deepest sympathy and prayers, Deacon Jose A. Brown



March 18 at 5:26 PM

GH

**Glenn Hayden** posted:

Korey and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for your strength and comfort during these difficult days. Glenn Hayden

March 18 at 5:41 AM



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JB

**Jacqueline Burriss** posted:

To my beloved Aunt, You were the last member of a great generation. Now I know that there truly is wonderful, loving group of people waiting for me in heaven. Nanny, Mom, Dad, Uncle Floyd, Aunt Fannie, Uncle JH, Uncle Bernie, Aunt Thelma, and Grandad. What a group. They are watching over us every minute of the day. Cheering us on. She was a great lady, who loved and guided her family and friends. You are going to be missed. Love You.

March 17 at 7:34 PM

JR

**Jacqueline Rogers** posted:

I am saddened to hear about the passing of Mrs. Chewing. I have frequented her store often over the last forty years. She always cheerfully greeted her customers and asked about their families and well being. She was such a bright light in the community. Truly a wonderful lady. She and her kindness will be missed. Sending prayers to her family during this sad time! Jackie Rogers

March 17 at 3:37 PM

KM

**Kim McAfee** posted:

So sad to hear of her passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of her family. She treated everyone with kindness and like they were a part of her own family. Both her and her family are rare treasures in the county. She will be missed and remembered by many who grew up here. Richard and Kim McAfee

March 17 at 2:56 PM

PL

**Patrice Lewis** lit a candle in honor of Evelyn.

My condolences to ms chewing family i went to spotsylvania high school used to walk up to the store get some candy and my good old cold drink she will be miss and the store 🙏🙏🙏



March 17 at 1:49 PM



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LK

**Lori Kissell** posted:

When I worked in Spotsylvania County Courthouse in the late 80s through early 90s Mrs. Chewing and her store were an oasis of friendship and many meals. I will cherish those memories.Lori Kissell

March 17 at 10:19 AM

AB

**Amy E Bernard** posted:

What a loss to our community. We moved to Spotsylvania in 1980, and Mrs. Chewing was the first person to welcome us. She was always so kind to our children, cashing their paychecks, etc. I have missed seeing her in church and at the voting table at John J Wright. Rest in peace, Mrs. Chewing, you deserve it. Sending our thoughts and prayers to the Chewing family; we are very sorry for your loss.The Bernard Family

March 17 at 6:20 AM

TC

**Tamara Chaplin** posted:

So sorry for your loss! Mrs. Chewing was a wonderful lady with a kind heart! She will be missed!

March 17 at 5:37 AM

CT

**Carol Tydings** posted:

Sweet lady married to my cousin will miss her prayers for family sorry for your loss

March 17 at 5:32 AM

CT

**Carol Tydings** posted:

Sweet lady she was married to my cousin sorry for your loss prayers for her family

March 17 at 5:31 AM

VN

**Vicki (Hillegass) Neilson** posted:

I'm sorry to hear this sad news. My sympathy to Korey and the rest of the Chewing family. So many memories....what a wonderful woman :)

March 16 at 9:42 PM



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MA

**Maria Av** posted:

I remember Mrs Chewing and Beverly, Coren, and Jimmy all very fondly. They were all so very kind to my father raising 3 children on his own when we moved in. Growing up, we could always go in the store and get whatever we needed including some motherly guidance . She and the family will always be in our hearts.

March 16 at 6:28 PM

LC

**Lisa Childress** posted:

The sweetest lady. She always let us have credit and pay at the end of the month. A very generous and kind woman who was so good to many families.

March 16 at 5:15 PM

BU

**Barbara Ulrich** March 16 at 8:22 PM

My good friend helped me get to the pharmacy to pick up my medicine and left someone else in charge of the store. A very good natured person. Will be missed

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**Barbara Ulrich** March 16 at 7:39 PM

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LH

**Lena And Ray Haney** posted:

Please know you all are in our thoughts and prayers.. We loved our Mrs Chewing so. My kids loved going to her store. She was such a lovely, kind hearted lady, I would go to her store and stay for an hour just talking to her. One day my youngest daughter Ali wanted a pair of earrings so bad she had in the store and I said no she didn't need them, a month or so later we went there and it was Ali's birthday and Evelyn surprised her with the earrings Ali always tells her children that story. I remember during snow storms she would walk to her store to make sure customers (friends) could get kerosene heaters and kerosene. And my kids thought she had the best bolonga ever. Gone but never forgotten. Thank you Mrs Chewing for your service to all community. Love you always ❤️❤️❤️

March 16 at 4:25 PM



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DS

**Dianne Stafford** posted:

I will always have fond memories of Evelyn. She was a compassionate person with a great sense of humor. I am grateful to have known her. She was a wonderful example of kindness. I wish to give my condolences to Korey, John and David as they grieve this loss.

March 16 at 3:54 PM

JS

**Jarrod Smith** posted:

I just remeber when I was younger my mom would stop by there after soccer practices. We would be so excited to go in and get banana Popsicles. Mrs. Chewing was such a delight to talk with and joy to see her smile.

March 16 at 3:40 PM

JA

**Jimmy Asimacopoulos** posted:

I would like to offer my deepest sympathies and heartfelt sorrow to the Chewing family. She was a great business woman and an even sweeter person. She knew everyone in the community and it was the only country store that I had known. I'm pretty sure everyone in the county had to settle their "tab" every now and then. I'm thankful for her kindness and being able to know the rest of the family as well. It truly was a family business and a huge part of our hometown.

March 16 at 3:29 PM

SC

**Shelia Chewing** posted:

Our last matriarch of the Chewing Family. I will always have fond memories of hanging out at the store after school on Fridays waiting for the Football Games. You were a great inspiration to all of us. I wish we had spent more time together these last years. You were loved Aunt Evelyn.

March 16 at 7:30 AM



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TS

**Tammy Simmons** posted:

So sorry to hear of Mrs. Chewning's passing. She was a great asset to many Spotsylvania families in times of need. She was a strong business woman and cared for her community. She was a true example of hardwork and dedication to her family. Prayers for comfort during this sad time.

Tammy Reid Simmons

March 15 at 6:37 PM

CA

**Carol** March 10 at 5:56 AM

I have known the Chewning family since they moved to Spotsylvania, way back in the 60's. I offer my sincere sympathy to Korey & Johnny. I miss everyone so very much! Carol (Rogers) Hensell

JK

**Judi Knight** March 17 at 5:35 AM

I'm so sorry to hear of Mrs. Chewning's death. She was the first person I met when my family and I moved to the Spotsy Courthouse area. She knew the name of everyone who came into her store, because we weren't just customers, we were friends. The world was a better place because of her, and with her passing comes the end of an era. George and I extend our deepest sympathy to her family. Judi Knight

MB

**Michael Blevins** March 17 at 4:56 AM

I wish her family and friends strength during this time of mourning such a treasured soul. She was an absolute icon in the county and will be fondly remembered by the great many hearts she has touched over the years. She made Spotsylvania a better place.

MB

**Monica Bolling** March 17 at 2:24 AM

sorry for your loss. she was the most pleasant woman I have ever known. she was sooo nice to my son when he needed it the most in his life as a teen. Monica Bolling

PH

**Paul Hayden** March 16 at 2:59 PM

So sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs Chewning. She knew my whole family and never forgot me even if some time had passed between visits. She was always smiling and a pleasure to see. My condolences from The Hayden Family.



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Evelyn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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