



## Evelyn L. Brignull

January 26, 1927 - May 18, 2015

Evelyn Lorene Brignull, 88 of Winter Park, Florida passed away Monday, May 18, 2015.

Daughter of the late Edward and Lillian Brignull, she was born January 26th, 1927 in Kansas City, Missouri. In 1929 the family moved to Trenton, TN where she attended Elementary School and graduated from Peabody High School.

Evelyn was a graduate of Stephens College, Columbia, MO and received her Bachelor and Masters Degrees in Spanish from the University of Alabama with further study at the National University of Mexico, Mexico City.

Her first teaching position was at Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia in Fredericksburg. She was also Director of the Spanish Language House.

In 1955 she secured a position at Whittier College, Whittier, CA where she was Spanish Instructor for two years, then joining the Staff at Fullerton Union High School District, CA. She taught there until her retirement in 1986. During this time she also served as Chairperson of the Language Department. Moving to Longwood in 1987 she became an active member of Wekiva Presbyterian Church serving as Deacon, Member of the Chancel Choir and Outreach Committee.

Survivors are several cousins and friends. Memorial services will be held 11:00 am Wednesday, May 27th at Wekiva Presbyterian Church, Longwood, FL. Interment will be in Niverville, NY.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Wekiva Presbyterian Church, 211 Wekiva Springs Lane, Longwood, FL 32779.

## Previous Events

### **Celebration of Life August 5th, 2017 1200 Noon at DeGusipe Funeral Home and Crematory**

MAY 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wekiva Presbyterian church  
211 Wekiva Springs Lane  
Longwood, FL 32779

# Tribute Wall

KE

“ I don't know whether anyone will ever read this, but I wanted to pay my deepest respects to Evelyn Brignull. She was my Spanish instructor at Lowell High School in Whittier, CA from 1971-1974. I had great respect for her. When I was asked to speak at our Class of 1974 Valedictory Ceremony, I spoke about Ms Brignull as the teacher who had taught me the most, and in the kindest and most fun ways possible. She was such a good and kind person, and I sought her counsel when deciding upon my future studies. At Cal State University at Fullerton, I majored in Spanish, with a minor in French. Because of my fluency, thanks to Ms Brignull, I was started in upper level Spanish Courses. I later decided upon a career in Nursing. I always valued my Spanish language skills, and often used them in caring for my patients who spoke only Spanish. That's not an uncommon thing in So Cal! Many times I was the only RN on duty who spoke Spanish, so I was called all over the hospital from the ICU to Labor and Delivery! I'm grateful that I was able to comfort people in their own language and I always told them to tell their nurse "Catalina" if they needed me again. I'm now 69 myself, but I'm still fluent in Spanish and some French, plus a bit of Portuguese added from teaching nurses in Portugal. I'm ever grateful for Ms Evelyn Brignull for her help setting me on this path.

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**Kathleen Emde** - March 25 at 03:41 PM

JM

“ Hello, I was a student of Senora Brignull at Lowell High School for five years from '72-'75. I was thinking about her today and discovered that she had passed a few years ago. I was very fond of her. She was patient and full of encouraging words for her students. Reading her obituary, I had regrets that I didn't know more about her as a person -rather than a teacher - while I was her student. She lead a remarkable life and I think very adventurous for her generation. I hope this note finds its way to friends and family. Thank you very much!

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**J Marsh** - July 11, 2020 at 02:24 PM

KE

I too was a Spanish student of Senora Brignull at Lowell High School. I have such fond memories of her sense of humor. I took Spanish courses with her for all 4 years of high school. I graduated in 1974. and as part of our graduation ceremony I spoke about the teacher who had most influenced my life. Evelyn Brignull. After graduation I was able to enter California State University in Fullerton. CA, and I was able to go straight into the 3rd year Spanish classes, and I hoped to become a Spanish teacher but I went to RN nursing school. I've been an RN since '79. With 10 years of ICU nursing followed by more than 35 years in Emergency. In everyday work I was usually the only nurse on duty who spoke Spanish. It was always appreciated by my clients who were often scared because they couldn't understand their doctors and nurses. Their gratitude often made me think of Ms Brignull. Her teaching was a gift to me and I shared it with countless patients who were injured or very ill and frightened. So I was saddened to hear of her passing, so I said a little prayer for her thanking her for being such a generous and caring teacher for so many years, and a prayer for her family members who must miss her sweet smile, too.

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**Kathleen Fletcher Emde** - July 29, 2022 at 07:10 AM