

Evelyn Kernan

Evelyn joined us in early August from Mathews, VA but has lived in Williamsburg and Norfolk as well. Actually, having grown up in Richmond, Virginia has played a great part in her life. But, never fear, she has traveled extensively all over the world and in many different capacities. Evelyn was an elementary school educator with a degree from VCU and a Masters from William and Mary. After retirement in 1989, she worked with Elder Hostel travel organization and the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation. Her husband, Jim, was a 1958 graduate of West Point in Artillery. While there, he was captain of the football team and head of his company. Their combined families consist of Evelyn's son and daughter, and Jim's three sons. There are ten grands.

Evelyn reads voraciously, keeps a daily journal and is active in creative writing. But wait until she invites you to her apartment – there is an extensive and beautiful collection of art and the most original, quirky and fun collection of folk art on her balcony. It is amazing.

And an amazing event happened to her in Cairo, Egypt, when she was there with the Earth Watch Project which tried to minimize water damage to monuments in Luxor from the Nile and Aswan Dam. She mistakenly wandered into a native market in Cairo and hailed a taxi to return to her hotel. The taxi driver, thrilled to have a pretty blonde in his car, (he put her in the front seat), “kidnapped” her for two hours, picking up other fares, before finally releasing her at her hotel. He charged not a cent. We hope Evelyn has more such fun stories to tell us, and hope that she loves living here as fully as we love having her with us.

