



Jim Evans

December 11, 1923 - March 8, 2015

Jim Evans, 91, of Lebanon, Indiana, passed away on Sunday, March 8, 2015 at Sunrise on Old Meridian in Carmel, Indiana. He was born on December 11, 1923, in Orangeburg, South Carolina, a son of the late Carlisle and Ottie Lee (Rast) Evans. He was married to Rosemary Martin on June 29, 1947; she survives.

He completed two years at Clemson College before being called up to active duty in World War II. After completing basic infantry training at Camp McCain, Mississippi, he became a member of the 94th Infantry Division as part of General Patton's Third Army. He was awarded the bronze star and combat infantryman's badge for his service.

After WWII, he returned to Lebanon, Indiana where he had caddied as a youngster to court the love of his life, Rosemary Martin. They later married and he took over the nut vending business of his Uncle Cary Fall. He built this operation to over 400 vending machines placed throughout central Indiana and became known as the "Peanut King". He was very proud of the fact that he provided a good life for his family and sent three kids to college "working for peanuts". He loved people and always had a joke to tell you and later a war story. After retirement, Jim enjoyed many years of making weekly visits to older adults in the nursing homes and his dog, Jake, for which he received the 2011 Friendly Visitor – Volunteer of the Year Award from Boone County Senior

Citizens. Jim was a longtime member of the Centenary United Methodist Church and a life member of the Elks, American Legion and VFW.

He is survived by his wife, Rosemary Evans; two sons, Carleton and wife, Lisa, and Martin and wife, Kimberly Johnston; daughter, Christine Page and husband, Robert; four grandchildren, Elizabeth Evans (Ian) Flanagan, Noelle Page (Chad) Kirchner, Chloe Page (David) Guth, and Hunter Evans; and three great grandchildren, Owen Kirchner, Luke Kirchner, and Declan Guth.

Jim was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Shelby Evans.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at Centenary United Methodist Church, 910 Fordice Road, in Lebanon, Indiana, beginning at 11:00 a.m. with visitation from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service. Interment with military rites will follow the funeral service at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lebanon. Myers Mortuary in Lebanon is handling the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donation may be made to the Centenary United Methodist Church or your favorite charity.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

935 East Washington Street
Lebanon, IN 46052

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Centenary United Methodist Church
910 Fordice Road
Lebanon, IN 46052

Service

MAR 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jim Evans*

November 27, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ *As I sit here, I am stumped for words to express my deepest sympathies for your entire family. May God keep you in His hands and give you comfort during this difficult time. Your family are in my thoughts and prayers always.*

There are just too many fond memories to list but just know that I have never forgotten them.

God bless you all and please give your mother a huge hug from me. I do recall my daughter, Margo working at the nursing home they were at and it was a short time but every time she was there, your mother always thought she was me and your father would always ask about us. He was such a true gentleman and your mother is a beautiful woman inside and out. I certainly miss those days when we would get together at your home as young kids.

God bless you all.

Love, Monica (Alexander) Brose

Monica Brose - March 14, 2015 at 10:42 PM

CL

“ I have known Jim and Rosemary for as long as I can remember. My childhood memories are of Mr. Evan's bringing candy for us to sell at my mom's produce stand. He always had a sample for us. Sometimes it was red hot's, gum drops, orange slices or maybe peanuts and red hot's. It's very rare that you meet such sweet, genuine loving people as Mr. & Mrs. Evans. I was always happy to see him in the mornings when he would stop by the stand. One time when I was about 12 or 13 years old I decided I didn't want to wait on my mom to get back from the field so I thought I would walk home which was on the other side of town. I was walking down Elm Swamp Rd and seen Mr. Evan's working in the yard. I thought I'd stop to say "hello". He asked what I was doing and I told him I was walking home. He told me I shouldn't be walking down that road by myself and that He would tell Rosemary he was taking me home. I will never forget that. Boone County has lost another Friendly face. I'm so glad I have had the privilege of know such a kind man as Jim Evans.

*Carrie Hawkins Laffoon
(Orosco's/Becky's Market)*

Carrie Laffoon - March 12, 2015 at 11:43 AM

LH

“ I have fond memories of Jim Evans. I always enjoyed his smile, his sunny nature and, of course, the southern accent he never lost. My younger brother and sister were born in Orangeburg, S.C. and I was told that Jim accompanied and watched out for my mother and me (as a baby) on the train from Lebanon to Orangeburg where my father was working. Jim was a kind man who visited our father numerous times when he was living at Crown Pointe in Lebanon. I know that he will be sorely missed by many people. My sincere condolences to his beautiful wife, Rosemary, and to all his family.

Laurinda (Young) HUndley

Laurinda Hundley - March 11, 2015 at 03:53 PM

CC

“ Mr. Evans, the Peanut King will be greatly missed. In my younger days, I remember him always offering me a handful of cashews from the trunk of his car when I would stop by and visit Carlton. I always thought to myself back then what a great job he had. He was so respected by everyone he met and served in Lebanon and Boone County and beyond. Our deepest sympathies to the family. God bless Jim and his family.

Chuck and Kathleen Cunningham

Charles Cunningham - March 11, 2015 at 07:14 AM

CK

“ Love to see Jim come in at the hospital with his nuts and real good candy. He never met a stranger and know everyones name. He will be miss. A very wonderful man!

Connie King

Connie King - March 10, 2015 at 09:39 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jim Evans.*



March 10, 2015 at 08:46 PM



“ *Through the years I would run into Jimmy, he would always have a smile for me. He and Rosemary were good friends to my parents, Bill and Bernice Sloan. As a kid I would ask my father for a penny to get peanuts from Jimmy's machine in Dad's business, Giddings and Sloan Plumbing and Heating. Please except our condolences in the name of the Sloan family, and my daughter Alissa Parker, at Adam's Electric. Linda Sloan Palmore*

Linda Sloan Palmore - March 10, 2015 at 04:18 PM



“ *We send our deepest sympathies to the Evans family. Jim's nursing home visits with his dog to both of our mothers were always happy moments for them. Sally and Jerry E. Tanselle.*

Sally and Jerry Tanselle - March 10, 2015 at 10:03 AM

AJ

“ This is a man I have never forgotten since I was 9 years old and in the Children's home in Lebanon. I was taken to church by the Home at the Centenary Methodist Church every Sunday I was there. Rosemary (the most beautiful blonde woman I had ever seen and Jimmy Evans (a handsomest young man I had ever seen) would ask the Matron if I could sit with them during church every Sunday. I idolized them and loved them unconditionally. They sent a huge Easter Basket to the home one year for me and I had never had anything so glorious in my life. I shared it with my brother and others who were there too. I dreamed of being adopted by them, but alas, it was not to be. I was taken from the HOME into foster care and when I was 11 given a home and adopted by people in Coatesville, IN. I lost track of Rosemary and Jimmy, but looked for their phone number in Lebanon for a long time trying to tell them what had happened to me. I attended Butler University on a scholarship of music and ballet. I got married to Gene P. Johnson and had three wonderful children and now have two Grandchildren too. My name was Eunice Loreen Bowman when I was in the HOME, but changed when I was adopted to Lois Ann Davidson. I have been known as Annie Johnson for many years now and am a writer with a novel up on Amazon.com called Little Brown Bird. I am working on a new book now. I want to know Rosemary's phone number so I can contact her with my sympathy for her great loss. I am now 76 years old and I was nine when I knew her and Jimmy at church in Lebanon. My love and admiration for them has never faded or shall it ever fade. I still love them like it was yesterday. I can be contacted at Annie Johnson, 1235 Bluff Road, Plainfield, IN, or 317-694-2700. I would like to hear Rosemary's voice again before I lose her too. I love you Rosemary Evans and your face is still as fresh in my mind today as it was when I sat with you and Jimmy in church. Bless you from the bottom of my heart. You and Jimmy changed my life when I needed love the most. my email is Apocalypso@comcast.net If you can have one of your children contact me with your phone number, I would be most appreciative.

Annie Johnson - formerly Eunice Loreen Bowman

Annie Johnson - March 10, 2015 at 08:27 AM

JM

“ *Judy Heath Miller lit a candle in memory of
Jim Evans*



Judy Heath Miller - March 09, 2015 at 02:02 PM