



Richard W. Evans

July 27, 1923 - October 27, 2015

Dateline: Alton

Richard W. Evans passed away peacefully Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at his home, holding his wife's hand. He is survived by his wife, Rosemary, of 67 years, his two daughters, Barbie Steps and Janie Lockhart (Steve), and his son, Joe Evans (Sara), and four granddaughters Kelly, Nikki, Michelle, and Laura.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, October 31, at 10:30 am at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Godfrey, Illinois with full military honors by the VFW Post 1308. Reverend Jerry McCaskey will officiate. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Richard Evans to the "Community Supported Gardens at LaVista Farms" at 4350 Levis Lane Godfrey, Illinois 62035. Richard and Rosemary spent many afternoons volunteering at LaVista Farms; she pulled the weeds while he supervised. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Service

OCT **31**. 10:30 AM.

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Evangelical United Church of Christ
1212 Homer Adams Parkway
Godfrey, IL 62035

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard W. Evans*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Richard W. Evans*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *I never met Mr. Evans but I live in his Decatur home. I am totally amazed with the amount of work that Mr. Evans put into the irrigation system and every spring we discover new plants blooming in different places. Wish I could have seen the grounds back in his years here.*

Lewis Allison - December 28, 2016 at 12:32 PM



“ *Rosemary and family, we have missed y'all since you moved from Decatur. We know you'll miss Richard. Y'all were fantastic neighbors to a young couple when we moved to Decatur a long time ago. We love you. Davis and Lynn*

Davis and Lynn Woodruff - November 01, 2015 at 04:09 PM



“ *Worked with him many years at Amoco in Decatur. Great guy and committed employee. Taught this young engineer (at the time) a lot.*

Waylon Free - November 01, 2015 at 08:29 AM

PM

“ *What wonderful awesome memories we have of Richard. We shared probably 30 years of our lives with Richard and Rosemary and always felt like we were family. Their home was truly a home with so much joyous spiritual energy. Richards WW2 experiences were the stuff of heroes which he always downplayed. 30 missions in a B-17 and a distinguished flying cross speak to his courage during that time period and how he lived his life with honor, courage and truth. We missed Richard and Rosemary when they moved from Decatur, Al. But our memories together will always remain in our hearts. Much love, Tessie and Paul Marques*

Paul Marques - October 31, 2015 at 09:25 PM

DB

“ *One of the loveliest men I have ever had the privilege to meet.....a day spent in his company at the mums and toddlers group! in Fawley,England,was a day I shall always remember fondly. Sending Rosemary and all the Evans' family,my deepest heartfelt sympathy and love.
Diane.x*

Diane Binge - October 31, 2015 at 04:55 PM

HT

“ *What a wonderful life to honor and celebrate. Prayers for Rosemary and the family.*

Hilda Tait - October 31, 2015 at 08:34 AM

RB

*Il never met Richard, but he served on the same B17 crew in WWII with my uncle Harry Lease. I have studied many of their missions and he was a very brave man.
Ron Bordens.*

Ronald Bordens - November 01, 2015 at 08:56 AM

RS

So sorry to hear of Dick's passing. We were fortunate enough to be Dick and Rosemary's next door neighbors in Decatur when we were transferred with Amoco. We could never have asked for better neighbors and friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with Rosemary and family. They don't make them like Dick anymore.

Rick & Sharon Smith

Richard & Sharon Smith - November 02, 2015 at 09:21 AM

WC

Dick was a little man with a great big heart. He and Rosemary were so gracious and giving to us while they lived in Decatur, AL. When our kids were young (11 & 8), Richard and Rosemary babysat them for a 4 day weekend.

One of Richard's favorite meals was a Penn's hamburger (made with a mixture of stale bread and hamburger meat deep fat fried in grease). Richard was the wisest husband I ever knew. His response to anything Rosemary said to him was 'yes, dear'. Whenever I asked him what he was going to do that afternoon, his answer was always I don't know, Rosemary hasn't told me yet.'

Richard will always have a special place in our hearts.

Walt and Julia Chenault

Walt Chenault - November 02, 2015 at 10:40 PM