



Jack Evans

August 20, 1947 - December 16, 2022

Proceeded in death by his parents and a sister he loved dearly, Gail Crowder.

Survived by wife, Dianne, son, Joshua, along with a very loving extended family.

Bro. Jack was born in Hamilton, OH to Wanda and Hardy Glenn Evans on August 20, 1947 and was raised in Gallatin, TN. He graduated from Gallatin High School and attended Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville where he was drafted by the US Army. He served two years active duty including a year on the ground in Vietnam in 1969. He returned to Tennessee Tech to finish his degree in Business Administration where he met his loving wife and unwavering partner of 49 years, Dianne Taylor. Jack was a true entrepreneur having studied in engineering and business while working in insurance, surveying, and real estate. Jack began to seek a relationship with Christ for the first time seriously while deployed - he would always say those are the type of questions you want to have answered when people are shooting at you. Over the next few years several faith leaders poured into Jack's life, and it was not long before he felt the call to ministry. He attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary where he received his Master of Divinity. It was also while at seminary he met Fred Baldwin (and wife Jan) who would continue to be among his best friends for more than 45 years.

After seminary, Bro. Jack was called to Pastor his first church, Siloam Baptist Church, in Meadville, Mississippi. He served there for 10 years and loved the people of Siloam as they loved on him and supported a young pastor beginning a family.

Jack and Dianne welcomed their only son, Joshua Glenn Evans, in 1983.

In 1991, wanting to be closer to family, the Evans family was called to serve at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Greenbrier where Bro. Jack served as Pastor. He also fell in love with the people of Ebenezer and the community of Greenbrier and would retire from Ebenezer and active ministry in 2016 after 25 years. He never really slowed down in serving others and was later named Pastor Emeritus by the church.

In 2000, Bro. Jack was asked to serve as the Chaplain for the Greenbrier Fire Department to assist with families in need on emergency calls and provide support for the members of the department. It was not long before he saw how great the need was for volunteers and asked about also serving as a volunteer firefighter. He completed his Firefighter 1 and emergency medical responder certifications to be a first responder. As he continued to volunteer alongside his son, Joshua, he was promoted to Captain and continued in the Chaplain role for 20 years.

Bro. Jack had a heart for service and a passion for people that is unmatched. He loved deeply and proudly served his Creator, family, Country, community, and church throughout his life. He loved pouring into the people of Ebenezer, whether youth or senior, and was grateful the extent those around him loved him back. He also loved the countless ministry leaders who poured into his life and that he served alongside as friends. Many of whom he shared a regular breakfast with at Larry's, Cracker Barrel, or the Pharmacy. He treasured his time with his family and would go to great lengths to support their efforts -

though he often did the same for those he did not know. After retirement he loved traveling and cruising with Dianne and Joshua, but was always ready to get home to his beloved cat, Garfield.

Bro. Jack's greatest goal in life was to bring people to know the Lord, because he understood how much Christ had transformed his life. He taught us the value of loving and serving others on a daily basis. These are the things he would want us to carry on in this time - sharing the Good news, loving unconditionally, serving always.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the Building Fund at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

6028 Ebenezer Road, Greenbrier, TN 37073.

Pallbearers:

Buddy Petty

Joe Schussler

Todd Wainman

Scott Armes

John Twist

Jeff Delong

David Gleaves

Honorary Pallbearers:

The Deacons & Trustees of Ebenezer Baptist Church

Members of the Greenbrier Fire Department

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Greenbrier is in charge of these arrangements.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME-

2619 HIGHWAY 41 S., GREENBRIER, TN 37073 (615) 643-4000

Cemetery

Ebenezer Cemetery

Greenbrier TN 37073

US

Visitation

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Ebenezer Baptist Church

6028 Ebenezer Rd

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(615) 643-0637

Funeral Service

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2:00 PM -

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Tribute Wall

TT

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Jack Evans*

Terry L tanner - December 26, 2022 at 11:01 AM

CF

“ *My parents, Jake and Faye Floyd, loved Bro. Jack. He was such a blessing to them while they were in Greenbrier, and even kept in touch and checked in on them when they moved into Nashville. I'm sure they were in the welcoming line when he crossed the threshold into eternity. We are grateful for the blessing that Bro. Jack was to so many and praise God for his unwavering commitment to share the love of Jesus. Praying for comfort for you all. heart -Cynthia Floyd*

Cynthia Floyd - December 20, 2022 at 10:56 PM

AH

“ *225 files added to the album LifeTributes*

Austin & Bell Funeral Home - December 20, 2022 at 05:09 PM

TB

“ *The TAA Staff and TAA Foundation Board purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Bro. Jack Evans.*

The TAA Staff and TAA Foundation Board - December 20, 2022 at 11:02 AM

AB

“ Gallatin High School Class of '66 has lost one of its own. Jackie, as we called him then, was a friend to all. He was so compassionate and caring. Enjoyed seeing his pictures of his recent travels. So thankful he was able to travel with his family. Absent from the body, present with the LORD. Praying for comfort and peace for Jackie's family. Ann Gregory Baumgartner Collierville, TN

Ann Baumgartner - December 18, 2022 at 10:36 PM

GU

“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Bro. Jack Evans.

Guest - December 18, 2022 at 03:36 PM

AH

“ Jack Evans

Austin and Bell Funeral Home - August 14, 2022 at 10:31 AM

LW

“ Sorry to learn of the loss of your loved one. Bro. Jack And Diane served at Siloam Baptist in Meadville, MS and were a part of my life during college career days as well as when I got married at my home church. He was a wonderful pastor who genuinely cared about his flock. My parents were some of his biggest admirers. They even traveled to see him in TN several times after his move to Greenbier. He was an example of how God wants His shepherds to be. We will continue to pray for the family during the days ahead. Our love and sympathies are with you each one. Linda Peterson

Linda Weeks - January 04, 2022 at 08:57 PM