



Johnny Evans

March 23, 1939 - January 28, 2013

Johnny Leonard Evans, age 73, passed away on January 28th 2013. He was born on March 23rd 1939 to the late Harrell and Violet Dawson Evans. He graduated Thomas More College in Kentucky then received his Masters Degree, Xavier University. John coached and taught at Lockland High School in Lockland Ohio. In 1965 he joined the FBI where he served for 24 years until he retired. After retiring he stayed busy by becoming City Manager of Pittman Center, Dean of Walter State Criminal Justice Department and Head of Sevier County Drug Task Force. John also was the author of two books and a member of the Law Enforcement Hall of Fame.

He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years Alberta Abney Evans; son, Matt (Krissy) Evans of Gatlinburg, TN; daughter, Jill (Eric) Fudge of Springfield, TN; grandchildren Haley and Dillon; and sister, Lois Acus of Sharonville, OH.

There will be a Graveside Service on Thursday January 31, 2013 at 12 o'clock CST at the Oakland Church Cemetery.

A celebration of life will follow at Oakland Farms Club House, 3733 Legacy Drive Springfield, Tennessee 37172. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the First Baptist Church of Joelton, 7106 Whites Creek Pike Joelton, Tennessee 37080 or to the Gatlinburg Pittman Football Program, 150 Proffit Road Gatlinburg, Tennessee 37738, or donations can be sent care of Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield, TN.

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

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME- 509 WALNUT STREET, SPRINGFIELD,

TN (615) 384-1000

Tribute Wall

BL

“ It is with sadness to hear of Johnny's passing. We had the privilege of working for Johnny in Omaha. He was one of the most caring and honest persons I had the pleasure to have known. He always had a kind word and took the time to share his wisdom and encouragement. My wife and I think of him often and he will always be in our hearts. Bob and Laura

BOB & LAURA LAUGHLIN - September 11, 2013 at 02:23 PM

DD

“ Will be missed. Thanks for the friendship over the years. David Davenport TBI Retired.

david davenport - February 05, 2013 at 11:24 AM

DL

“ To Bert - I was so shocked and saddened to see John's obituary in the Mountain Press today. John was such a good boss and friend to me and I have missed him more often than I can say. I think of the many stories he would tell me and him calling me "kid". Joseph and I are disappointed that we cannot be with you to express our sadness and to share stories and a few laughs, remembering John together. I hope that we will see you some time in the future and know that whenever you are in the area that we would love to see you. Best - Deb Logsdon

Deb Logsdon - January 31, 2013 at 08:50 PM

NL

“ Coach,
I'm praying for you and your family in your time of hurting. Your Dad was one of the sweetest, humblest, and nicest guys I have ever met. I loved getting to talk with him on the bus on the way to many football games. If you need anything, please let me know. I pray that you and your family will find the strength, comfort, and peace you need through Christ.
Love ya Coach, Neva

Neva Lamon - January 31, 2013 at 03:23 PM

JS

“ *John will be greatly missed by all of us in the Fourth Judicial District. He was a long time friend and a dedicated law enforcement officer. The Evans family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

Jimmy Dunn and Staff - January 31, 2013 at 01:51 PM

JA

“ *So sorry to hear about John's passing. I loved John dearly. He was the one person that made me go back to school and finish my degree. I hadn't heard from him in a while and I now know why. My heart is heavy today! John I still owe you a dance!*

Jennifer Arms - January 31, 2013 at 01:30 PM

TB

“ *John was truly a great man and will be missed by so many. So sorry to the family for your loss; however know that you have one more angel protecting you always.*

Tami Bailey - January 31, 2013 at 11:50 AM

TF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. *Tim Davis, Michelle Brown, Adam Arrington, Tom McCauley, Rick Harmon (Third Judicial District Drug Task Force).*

Third Judicial District Drug Task Force - January 31, 2013 at 11:16 AM

WM

“ *Expressing our deepest sympathies. Wade B. McCamey, President and on behalf of all the students, faculty and staff at Walters State Community College.*

Wade B. McCamey - January 31, 2013 at 10:27 AM

GC

“ *Our prayers are with Bert, Matt, Kris, Jill, Eric and the kids. I'm so glad that I got to know John and we are very sorry for your loss. I will always remember sitting with John at the GP games and even taking him to a few. We always talked about politics, law and of course football. Just reading all of the condolences on this site shows how truly a remarkable man John has truly been. I will miss him.*

Greg, Jennifer, Jarrett & Rylee Campbell

Greg Campbell - January 30, 2013 at 09:57 PM

KB

“ *Johnny Evans*

Kevin Bush - January 30, 2013 at 05:24 PM

TW

“ Sorry very sorry to read about John. Through our mutual interest in baseball card collecting we became good friends. I will greatly miss his wonderful smile and his always upbeat personality. Will be missed by all.

Tom Williams

Tom Williams - January 30, 2013 at 03:22 PM

BF

“ Sorry for your loss. We enjoyed getting to know John at First Baptist Church Joelton. Thanks for his service to our USA. May God continue to comfort you during this difficult time. Regards, Bob, Betty, Alexis, Ashland Fletcher

Bob Fletcher - January 30, 2013 at 03:07 PM

TM

“ John was a great man, supervisor, and mentor. I will truly miss him, but I will never forget him. He will have a front seat in heaven. Please feel free to contact me if you ever need anything. Tommie.

Tommie Morelock - January 30, 2013 at 01:58 PM

DM

“ Matt and family, Terry and I are truly saddened to hear of John's passing. He was a kind and generous man who was always supportive of my family. When Phillip was little, John used to slip me a few bucks every Christmas and tell me to anonymously buy him a gift. He always made a point to seek Adam out after a G-P game and shake his hand and offer him words of encouragement. Years after Adam graduated and we talk about G-P football, he would always ask if I had seen your dad. Even though James played for Cosby instead of G-P, John would always ask about him too. He was a good man who truly touched our lives.

Dave and Terry Mullins - January 30, 2013 at 01:58 PM

DS

“ It is always hard to lose a classmate, especially one that you spent so many great times on the sports fields with. Even though we only saw each other at LHS class reunions, we enjoyed reminiscing about our school days.

Carol & I are so sorry for your loss.

Don & Carol Sanders

Don Sanders - January 30, 2013 at 11:52 AM

SW

“ I came to know John after I came to the Sevier County Sheriffs Office in 1997. He was a great FBI Agent and a well respected law enforcement officer. He did a great job at Walters State and helped many Law Enforcers get a good education there, many of which are now in charge of their departments. He was in life a contributor to the good of all and he will long be remembered for his many contribution to law enforcement. In sevier County and the 4th Judicial District he was in charge of the Drug Task Force and it operated exceptionally well and did a lot of great work in keeping drugs off the street. Gods Speed to you John and may God comfort your family in this time of sorrow. Take heart in the fact that we shall all meet again at an appointed day in the future in Gods heaven. Steve O Watson TBI Deputy Director (Retired 1987)

Steve O. Watson - January 30, 2013 at 11:14 AM

GV

“ John was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed. Praying for strength, comfort, and peace for his wonderful family.

George & Anita Valentine - January 30, 2013 at 10:21 AM

ME

“ I am so sorry for your loss! Mr. Evans was my professor, counselor and friend years ago when I was right out of high school pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice. Some professors you never forget because of their greatness and he is one of them.

Mendi Elrod - January 30, 2013 at 12:45 AM

JS

“ Dear Evans Family, I am so sorry for your loss, but I know that it is Heaven's gain. I know that John was very proud of his family as he spoke of you all often. I am honored to have served with John at the Drug Task Force and I am blessed to be able to say he was my friend. I will cherish his memory and always appreciate the quality of man and law enforcement officer that he was. May God bless you all and give you strength during this time and always. You are all in my prayers.

J. Maurice Shults - January 29, 2013 at 08:17 PM

TF

“ Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with your family and with Johnny's heavenly passage. He was such a nice and caring man that made a loving place in everyone's heart. He made his mark in this world and will in the next one too. Lovingly, Tom, Pat Koller and Family Lynne, Dave & Kitty Hamilton

The Koller and Hamilton Families - January 29, 2013 at 07:02 PM

JT

“ Matt, Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. We were so very sorry to hear about the passing of your father. The Tates

Joyce & Wayne Tate - January 29, 2013 at 06:49 PM