



William Ray Evans

September 15, 1951 - April 18, 2015

William Ray "Billy" Evans, a beloved family man, and a millwright at the General Motors Assembly Plant in Bowling Green, Kentucky, since its inception in 1981, went to be with the Lord on April 18, after an extended illness. He was 63.

Billy, a White House resident, was an avid outdoorsman involved in hunting, fishing, boating, and the handcrafting of custom knives. He was a lifelong member of the National Rifle Association. His sports interests included NASCAR (Dale Earnhardt, Sr. was his favorite driver), and University of Tennessee and Tennessee Titans football. He was an enthusiastic reader of histories and biographies, and his fascination with the U.S. Civil War sent him to battlefields across the nation. A devout Christian, Billy studied the bible and was a member of Long Hollow Baptist Church, where he and his two grandchildren were baptized together in 2012.

Billy and his wife Connie traveled on big family trips to New York City, Boston, Maine, San Francisco, Settle, Montana, Los Angeles, Florida, and beyond. Billy loved spending time with family, which included watching his grandson play football and his granddaughter cheerlead, both at Goodpasture Christian School. He was widely admired for his humor. His comedic "Billy-ism" filled rooms with laughter.

Born September 15, 1951, in Paris, Tennessee, Billy was the son of Helen and Hiram Evans. His father preceded him in death; his mother resides in Paris. After completing his apprenticeship with the Millwright Local 1544 of Nashville, Billy joined the maintenance team at the Corvette Assembly Plant in Bowling Green, where he worked for 33 years as a member of the United Auto Workers

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Survivors include his wife of nearly 44 years, Connie Champion Evans, daughter, April (David) DeBoer and grandchildren Jacob and Harper Middleton; son, Adams Evans; brother, Scott (Rita) Evans of Paris, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at Austin and Bell Funeral Home in White House on Monday, April 20, from 4 to 8:00 pm and on Tuesday at 10:00 am , followed by the funeral service at 11:00 am and interment at the White House Memorial Gardens.

Online condolences may be submitted at www.austinandbell.com/obituaries

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 20. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home White House
533 TN-76
White House, TN 37188
(615) 672-5000
<https://austinandbell.com>

Visitation

APR 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

APR 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Ray Evans.*



April 20, 2015 at 05:27 PM



“ *I enjoyed working with Billy for the last 7 years at BGA. I respected his abilities as a Millwright and his excellence with welding. Jack Tinder, maintenance supervisor-retired*

Jack Tinder - April 20, 2015 at 04:42 PM



“ *My childhood would never have been the same without Uncle Billy a part of it. I have so many great memories of summers spent in Tennessee. Uncle Billy built an amazing fort up on hill. You could see so far when you were inside it, only adding to the dreams we thought of as kids. I remember going out in his boat and looking for Dolly Parton's house. What a great family memory. I remember all his funny sayings, I could never figure out how he thought of all that great stuff. But mostly I remember how he loved his family and children. He would do anything for them. We are all going to miss him greatly.*

Sending our love to the entire Evans Family. Love, The Johns Family (Amy, Travis, Tyler and Cullen)

Amy Johns - April 20, 2015 at 04:33 PM

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“ Chris Kaczynski purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of William Ray Evans.



Chris Kaczynski - April 20, 2015 at 03:59 PM

JA

“ Wish I could have been there to Honor the Life of Uncle Billy. I have so many fond memories of our visits to your home. Uncle Billy was the first person to teach me to shoot a gun, we had amazing fishing trips together, riding the three wheelers around the trails behind your house and hunting for Arrowheads. He brought an element into my world that might otherwise have never been there. I remember him making me "kid coffee" which I now make for my kids and I hope that I can pass on some of his knowledge of the outdoors to my kids someday as well. I know he loved his family very much and I am honored to be a part of it. All of my Love and prayers are with you on this occasion especially Aunt Connie, Adam and April and her kids. I have been telling stories to my kids who have met Uncle Billy but when they were too young to remember. Remembering the good times I had with him and the rest of the family has warmed my heart and made for some good bed time stories.
Condolences, Jason and Gretchen and family

Jason - April 20, 2015 at 03:58 PM



“ William Ray Evens or Uncle Billy, as he was known to me, was a man I loved and respected. To say he had character would be an understatement, he was passionate about his beliefs, his family, his sports, he was funny and a good story teller. He always had good advice like the time we were on a family beach vacation in Florida and he told me to be careful "every step into the ocean is a step down the food chain" Uncle Billy and I conected in our mutual love for football and I even took an interest and became a fan of NASCAR after watching the Daytona 500 with him many years ago, even in my adulthood and living on the west coast we would call each other from time to time just to discuss NASCAR. On family vacations growing up we visited several civil war battle fields another interest we shared, "of course being from the North myself we may have had different opinions about the outcome" this never got in the way of a good time and infact made for some humorous back and forth banter. Uncle Billy worked hard that was obvious from a young age to me and I never herd him complain about it, he did what he had to do as a man and I respect the hell out of him for it. If I can be half the man he was in that since I'd be doing something right. I'm Both sad and angry that he's gone, he deserved to retire and go fishing and hunting every day, to travel with Aunt Connie and my parents, to watch his grandkids grow up. life's not fair they say and that's never been more true but I know he wouldn't want us to dwell on that, it wasn't his style. I loved my Uncle Billy and I will miss him greatly. I love my Aunt Connie, and my cousins April and Adam and my heart go's out to you. Love Alex Miller

Alex Miller - April 20, 2015 at 03:34 PM

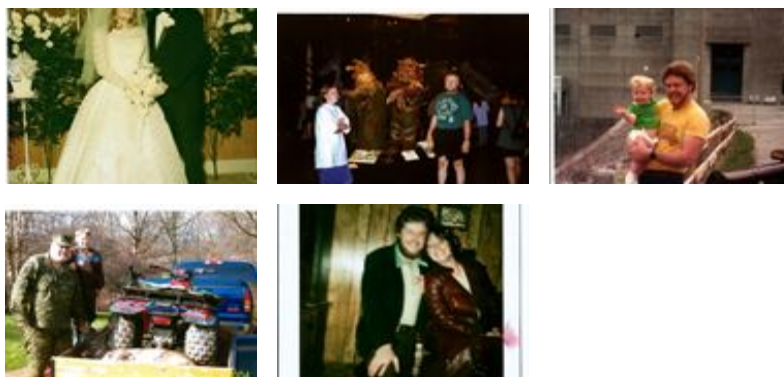
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“ Billy didn't like me when I first transferred down to Bowling Green. He thought I was just another "damn yankee." When he and I finally sat down and talked, he realized I was a lot like him. I might have been born in the north, but I'm a Southern boy at heart and that's what he and I bonded on. Billy was the only one at work that I enjoyed talking to about politics, and when it came to firearms and freedom, we could talk forever. Billy was one of my favorites at work and I'll miss him. Bubba Ray, I'm proud that you were my friend!

Chris Kaczynski - April 20, 2015 at 02:52 PM



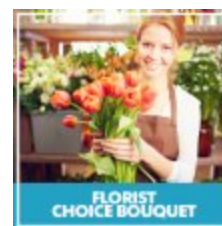
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Austin & Bell Funeral Home - April 20, 2015 at 02:24 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Ray Evans.



April 20, 2015 at 01:45 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William Ray Evans.*



April 20, 2015 at 12:12 PM



“ *Garrett and Colette Sullivan purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of William Ray Evans.*



Garrett and Colette Sullivan - April 20, 2015 at 12:06 PM



“ *Rhonda S. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of William Ray Evans.*



Rhonda S. - April 20, 2015 at 11:29 AM



“ *Connie - my thoughts and prayers are with you my friend.*



Yolanda Hollingsworth - April 20, 2015 at 10:04 AM

 Mark
Kahler

“ *Billy was a great man to work with and someone I respected for his views on life, and his love for his Country. We will miss him at Corvette Assy.*
Mark Kahler

Mark Kahler - April 20, 2015 at 06:22 AM

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“ *Billy will be remembered by our families at Mass Hewitt always be remembered for his love in with our thoughts and prayers are with you*

cathy thieneman - April 19, 2015 at 10:25 PM

LM

“ *Connie, April and Adam,*

Our hearts will always be a little broken from the loss of Billy. We have loved this man for 44 years and will always cherish the memories of all of our family gatherings and vacations together. We can only imagine the celebration going on in Heaven as he was welcomed. Our loss is truly their gain. Love and prayers for you now and in the coming days and months.

Love Always,

Linda and Joseph Miller



Linda Miller - April 19, 2015 at 10:03 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of William Ray Evans.* ”



April 19, 2015 at 02:22 PM