



## James "Jim" E. Evans

November 25, 1949 - February 24, 2025

To join the livestream of Mr. Evans' funeral service, please select the link below. The livestream will begin at 12:55 P.M. Saturday, March 1, 2025. The service video will be archived for 90 days following the funeral service for later viewing.

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James "Jim" E. Evans, age 75 years, a resident of Vienna, passed away Monday, February 24, 2025 at 11:00 P.M. at his residence.

Jim was born November 25, 1949 at the family home in Vienna. He was the son of Wayne O. and Mayme Edna (Brown) Evans.

On August 22, 1971, Jim was united in marriage to Ann Carol (Hortin) at the Mt. Zion Methodist Church in Albion, Illinois. Together, they celebrated 53 years of marriage.

In addition to his wife, Jim is survived by: his children – Michael Clay (Kelly) Evans of Eureka, Missouri, Michelle Dawn (Kelly) Hunsaker and Barrett James Evans all of Vienna; 9 grandchildren – Daisha, Arianna, Joseph, Alexandria, Aidan, Maleia (Dylan), Maia, Kelsey (Tony) and Kamryn; a brother – Robert Gale (Patti) Evans of Mt. Vernon; a niece – Tiffany (Jeremy) Meyers;

as well as a host of friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents.

Jim was a VHS graduate of 1967. He earned his master's degree in history and physics from Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

Jim began his teaching career at St. Joseph Ogden School in 1971 at only 22 years of age. He then taught at Vienna High School from 1972 until his retirement in 2004. During his 32 years at VHS, Jim taught history and physics, coached sports, sponsored the VHS Academic Scholar Bowl Team and the Illianna, the VHS school yearbook. Jim also taught history at Shawnee Community College throughout the 1980s.

Jim was a well-known and beloved member of the Johnson County community. He was first elected to the Vienna City Council in 1979. Jim served as an Alderman for over 30 years. Jim was also a Boy Scout leader and could be found visiting with his friends at the "Liars Club" table at the coffee shop most mornings. He was a proud member of the Bass Busters which later became the Johnson County Bass Club.

He was a sports fanatic and loved watching the St. Louis Cardinals play and those close to him considered him to be the "#1 Cardinals Fan."

A funeral service honoring the life of Jim Evans will be conducted Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 1 P.M. at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Brother Jim Faughn will officiate.

Burial will be at Vienna Fraternal Cemetery.

A time of visitation will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2025 from 11 A.M. until

the time of the service at 1 P.M. at Bailey Funeral Home. The family invites those who wish to honor Jim's love of sports to wear St. Louis Cardinals attire to the visitation and funeral service.

Contributions in memory of Jim may be made to the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois, 3515 N Belt W, Belleville, IL 62226, Make-A-Wish Foundation (Illinois Chapter), 200 W Monroe St Suite 1801, Chicago, IL 60606, or to the Bobby Jones Chiari and Syringomyelia Foundation, 29 Crest Loop, Staten Island, NY 10312.

# Cemetery Details

## Vienna Fraternal Cemetery

N. 6th Street  
Vienna, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 1. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home  
705 North First Street  
PO Box 695  
Vienna, IL 62995  
(618) 658-2311  
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com  
<https://baileyfh.com>

## Service

MAR 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

KB

“ Kimberly Beasley sent a virtual gift in memory of James "Jim" E. Evans



Kimberly Beasley - March 05, 2025 at 10:24 PM

JS

“ John Slack lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" E. Evans



John Slack - March 04, 2025 at 07:48 PM

SM

“ We're so sorry,Michelle. May God grant all of you great strength and comfort in the days ahead.



Silas & Rebecca Mercer - March 04, 2025 at 08:38 AM

JH

“ Jed Hand lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" E. Evans



Jed hand - March 03, 2025 at 10:09 AM

JH

“ *Jerry Hawkins lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" E. Evans*



**Jerry Hawkins** - March 02, 2025 at 07:53 PM

JH

*Relatable is a word that comes to mind when I think of Mr. Evans. In addition to being an educator, Mr. Evans was genuinely interested in counseling me (and all his students) in ways that helped in finding a pathway for success and happiness during and after high school.*

**Jerry Hawkins** - March 02, 2025 at 08:06 PM

CF

“ *We are so sorry to hear the passing of Jim. Ann and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.*



**c Joan Faulkner** - February 28, 2025 at 04:29 PM

MS

“ *Margie Smith lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" E. Evans*



**Margie Smith** - February 28, 2025 at 02:02 PM

DH

“ Daniel and Barbara Hirsch purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James "Jim" E. Evans.



Daniel and Barbara Hirsch - February 28, 2025 at 10:32 AM

MM

“ Margaret Mathis lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" E. Evans



Margaret Mathis - February 27, 2025 at 10:07 PM

MH

“ Martha Henshaw-Crane lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" E. Evans



Martha Henshaw-Crane - February 26, 2025 at 11:14 PM

CM

“ Ca. Browns Steve and Patti, and Mike purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of James "Jim" E. Evans.



Ca. Browns Steve and Patti, and Mike - February 26, 2025 at 07:30 PM

SB

“ Ann - Patti and I and brother Mike are so saddened to hear of Jim's passing. As the cousins who make up the California extension of the family, we wish we could be there to give you a hug. Mike and I have so many fond memories of visiting Jimmy and Gale when driving back for the summer from LA as kids. We always had a blast visiting Vienna and, of course, rooting for the Cards on TV while there. It's hard to think Jimmy is gone, but we know where he is, and is not forgotten. Steve (Patti) and Mike Brown

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**Steve and Mike Brown** - February 26, 2025 at 07:15 PM

SH

*I am very sorry for your loss. Praying for comfort for you and your family. God Bless You,  
Steve Van Hook*

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**Steve Van Hook** - February 27, 2025 at 08:50 PM

BB

“ *Billy&Nancy Belford lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" E. Evans*



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**Billy&Nancy Belford** - February 26, 2025 at 03:46 PM

BR

“ *Ann and family, I am so sorry for your loss. When I count my blessings, I count my lifelong friendship with Jim as one of them.*

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**Bobby Rentfro** - February 26, 2025 at 12:54 PM

BR

“ Bobby Rentrfo lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" E. Evans



Bobby Rentrfo - February 26, 2025 at 12:22 PM

TR

“ Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" E. Evans



Teresa Richerson - February 26, 2025 at 11:25 AM

EH

“ Ernie Henshaw lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" E. Evans



Ernie Henshaw - February 26, 2025 at 11:01 AM

SL

“ Prayers for Ann and family. Jim's Dad and my Dad were good friends.



Steve&Kathy(Whiteside) Lay - February 26, 2025 at 10:54 AM

NW

“ Neal & Carol Watkins lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" E. Evans



Neal & Carol Watkins - February 26, 2025 at 10:48 AM

JH

“ Justin & Tricia Hartline lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" E. Evans



Justin & Tricia Hartline - February 26, 2025 at 10:23 AM

SE

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers are with you all.

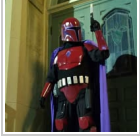
sharon emery - February 25, 2025 at 10:17 PM

AW

“ Very sad to hear of Mr. Evans passing. I enjoyed working with him on the city council for several years. My sincere condolences to his family.



Aleatha Wright - February 25, 2025 at 10:11 PM



“ *Man, I'm going to miss him. Having him as a teacher was a blast. I cherish those memories.* ”



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**Yuri Rentfro** - February 25, 2025 at 09:37 PM



“ *Nancy Riley lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" E. Evans* ”



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**Nancy Riley** - February 25, 2025 at 09:33 PM



“ *One of my favorite teachers* ”



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**Ashley Henderson** - February 25, 2025 at 09:00 PM



“ *Jeannie McCall lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" E. Evans* ”



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**Jeannie McCall** - February 25, 2025 at 08:38 PM

MW

“ *Melanie Wright lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" E. Evans*



Melanie Wright - February 25, 2025 at 08:24 PM

EH

“ *Ellen And David Hill lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" E. Evans*



Ellen and David Hill - February 25, 2025 at 07:31 PM



“ *Loved spending time with Jim. It was a pleasure to meet and know him. Prayers for Ann and family!*

Kim Valerius - February 25, 2025 at 07:28 PM

KB

“ *Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" E. Evans*



Karen Brumley - February 25, 2025 at 07:26 PM

KB

*Ann and Family. So very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Prayers for you all. May he RIP.*

Karen Brumley - February 25, 2025 at 07:27 PM

MH

“ *Mary Lou Hynes lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" E. Evans*



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**Mary Lou Hynes** - February 25, 2025 at 06:38 PM

DB

“ *Dorothy Bacon lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" E. Evans*



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**Dorothy Bacon** - February 25, 2025 at 06:09 PM

BW

“ *Bill And Barb Warmack lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" E. Evans*



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**Bill and Barb Warmack** - February 25, 2025 at 05:47 PM

PH

“ *Paul and Robyn Hunsaker purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of James "Jim" E. Evans.*



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**Paul and Robyn Hunsaker** - February 25, 2025 at 05:42 PM

AB

“ Amanda Browning lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" E. Evans



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**Amanda Browning** - February 25, 2025 at 05:29 PM

BJ

“ Barbara Jeffress lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" E. Evans



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**Barbara Jeffress** - February 25, 2025 at 05:25 PM

SM

“ This breaks my heart. Mr. Evan's was one of my favorite teachers at VHS. He was a great man and teacher. May you rest in the arms of Angels.



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**Shawn McDonald** - February 25, 2025 at 05:18 PM

SO

“ Mr. Evans was one of my favorite teachers. He made history so interesting that I still love it today. He was a compassionate man, he will truly be missed

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**Sandi Odom** - February 25, 2025 at 05:14 PM