



## John W. Evans

April 19, 1940 - August 17, 2019

John Wilbert “Johnny” Evans, age 79 years, a resident of the Belknap community, passed away Saturday morning, August 17, 2019, at 5:15 AM at Massac Memorial Hospital in Metropolis, Illinois.

Johnny was born April 19, 1940 in the Berea Community in Johnson County Illinois. He was the son of Wilbert Neil Evans and Rhoda Marie (McHenry) Evans.

On August 9, 1958, Johnny was united in marriage to Caroline Rose Avery at the Forman Methodist Church. She preceded him in death on February 8, 2008.

Survivors include: his daughters – LaDonna Kay (James) Schroeder of Metropolis and Kathy Ann (Bill) Meyers of Belknap; 4 grandchildren – Amanda Jo Schroeder of Ava, Stephanie Nicole Schroeder of Birmingham, Alabama, Tiffany Amber Meyers of Marion, and Ryan James Schroeder of Metropolis; a great grandson – Kyler Bowerman of Ava; a sister – Christina Faulkner of Metropolis; a special niece, Deborah (Rich) Elliott of Karnak and a beloved great nephew, Damon Archey, who Johnny and Caroline Rose thought of as a daughter and grandson. Additionally, Johnny leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

In addition to his parents and wife, Johnny was preceded in death by: 3 brothers – Weldon Neil “Rip” Evans, Gilbert D. “Gib” Evans and Cecil C. “Preacher” Evans as well as 3 infant brothers.

Johnny was a 1958 graduate of Vienna High School. Johnny was employed as a truck driver in his family’s transportation and logging business. He also was employed as an equipment operator by the Johnson County Highway Department. Johnny had also worked as a salesman for Moorman Feed Company. Later, he was a self-employed equipment operator and worked with Morris Mott Construction providing heavy equipment service. He last was employed as an operator at the Calvert City Coal Terminal.

Johnny was very community and civic minded. He served for over 40 years as a member of the Belknap Village Board. Johnny dedicated many hours to the village water department and assisting with community clean up. He served for many years on the Belknap Volunteer Fire Department, achieving the rank of Lieutenant, and was one of the original organizers of the annual Belknap Fireman’s Day. Johnny also served for over 13 years as a driver for the Johnson County Ambulance Service. For over 30 years, Johnny devoted countless hours to the Johnson County E.S.D.A. (Emergency Services & Disaster Agency) and served as coordinator many of those years.

Johnny was of the Methodist faith and attended the Belknap Community Church. In his youth, Johnny enjoyed hunting. He was also a longtime member of the Metropolis Men’s Bowling League.

Johnny is fondly remembered for his dedication in helping others.

A service honoring the life of Johnny Evans will be conducted Tuesday morning, August 20, 2019, at 11 AM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Brother Jeff Evans, one of Johnny’s nephews, assisted by Pastor Monte Reed

will officiate.

Burial will be in the Belknap Masonic Cemetery. Pastor David Faulkner will officiate at the committal service.

Visitation will be held Monday evening, August 19, 2019, from 5 PM – 8 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the Belknap Masonic Cemetery, c/o Janet Hester, 305 W. Main St., Belknap, Illinois 62908 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105.

# Cemetery Details

## Belknap Masonic Cemetery

Sunflower Lane  
Belknap, IL 62908

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 19.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 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

**AUG 20.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *John W. Evans*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Our deepest condolences to the friends and family of Johnny Evans. Please know that the McBride family has you in our thoughts and prayers. May the memories of Johnny bring you peace during this very difficult time. Know that you are not alone. Johnny was part of our extended family for over 61 years.*



**Ron McBride** - August 20, 2019 at 10:12 PM



“ *RIP Johnny..*



**Jed hand** - August 20, 2019 at 09:23 PM



“ *Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of John W. Evans*



**Linda Koehler** - August 20, 2019 at 07:02 PM

JO

“ Betty jo Casper and her girls remember Johnny fondly. Prayers for his family



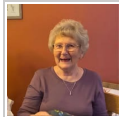
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**Jean Obourn** - August 20, 2019 at 10:53 AM



“ Norma Wiseman lit a candle in memory of John W. Evans



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**Norma Wiseman** - August 19, 2019 at 08:07 PM



Always enjoyed talking to Johnny. He could talk for hours. So so sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family. He was a goo man.

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**Norma Wiseman** - August 19, 2019 at 08:11 PM

NW

“ Neal & Carol Watkins lit a candle in memory of John W. Evans



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**Neal & Carol Watkins** - August 19, 2019 at 05:53 PM

DB

“ Dorothy Bacon lit a candle in memory of John W. Evans



Dorothy Bacon - August 19, 2019 at 10:09 AM

JS

“ John Slack lit a candle in memory of John W. Evans



John Slack - August 19, 2019 at 09:56 AM

BJ

“ Brittany Johnson lit a candle in memory of John W. Evans



Brittany Johnson - August 19, 2019 at 06:59 AM

PF

“ Pattie Flannigan-Thompson lit a candle in memory of John W. Evans



Pattie Flannigan-Thompson - August 19, 2019 at 02:02 AM

VB

“ So sorry for the loss of your father. I have many memories of going bowling with your family when I was dating your uncle. I will keep you in my prayers.

Vera Bedwell - August 18, 2019 at 06:29 PM

EB

“ Erin Botarf lit a candle in memory of John W. Evans



Erin Botarf - August 18, 2019 at 11:36 AM

BH

“ A friend growing up Bill and Teresa Hargis



bill hargis - August 18, 2019 at 10:49 AM

MD

“ Marsha And Frank Dodson lit a candle in memory of John W. Evans



Marsha and Frank Dodson - August 18, 2019 at 08:40 AM

MR

“ Mike And Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of John W. Evans



Mike and Teresa Richerson - August 18, 2019 at 08:33 AM

BR

“ Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of John W. Evans



Bobby Rentfro - August 17, 2019 at 11:21 PM

RS

“ Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney lit a candle in memory of John W. Evans



Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney - August 17, 2019 at 09:30 PM

AS

“ Angie Street lit a candle in memory of John W. Evans



Angie Street - August 17, 2019 at 05:52 PM

SW

“ Sean & Falon Whitnel lit a candle in memory of John W. Evans



Sean & Falon Whitnel - August 17, 2019 at 04:07 PM

AB

“ Anita Bullock lit a candle in memory of John W. Evans



Anita Bullock - August 17, 2019 at 03:46 PM

EB

“ Erinn Bowman lit a candle in memory of John W. Evans



Erinn Bowman - August 17, 2019 at 03:17 PM

JR

“ James And Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of John W. Evans



James and Diane Rainbolt - August 17, 2019 at 02:23 PM

MH

“ *Mary Lou Hynes lit a candle in memory of John W. Evans*



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**Mary Lou Hynes** - August 17, 2019 at 02:15 PM

SG

“ *So sorry for the whole family.*



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**Sondra Goins** - August 17, 2019 at 11:11 AM

BB

“ *Billy&Nancy Belford lit a candle in memory of John W. Evans*



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**Billy&Nancy Belford** - August 17, 2019 at 11:04 AM

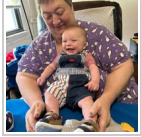
KB

“ *Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of John W. Evans*



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**Karen Brumley** - August 17, 2019 at 10:11 AM



“ So very sorry to hear this. Served Johnny his morning coffee many times at the Little House. Prayers for all of you at this sorrowful time.

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**Mary Luke** - August 17, 2019 at 10:03 AM

TP

“ I am so very sorry for your loss but take comfort in knowing he is now where we can only dream of being. I picture him as he once was, young and virile and know God's comforting arms are around him. I love you all.



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**Tina Penrod** - August 17, 2019 at 09:40 AM

TR

“ Tammy Rhymer lit a candle in memory of John W. Evans



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**Tammy Rhymer** - August 17, 2019 at 09:25 AM