



Robert W. Evans, Sr.

October 18, 1945 - August 30, 2023

Robert Wright Evans Sr. was born in Albany, New York on October 18, 1945, to the late Karolyn Johnson Evans and Louis T. Evans Sr. He departed this life to be with his heavenly father on August 30, 2023, at MCV Hospital in Richmond, VA with loving family at his side.

Robert was an extraordinary husband, father, grandfather, friend, and mentor; always using his phenomenal writing and other remarkable talents to foster open dialogue, raise awareness, and support programs throughout our communities.

For 25 years, Robert was the owner, publisher, and editor of “The Key Awareness Newspaper” in Richmond, VA. He authored two books, “Just Keep Moving Forward” and “From the Windows of My Soul”. In addition, he was a great poet, musician, and songwriter.

Raised in historic Jackson Ward’s Gilpin Court and educated in Richmond Public Schools, Robert was a prominent and beloved leader and athlete. An advocate for sportsmanship and scholarship, he was renowned for his mentoring and counseling of numerous talented young professionals and leaders from both the past and present. Robert had a strong passion for many sports, especially cross-country running throughout the city.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents; daughters Karen and Kim Evans; sons Robert Jr and David Evans; sister Shirley Turner and brother Louis Evans; and uncle St. Julian Johnson. Left to cherish his memory and continue his extraordinary legacy is his wife, Cynthia Newbille; 3 sons Rodney (Marilyn), Randall (Kimberly), and Ethan Evans; 3 sisters Karol Eddleton, Lorraine White, and Pauline Mitchell; 13 grandchildren: Erica; Courtney, Jordan, and Legna; Rodney Jr, Paris, Lauren, and Gabriel; Zalika, Xavier, Olivia, Jaden, and Kimberly Karen; 3 great-grandchildren; a host of loving and caring nieces and nephews, along with Barbaratta and Rantisha Whitaker who were like nieces; and many godchildren and other relatives and dear friends

In lieu of flowers, we kindly request the consideration of donations, in any amount to the Community Foundation, Robert W. Evans Sr. Memorial Fund to support youth writers.

Robert W. Evans Sr. Memorial Fund (fcsuite.com) link below:

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Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

Public Viewing

SEP 8. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

SEP 8. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

SEP 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Baptist Church
4247 Creighton Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall

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“ Sending my deepest sympathy and condolences to his wife and family. I was shocked and saddened to hear about the loss of someone, I called my friend. We shared many musical collaborations. He will be missed. Keeping the family in prayer.
Tyrone Lil Tommy Thomas

Tyrone Thomas - September 10, 2023 at 10:04 PM

BS

“ Sending condolences to the Evans Family in the loss of such a great person. Robert and I grew up in Gilpin Court Jackson ward. Robert and my Brother Bobby Poindexter were best childhood friends growing up. When Bobby passed Robert wrote a excellent story about him as child hood friend. The Evans family GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU. Barry Poindexter Sr.



Barry Poindexter Sr. - September 09, 2023 at 06:07 PM

JH

“ My deepest heartfelt condolences to the Evans-Samuels family. Sending my love in your time of grief. Love Joie Howell

Joie Howell - September 09, 2023 at 11:40 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert W. Evans, Sr..



September 08, 2023 at 03:53 PM

JS

“ I will always remember his kindness and his willingness to assist families in need. I cherish the moments we shared while working together to better the lives of RRHA public housing families, from fundraising to raising the profile of families and youth who served as role models. Many families he adopted as his own.

Joan Seldon - September 08, 2023 at 08:47 AM

AR

“ Sincere condolences and prayers to the family during this difficult time, May God continue to bless you and give you peace.



Amanda Robinson - September 07, 2023 at 08:58 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert W. Evans, Sr..



September 07, 2023 at 03:37 PM



HM

“As long as we keep the sweet memories of our Loved ones, they will never die, for they will forever live on in our hearts. Every time I saw Bro.Robert I called him a " One Man Army." He published the Key Awareness Newspaper, he wrote articles in the paper, he delivered the paper He would smile everyday I called him that. The world lost a kind, compassionate human being. He helped so many people. May the Creator be pleased with your soul Bro. Robert.
Bro. Hassan Muhammad

Hassan Muhammad - September 07, 2023 at 01:47 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - September 06, 2023 at 11:28 AM

GC

Safely Home
by Author Unknown

*I am home in heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright.
There is a perfect joy and beauty
in this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over,
every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
safely home in heaven at last.*

*Did you wonder I so calmly
Trode the valley of the shade?
Oh, but Jesus' love illuminated
Every dark and fearful glade.*

*And He came Himself to meet me
in the way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on
could I have one doubt or dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely,
for I love you dearly still.
Try to look beyond death's shadows;
Pray to trust our Father's will.*

*There is work still waiting for you,
so you must not idly stand.
Do it now, while life remaineth;
you shall rest in Jesus' land.*

*When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting;
Oh, the joy to see you come!*

My deepest condolences to the family, Gail Crawford

Gail Crawford - September 06, 2023 at 03:38 PM

LM

*Sending condolence to the family keeping you on my prayers.
Remembering Someone Special
Your Loved one left a legacy of special things, like these, Acts id
kindness friendship, and happy memories. Your loved one touch many
lives, and may it comfort you to know that special memories live on with
others, too. With Deepest Sympathy
Lolita s Moses and family love to you*

lolita S mooses - September 07, 2023 at 11:24 AM

PE

*Condolences sorry for your loss Robert had a beautiful smile good guy
truly be missed*

peg lady.55@gmail.com - September 09, 2023 at 08:30 AM