



## William Eugene Evans

William Eugene Evans, 87, a long time resident of Ceredo, WV, passed away in his sleep after a long battle with Alzheimer's on June 22, 2016. Bill was able to do almost anything he could imagine to do with his hands. From a very young age, he worked hard and long hours. He boxed and was a manager at Camden Park's roller rink, where he also was a life guard when they had a pool. He did auto body work and built a cabin cruiser in one of his aunt's garage. He was a welder and a pipe fitter and did iron work for many years. He told us he helped lay the natural gas line with his dad from Louisa, KY towards Kenova. He opened Evaroni's Pizza in Kenova, WV, in May of 1968 and spent countless years there making sure he could provide for his family and making sure he had a great product to offer his customers. He was a Ceredo-Kenova High School football fan for many years and an avid Marshall football fan; he spent many happy hours playing golf with his friends. He enjoyed gathering his family for get togethers, parties and was surrounded by great neighbors who were also good friends.! Bill was born on September 27, 1929, the son of the late William Edward Evans and Emogene Rowe Evans. He was preceded in death by one son, Christopher B. Evans and one brother, James D. Evans. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Ethel Jean Tufts Evans, his children and their spouses, William E. (Kathleen) Evans of Exeter, NH, Jr. MD, Steven T. (Guada) Evans of Huntington, Brenda (Mike) Perry and Karen (Philip) Collier of Kenova; and James Edwin (Shere) Day of Manassas, VA. He is also survived by two brothers, Jack E. Evans and Richard L. (Stella)

Evans, and one sister-in-law, Barbara Sue Evans; 16 grandchildren: William E. Evans, III, Nicholas L. Evans, Stefany (Mark) Reyburn, Bianca (Mark) Cooper, Beau (Tessa) Evans, Ryan (Ivonne) Evans, Chris (Bridgette) Perry and David (Sheena) Perry, Ashley (Tiffany) Crabtree, Adam (Wei Jai) Collier and Samantha Collier, Drew Evans and Mitchell Orr, Mike Evans; Erik Day and Sonja (Nick) Hurt. He also has been blessed with 20 great grandchildren and many, many beloved nieces and nephews. In his final months, he was blessed with and his family was grateful to have a large staff of kind-hearted aides and staff at Midland Meadows in Ona. The family would also like to thank Hospice and their staff for the extra kindness they provided. We also want to note that Bill's son-in-law, Philip Collier, was his constant and loyal friend and companion for many years. Visitation will be on Sunday, June 26th from 5:00 p.m-7:00 p.m. at Rollins Funeral Home in Kenova. Burial will be at Spring Valley Memorial Gardens on Monday, June 27th at 1:30 pm with Rev. Scott Byard officiating. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to the Ceredo- Kenova Elementary playground fund 300 9th Street Kenova, WV. 25530 or the Ceredo-Kenova Community Center P.O. Box 724 Ceredo, WV. 25507.

# Tribute Wall

MN

“ *Fond memories of a wonderful man*

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**Michael Null** - May 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I graduated with Steve and lived down the street from the Evans for many years. May you find peace knowing he is in a better place where his mind and body are once again whole as we all like to remember him. God Bless you all and may he help you with your grief.*

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**Donna Pratt VanHoose** - July 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends who I know vary well, I worked for Mr. Evans for several years and his family while I was a student at CK when I graduated in 1982 Mr. Evans taught me work ethics that I use today he was a friend, not a boss, who could joke and work with you when times got hard, there is never a moment that goes by that I don't think about my days working at the restaurant with him and his family, he will be missed!!!!!!*

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**Dudley Ray Wilson Jr.** - June 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ *Sorry for your loss. Aka Marvin C Threlkeld Co*

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**Tom Threlkeld** - June 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I met Bill and Jean at the front counter at Evaroni's many years ago. Jean was an Ironton girl (I.H.S. class of 1948)and immediately asked about some of my relatives by the same last name that went to school with her.

The pizza and food were always top shelf at Evaroni's. However, it is the long conversations I had with Bill which made eating there so special.

Over time, Bill became a great friend to my family. My mom always asked Bill about Jean. Dad enjoyed talking golf with Bill. Being a Marshall University graduate, Herd football and basketball were always my favorite things to discuss with Bill.

Bill mentioned one day how he would like an image of his current building to hang next to a photo of the original structure which once housed Evaroni's. I later put a 10-22mm lens on my Canon and handed Bill a photo to frame. My wide-angle photo still hangs on the wall at Evaroni's.

I am very thankful for the time I spent around this remarkable man. Bill overcame all obstacles to run a highly successful small business. I was always impressed by his devotion to his wife and family.

In all the world, there was only one Bill Evans. His warm smile will be missed by my entire family.

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**Jim Ridgeway** - June 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Steve, my sympathy and prayers to you and your family.

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**Lyle Henderson** - June 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ So sorry for your loss, our love and prayers are with you.

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**Pam Rash** - June 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Jean, Children, Grands and Greats....so sorry for the loss of the patriarch of your family. Bill was a fine man and Jean was such a lady....we wish her God's peace and comfort all the days of her life and the same for their loved ones. Blessings upon each of you!  
Sincerely,  
Judie Smith, Sons (Brent, Brad & Larry Smith)and their families, Carol (Jordan & Pax) and their families...Alys, Payton & Devon Smith (Brad's) and Larry

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**Judie Smith** - June 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Mr Evans was always so kind to me and my family. I could not have ask for a better boss. He and Mrs Evans were very special people and I know they will be missed by their loving family and friends. As I live in TN now, I am sorry I will not be able to attend his funeral, but I will remember him fondly the way he was in the good days of his life!

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**Pam Poff** - June 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Bill will always have a special place in my heart and always will. He has always been such a sweet, loving, and funny man. Having worked at Evaroni's while in High School, and being my first job after graduation it was a very good learning experience about working hard, doing a good job, and having fun at the same time, and he made it very enjoyable (stressful at times, but enjoyable). the Dynamic Trio- Bill, Jean and Betty then me and one other made up the entire crew for a while, and we worked hard, but enjoyed ourselves with jokes and pranks. Down through the years I've seen and talked to him, and his caring and love never changed. Bill has ran his race, he has finished his course with style and grace, and there should be shouting at the finish line. Love to you all. Joy

JOYCE (WALTERS)SWAIN - June 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you! I am so very sorry for your loss.

Jenell Cremeans - June 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I am so sorry for you loss. I remember seeing Mr. Evans at the football and basketball games. I never really had an opportunity to meet him, but I always heard great things about him! Bill and Steve's friend spoke highly of him! I will keep the Evans family in my prayers! God bless you all! Jane Lou

Jane (Frazier) Hicks - June 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

YH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was a great man and I am so honored to have known him and got to work for him. He gave me my 1st job at the age of 15 and taught me many things but mainly to work hard! I will always have you in my heart Mr. Evans and to the family My Love and Prayers are with you....Love Vonnie

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**Yvonne and Jeff Hatten** - June 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM