



James David Evans

March 7, 1948 - July 28, 2025

James D. Evans “David”, 77 of Raceland, Ky went home to be with the Lord on Monday, July 28, 2025. David was born March 7, 1948, in Morehead, KY. He is a son of the late Milton Evans Jr and Myrtle Black Evans. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife Linda Faye Madden Evans; two brothers, Rodney Evans and Larry Evans.

David is most known for his decades of work at Evans Funeral Home. He started working for his father, Uncle Guy and grandfather at just 14 years old. He helped many families with the loss of their loved ones in his 60+ years at the funeral home.

The families he helped have been telling funny stories of David’s antics for years and we hope to hear more for years to come. He was kind as well as a cut-up. He will be remembered for sitting outside the funeral home during services with a cigarette in one hand and a cup of coffee in the other.

There was more to my dad than the funeral home. He loved to fish, especially for crappie and catfish. He spent many nights on the Ohio river fishing without getting a single bite but refused to leave. Some of those nights the boat would be anchored where I could just see the Greenup golden arches and my dad would tease me about being hungry, “bet you’d give 50 bucks for a cheeseburger” as he handed me peanut butter crackers, his snack of choice.

He just loved being on the water it was hard for him to leave.

Dad loved to get out in his old car and truck. Some days he would drive one to the flea market just to come home, then fire up the other one just to go get lunch or see a friend. He was a very social man making lots of friends over his 77 years. I could go on, but I just want to say that I'll miss my father as I am sure many of you will too.

Surviving David is his son, Shawn (Kaitlyn) Evans; granddaughter, Carlin Faye Evans; sister, Virginia (Ralph) Ratliff; brother Doug (Cathy) Profitt; in-laws, Perry (Susan) Madden, Roger (Alesa) Madden, Genna (Jeff) Sanders, Mary (Chris) Ralph, Brenda Evans; nieces, nephews and so many special friends, Henrietta, Bill, Al, Peggy, Bill, Bruce just to name a few that came to see him almost daily.

A visitation for David will be Saturday, August 2, 2025 from 2:00 pm until 8:00pm at the Evans Funeral Home in Raceland.

In honoring my dad's wishes the funeral and burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers please just bring your favorite memory of my father for me to keep. After all, one of my dad's favorite things was sharing stories with friends.

We would also be honored if you would donate to a local charity of your choice in his memory. He loved this community and helping those within it.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Evans Funeral Home, Inc
707 Greenup Ave
Raceland, KY 41169
(606) 836-6114

Tribute Wall

RM

“ He would come out and play basketball with me and Nate and believe it or not he was good LOL

Ryan Martin - November 21, 2025 at 10:36 AM

JM

“ I was one of Neil Wrights Deputies I was on several Coroner calls with David also I remember riding to Inservice for the Coroner office with David in one of his classic cars no air conditioning with the windows down and David with a cigarette in one hand and a cup of coffee in the other they broke the mold when they made David . David was a wonderful Man who will be sadly missed Prayers for his family .

John Meadows - August 01, 2025 at 09:31 AM

LC

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of my lifelong friend David. I went to school with him and spend many hours loafing and hanging out with him. We had many memories of our time when we were both single. We had car races (which David won) and he was always so quick witted and willing to help whenever you needed him. He assisted our family many times throughout the years and even when I called him a few years ago to take care of my mother, David did so even though she lived a couple hundred miles away. David took care of our family needs since the 1960's. I will never forget the friend he was to me and the Cameron family.

Larry Cameron

Larry Cameron - July 30, 2025 at 10:01 PM

AL

“ He was so good to take or bring my mother (Bea Heaberlin) to & from Louisville. Once, after hip surgery, David & my dad drove the hearse to bring us home. She had to lay flat. Well, they got hungry & stopped at Jerry's. David & dad goes in & eat but, they ordered & brought ours out and handed the food into me still in the hearse. There were a lot of people starring out the windows Mom told people about that ride so many times. David was so good to my parents

Anita Heaberlin Lewis - July 29, 2025 at 07:50 PM

FE

“ Seemed a gentle caring man much missed 🙏 rest in peace.

Frosty Evans - July 29, 2025 at 05:04 PM

KP

“ He was a good person. He helped me out with my niece when she passed. . But yes his stories were funny. Dave thank you for your help, may you fly high my friend

kay parker - July 29, 2025 at 04:37 PM

BM

“ Your Dad was a wonderful man Shawn. He was always willing to listen to a story and to lend a hand in the time of need ...He taught you well Shawn, you follow close in his foot steps. You have the same kind and serving heart You share stories of your daughter just as your Dad shared stories of you. Much love and many prayers sent your way as you navigate through the following days .



Billie Morrison - July 29, 2025 at 04:31 PM

SC

David and I went to school together we were always friends the last time I spoke to him was at my cousin Rick Chapman's burial at Belfonte Cemetery and I said how are you doing old man and he said when is your birthday and I told him and he said you are older than me and of course we both laughed David was always a good friend and he will be missed fly high my dear friend my heart hurts for your family 🙏🙏🙏

Sally Fannin Chapman - July 29, 2025 at 06:22 PM

DS

“ Loved both your dad and mom. Our communities will miss him.

David Stultz - July 29, 2025 at 04:06 PM

BC

I graduated from Tacelsnd Hugh School with Favud. Had many classes with him. He was a good guy and will be missed by all who loved him. Prayers for the family!

Btenda Keeton Crickett - July 29, 2025 at 05:50 PM

SB

Really hurt to hear of his passing, he was so helpful if the burial of my brother Mike Jiles, we all thought a lot of Dave and was thrilled to have him at family functions with the Jiles and Hurley family, may he RIP and the Lord be with you all at this sorrowful time. Sheila Jiles Brown

Sheila Brown - July 29, 2025 at 06:04 PM

JT

What a special man Dave was. He could be quietly and calmly comforting to you but he could also quietly pull your leg with a joke grinning waiting for your reaction. A good man, loved by so very many.

Jane Triplett - July 29, 2025 at 06:43 PM

DM

David took care of my of family and friends..He will surely be missed by so many of us.

Diane Thomas Moore - July 29, 2025 at 09:38 PM



There is no words to express how much David and Linda meant to me and they always watched over me. They were my family. I loved them both and it's was an honor to have them in my Life. I will never forget them.

Henrietta Hurley - July 30, 2025 at 09:31 PM