



Melvin Paul Evans

June 19, 1940 - February 28, 2024

Melvin Paul Evans, 83 of Bessemer, AL passed away on February 28th surrounded by his loving family. Melvin (Mel) was born in Cullman, AL on June 19th, 1940, to Willie and Irene Mae Evans. He had fond memories of growing up on a farm and learned the necessity of a hard work ethic. He moved to West End, AL at twelve years old where he quickly made new friends that lasted a lifetime. At the age of 18, he joined the Marine Corp where he wanted to be a mechanic like his father. The Corp had a different plan when he scored high on the math test, and they instructed him that he would be working with computers. He had no idea what a computer was, but followed instructions as ordered. He would be stationed in Philadelphia, PA where he met a South Philly girl, Kathleen Tesauro who would become his bride of 59 years and they would have three children. They moved to Birmingham, AL in 1965 and he would begin a 34-year career working for Alabama Power/Southern Company as a programmer and eventually as a manager. He enjoyed outdoor activities of fishing and hunting; he wouldn't always bring back something from the days event but just loved being in the outdoors. He shared the passion that his father had for working on cars. He would bring many vehicles home on a trailer and soon they would be seen up and down the road. He had the skill to make unique items out of wood, and truly enjoyed giving them as gifts and seeing the joy and excitement from the recipient. He loved to travel and picked up the gift for taking photographs. If you were ever at an event or gathering with Mel, you would surely end up in the focus of his lens. Soon

after the event, you would receive a CD of the photographs that he had put together with music. He truly had a passion for enjoying life.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Kathleen Evans of 59 years; sister Francis Thomas; and brother William Buckner. Father to daughter Karen Sanders; son Jeffrey (Glenda) Evans; daughter Dana (Chris) Drake. Grandad to Joey Sanders; Shelby (Ryan) Ware and Stephen (Diana) Mixson. He had four great grandchildren Kali Sanders, Blake Sanders, Hadley Ware, and Laney Ware. Sister Myra Davis; brother Pat Buckner (Rhonda) and many nieces and nephews. Mass will be held on Monday, March 4, 2024 at 11:00 AM at St. Aloysius Church. After Mass there will be a burial at Elmwood Cemetery - 600 Martin Luther King Jr Dr, Birmingham, AL 35211 Lot 45. Family will receive friends from 10:00 AM till service time at the church. Father Reju will be officiating the service. A reception will follow at Shady Grove Baptist Church- 4644 Lacey's Chapel Loop Rd, Bessemer, AL 35022.

Donations can be made in his honor to:

St. Aloysius Church -751 Academy Dr, Bessemer, AL 35022 www.staloyususc.org

The American Heart Association www.heart.org

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

Elmwood Cemetery
Birmingham
Birmingham, AL 35211

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St Aloysius Church
751 Academy Dr A
Bessemer, AL 35022-5276
(205) 424-2984

Church Service

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

St Aloysius Church
751 Academy Dr A
Bessemer, AL 35022

Tribute Wall

GM

“Possibly the best Boss/Manager I had or ever will have. He was also a friend and we spent time after work on some instances which made him even more personable. He made my best years at Southern Company for sure. My loss that I didn't get to visit with him before his passing. -Guy Mitchell

Guy E Mitchell - March 02, 2024 at 11:27 AM



“Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melvin Paul Evans.



March 01, 2024 at 11:45 PM

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“5 files added to the tribute wall



Andy Savage - March 01, 2024 at 02:51 PM

RP

“ *Regions Bank PAM planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin Paul Evans.*

Regions Bank PAM - March 01, 2024 at 02:32 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Melvin Paul Evans.*



March 01, 2024 at 02:32 PM

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“ *We met Mel 19 years ago as we were moving in to our home. He came over and introduced himself and offered to help us with another load. He spent all afternoon helping us. There began a great friendship with him and Kathy. During the years we were caregivers for my parents, they would come over every Friday nights to visit with them and have pie and coffee. This continued even after my parents passed away, alternating hosting. After Kathy passed, we began to ask Mel for dinner and pie on Friday night. Though it was different without Kathy, he still seemed to enjoy our weekly get togethers. He was a man with a BIG heart, always willing to help anyone. We will miss him. Thelma and Leon Reese*

Thelma Reese - March 01, 2024 at 02:30 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Melvin Paul Evans.*



March 01, 2024 at 12:37 PM



“ *The Guys planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin Paul Evans.*

The Guys - March 01, 2024 at 12:37 PM



“ *Andy & Kim Savage purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Melvin Paul Evans.*



Andy & Kim Savage - March 01, 2024 at 12:14 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Melvin Paul Evans.*



March 01, 2024 at 12:11 PM

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“ *Mr. Evans would make some of the most beautiful items from wood. I always enjoyed using my photoshop skills to assist when he needed a large photo file for his projects. He will truly be missed by all. Andy & Kim Savage*

Andy Savage - March 01, 2024 at 12:09 PM

RD

Mel is a great Man..Not just my uncle.More like my second Dad! Noone can replace my father !! Not just because your my Family but my Alabama Football watching Buddy! But now go Rest High on that Mountain.... I will see you again. ROLL TIDE ROLL

Robert H Davis - March 01, 2024 at 09:15 PM