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James Harold “Jake” Evans

AAFA # 0889

Charter Member

March 28, 1939 – February 15, 2021

Obituary

James Harold Evans, 81, Former Attorney General of Alabama and Montgomery County District Attorney, departed this life on February 15, 2021.

He was preceded in death by his Parents Carl H and Willella Evans, and brother Charles H Evans Sr. He is survived by his niece and nephews Charles H Evans Jr, (Martha), Gary Stephen Evans, Lisa Carol Evans, and David Rushton Evans and close friends Tricia Light and Johnny Gray.

Pallbearers are Bruce Lieberman, Russ Durauski, Jimmy Pool, Dan Taliaferro, Paul Evans and Johnny Gray. Honorary Pallbearers are the many associates and colleagues that worked with him throughout the years that are too many to name.

The Reverend Phillip Box will officiate. Services will be held at Southern Memorial Funeral Home at 1 pm Monday the 22nd of February with visitation 1 hour preceding. In leu of flowers please make donations to your favorite charity.

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Jimmy was born and raised here in Montgomery. His father Herman Evans and brother Charles Evans owned and operated Dixie Sand & Gravel Company here in Montgomery in the 1950's through the early 70s .

They wanted Jimmy to have a fine education and he wanted to be a lawyer. After Graduation from Sidney Lanier High, he attended Huntington College, Auburn University, and then the University of Alabama where he earned a law degree. He then went to New York University where he attained a degree in Labor Law.

He opened an office in the Bell Building and started his law practice. Before long there was an opening for a Montgomery Municipal Judge position. After that he decided to run for District Attorney where he served for several terms before becoming the Attorney General of Alabama.

Jimmy loved folk and country music and enjoyed playing the guitar. He loved animals and has been known to take an injured from the side of the road to a veterinarian. He was an avid fan of Alabama football.

After a hip injury in late 2020 he developed Pneumonia and COVID-19 but was healing until he had a heart attack. He passed a week later.

He will be missed by many people he helped get started in the legal profession and worked with over the years as well as his close friends and family. He may seem tough if you were on the wrong side of the law, but he was a gentle man.

He will leave a place in our hearts that cannot be filled but I know there is a new better place next to Jesus where he lives now.

A Chapel Service will be held at Southern Memorial Funeral Home on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 1:00 PM with the family receiving friends one hour prior.

Information and photo were copied from the [Find-A-Grave](#) web page.

Personal Data

Birth: 28 Mar 1939
Montgomery, Montgomery, Alabama, USA
Death: 15 Feb 2021 (aged 81)
Montgomery, Montgomery, Alabama, USA
Burial: Greenwood Cemetery
Montgomery, Montgomery, Alabama, USA
Plot: Sec 7A
Memorial ID: 223475534



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Family Members

- Parents
Carl Herman Evans, 1908–1969
Mary Willella Watson, 1908–1982
- Sibling
Charles Herman Evans, Sr., 1932–1997

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AAFA Notes:

1. His Grandmother's Alford lineage: Mattie Lou 1880 AL¹, Warren Montgomery 1843 AL², Henry Dortch 1822 GA³, William 1774 VA⁴, William 1741 VA⁵, Salvator 1716 VA⁶.

JAMES H. EVANS

Journal Closeup

James H. Evans is a budding attorney who hopes to build a labor law practice in Montgomery.

He predicts that labor unions, practically non-existent in the South until recently, will grow more active. "Montgomery will have lots of labor problems in the future," he said. Meanwhile, he is establishing a general practice.

Born in Montgomery March 28, 1939, Evans attended Lanier High School and earned sociology and law degrees from the University of Alabama. He received a master's degree in labor law last June from New York University.

While at Alabama, Evans was the pioneer editor of "Comment" literary magazine.

He has a "keen interest" in Deep South folklore and has published several short stories and poems on Southern themes.

He is interested in the arts generally but prefers painting. "It's therapy," he said. He paints in primitive and abstract expressionism and collects works of the same type by other artists. He studied art at Alabama.



Evans volunteered as a juvenile probation officer in Tuscaloosa while earning his law degree.

After leaving the University of Alabama, he worked briefly in the Criminal Division of the State Attorney General's office. He represented the highway patrol as assistant attorney general.

He worked with the Montgomery Little Theater several years ago, appearing in "Fallen Angel" and other productions.

Evans is president of the Young Democrats of the Second Congressional District. A "loner and non-joiner," he belongs to no civic clubs or professional groups. He worked for 1968 United Appeal campaign IN Montgomery.

Evans, his brother and another partner established Capital Furniture Manufacturing Co. in October. The company, located in the former Pelham Furniture Manufacturing Corp. plant at 3070 Birmingham Highway, makes Victorian reproductions.

A bachelor, Evans rents a house at Pike Road, but currently lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Evans, at 1115 Federal Drive.

--- BOB STOCKTON

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