



## Lamar Eugene "Gene" Evans

March 22, 1945 - May 4, 2022

Gene Evans, age 77, was a faithful strong Christian man that loved his God, country, and family. He passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, May 3, 2022. Gene was born on March 22, 1945, to the late Claude Jackson Evans and Eunice Kennedy Evans.

Along with his parents, Gene is preceded in death by his sister Carol Bowden. He is survived by his wife, Linda Turner Evans; children, Sonya Sords and her husband Terry, Sherry Harrell, Kevin Loyd and his wife Tonya; grandchildren, Trenton Harrell, Tyler Harrell, Toby Harrell, Hunter Sords, Kinsey Sords, Madison Loyd and great grandchildren, Noah Harrell and Bentely Harrell. He is also survived by his brothers, Donald Evans and Ronald Evans.

The funeral service celebrating Gene's life is Saturday, May 7, 2022, at 12:00 PM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, in Newnan with Dr. Stacy Thomas and Pastor John Hobbs officiating. Burial will follow the service at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, in Newnan. The family will receive friends on Saturday from 10:00 AM until service time at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made in Gene's name to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 53 Perimeter Center E. Suite 100, Atlanta, GA 30346. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

## Funeral Service

MAY 7. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Lamar Eugene "Gene" Evans*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - May 07, 2022 at 10:28 AM



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Lamar Eugene "Gene" Evans*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - May 07, 2022 at 09:23 AM

KI

*I am so very sorry for your loss. Praying for you Linda.*

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**Kittie** - May 09, 2022 at 02:34 PM

DD

“ *May God bless you in this difficult time. Gene was one of a kind.*



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**Daisy Dalland** - May 07, 2022 at 05:20 PM

CH

“ *It was always such a pleasure to see Mr. Gene, whether waiting on him at the pharmacy, or talking with him when I would see him at Great South while I was sewing patches. Heaven is a richer place, and I look forward to seeing him there.*

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**Cathy Heffner** - May 07, 2022 at 01:46 PM

KH

“ *I am devastatingly grieved to hear of the passing of Mr. Gene Evans. He embodied the spirit of Christ's love. His kindness and gentle spirit was evident to all who knew him. His strength was in his soft spoken heart and his humility touched so many countless lives. He treated everyone he encountered with respect. He loved his wife Mrs. Linda Evans so dearly and treated her with such tenderness and affection. Their marriage was such a blessing to me personally. Mr. Gene Evans gave me hope that there are great men that exist in this world. He loved his family so much; I cannot imagine the insurmountable pain they must be feeling at this moment. The only comforting thought that I can share during this time of loss is that I know where Mr. Gene Evans is today, and it is a place that is more beautiful than any of us can imagine. I am grateful to have had the privilege of calling Mr. Gene Evans my friend. My prayers and deepest condolences are with his family and loved ones today.*

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**Katie Harrison** - May 07, 2022 at 12:06 PM

SC

“ *Suzanne Caston lit a candle in memory of Lamar Eugene "Gene" Evans*



Suzanne Caston - May 07, 2022 at 10:52 AM

JC

“ *Our heartfelt sympathy goes to both Gene's family and employees of Great South Harley-Davidson. We were deeply saddened to hear of his passing. His contributions to the community and his kindness will be deeply missed. Our prayers go to all those who knew him as family.*

Jere & Pamela Hall - Jere's Cyclecraft - May 07, 2022 at 10:41 AM

MK

“ *Max Kitchens lit a candle in memory of Lamar Eugene "Gene" Evans*



Max Kitchens - May 07, 2022 at 09:39 AM

EF

“ *Prayers going out to Linda and family, I've heard many wonderful things about Gene and Linda from my mother and father. May his love from above shine down upon you all.*



Evelyn F - May 07, 2022 at 08:32 AM

CS

“ Dear Linda,  
Charlotte and I were shocked and stunned with sadness when we heard about Gene. We had so many good times together riding and going to Daytona. Gene was a true gentleman and friend. We loved him and you very much. Our family's prayers will be for your comfort. He is home now and probably just waiting for the rest of us to join him in paradise. Please let us know if we can do anything for you.

Love,  
Rick & Charlotte Skelton

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**Charlotte Skelton** - May 06, 2022 at 05:21 PM

BF

“ We send our sympathy as well as our thoughts and prayers to the Evans family and dealership employees. Sincerely, Bill Frazier and the staff at Frazier's H-D

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**Bill Frazier** - May 06, 2022 at 02:31 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lamar Eugene "Gene" Evans.



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May 06, 2022 at 02:16 PM

TK

“ Tommy Knight lit a candle in memory of Lamar Eugene "Gene" Evans



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Tommy Knight - May 06, 2022 at 01:22 PM

TC

“ The staff of Apex Medical Surgery Center purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lamar Eugene "Gene" Evans.



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The staff of Apex Medical Surgery Center - May 06, 2022 at 12:56 PM

RM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Gene's passing. He was a steady, positive influence in my life over the forty years that I knew him and I had the upmost respect for him! My thoughts and prayers will be with all of his family as they grieve the loss. He was a fine man. With love,  
Randy McClain

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Randy McClain - May 06, 2022 at 11:19 AM

MA

“ Sorry for your loss, Mr Evans "Gene Evans" was what I looked for coming home from a trip. I knew I was home when I seen it. I knew several people who worked for Mr Evans over the years. I never heard a bad word from anyone, they all said he treated them with love and respect. May God comfort you during this time.



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**Michael Aldredge** - May 06, 2022 at 09:18 AM

JH

“ Joedy&Deborah Hobby lit a candle in memory of Lamar Eugene "Gene" Evans



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**Joedy&Deborah Hobby** - May 06, 2022 at 08:55 AM

RB

“ Mr. Gene was a fine man, always very friendly and kind. It was always a pleasure running into him at the Harley store. We are truly going to miss him. We can all rest easy knowing he is with Jesus. He was such a strong Christian man. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this time. Rick Bell, 51 Electric llc.



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**rick bell** - May 06, 2022 at 08:45 AM

DS

“ Deanna Smith lit a candle in memory of Lamar Eugene "Gene" Evans



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**Deanna Smith** - May 06, 2022 at 01:31 AM

LS

“ Lisa Smith lit a candle in memory of Lamar Eugene "Gene" Evans



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**Lisa Smith** - May 05, 2022 at 09:48 PM

JS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Gene Evans passing away. I bought my bike at his Harley Davidson Dealership and I met him on that day. Each time I was there for service or just a visit I always looked for Gene to say Hello. He was always so friendly and had a smile on his face. He was a kind gentle soul and I will always appreciate the kindness he showed to me. A great loss to so many who knew him. I will miss seeing him.



*Judy Simmon*

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**JUDY SIMMON** - May 05, 2022 at 04:28 PM

KL

“ Linda, I am so sad to hear of Gene’s passing. He always had a smile on his face and gave me a warm welcome. You and Gene were such a wonderful example of a loving and happy couple and what God intended marriage to be. You will be in my thoughts and prayers for comfort and peace in the days ahead. Love you!

Kathy Lovely Lambert - May 05, 2022 at 03:59 PM

SC

“ Gene was a great businessman, but an even better human. Always a smile and kind word, and calm, gentle, Christian spirit. It was a pleasure to see him at the dealership or church (or at Cracker Barrel). He will be greatly missed .

Sam Connor - May 05, 2022 at 03:52 PM

RC

“ Rusty Caston lit a candle in memory of Lamar Eugene "Gene" Evans



Rusty Caston - May 05, 2022 at 02:56 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lamar Eugene "Gene" Evans.



May 05, 2022 at 02:55 PM

JT

“ I worked for Gene at Great South HD two different times, and he was always a very kind and understanding man. I will always be grateful for the opportunity he gave me to work there and to learn & grow in that industry. Many prayers to his whole family.



Jeff Tontonoz - May 05, 2022 at 01:30 PM

BC

“ I've known Gene Evans for over 28 years and is one of the most kind and respectful gentleman I've had the great honor to know. May God bless his entire family.



Brian Connell - May 05, 2022 at 12:42 PM

RB

“ Mr. Gene was an unconditional friend. He affected many lives. Continued prayers for Mrs. Linda and family.



Rev BettyJean Bowers - May 05, 2022 at 12:40 PM

LB

“ I'd bought cars from Gene since the 1970's in between jobs in the late 80's Gene hired me and I saw why he was so successful. He treated his employees like he treated his customers and hired dedicated professionals. I really learned to like and respect the man during the five months I was there. Down to earth, honest man. Prayers to his wife and family

larry Blanks - May 05, 2022 at 12:21 PM

NS

“ Gene Evans Ford was the first place my mother (Gail) worked when we moved to Georgia in 1986. When she introduced me to her boss, Mr. Gene Evans himself, at 3 years old I thought he was the tallest man in the world. I may not remember the introduction verbatim anymore- it's been awhile. But, I do remember that! I remember he was always so kind to my mother, me and later on my sister. I remember Christmas parties held in the dealership. Later, as I was growing up, I said something along the lines of "you're not as tall as I remember", and he told me I was cheating-because I was wearing heels. My deepest condolences go out to his family, who were also so wonderful to us. I'm so thankful for having known him and for the impact he made on my family's life!



Nicole Storm - May 05, 2022 at 11:56 AM



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May 05, 2022 at 09:18 AM

PW

“ Our Prayers are with this amazing family. I have been life long friends with the Sords family, meeting Mr. Evans a handful of times. He was so genuine and always had a smile to share!! We are truly sorry for your loss.



With love- Peyton Woodward & Preston Willis

Peyton Woodward - May 05, 2022 at 08:59 AM

 Kathy Duckworth

“ *Kathy Duckworth lit a candle in memory of Lamar Eugene "Gene" Evans*



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**Kathy Duckworth** - May 05, 2022 at 08:47 AM

RH

“ *My prayers, are with Linda, and family. Gene was a very good man, always had big smile, good business man, and taught me a lot about business. Gene Evans Ford was a long time sponsor on my racecar, and helped me a lot in my racing career.*

*I'll always remember Gene, he was one of the best*

*Randy Holt*

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**Randy Holt** - May 05, 2022 at 06:43 AM

MB

“ *My girlfriend lesley's mother was friends with Linda so I got to fishing in his pond when she would do odd jobs for Linda . I'm in the field by the lake and this huge tractor with a cab and a/c was cutting a 12' wide swipe at a time. I thought darn Mr gene went all out on that one. I look across the drive way and there's a tiny tractor no cab ,it's hot and he was cutting about 5' at a time. I said that to say this, that man was Gene Evans on that small tractor. I said darn Mr. Gene you need to be in the a/c, He asked if I was catching any and said yes sir and he said keep all you want I got to get busy I got a lot of grass to cut. That was Gene just a kind natured humble, Godly man. RIP Mr Gene and my condolences to Linda and the rest of the family. Big loss for us all.*

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**Mark Bishop** - May 04, 2022 at 10:27 PM

TB

“ Ms. Linda, Kevin and Tonya (and family) we are sending our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Mr. Gene was a fine southern gentleman and will be truly missed by all that knew him.

Tina Bufford - May 04, 2022 at 09:23 PM

DL

“ Mr.Evans was a great person always said good morning with a smile he will be truly missed

debbie lowery - May 04, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ Deborah L Hobby lit a candle in memory of Lamar Eugene "Gene" Evans



Deborah L Hobby - May 04, 2022 at 07:46 PM



“ I just saw you Monday Mr. Gene. I can't believe you have gone, A true gentlemen who loved his Linda loved his family and always had a smile on his face and a kind word, It has been a pleasure working for you . One of the best bosses I have ever had . I will look after your Linda along with your family. You sir will be greatly missed. Rest in Jesus arms. See you later.

Deborah L Hobby - May 04, 2022 at 07:45 PM



“ Deborah L Hobby purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Lamar Eugene "Gene" Evans.



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**Deborah L Hobby** - May 04, 2022 at 07:32 PM

DE

“ Denise And James Estle lit a candle in memory of Lamar Eugene "Gene" Evans



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**denise and james estle** - May 04, 2022 at 07:13 PM

JS

“ Mr. Evans was a great and wonderful person. Spent many a day chatting with him at the Harley Dealership. He would always put a smile on your face. He will truly be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

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**Jay Sims** - May 04, 2022 at 06:45 PM

LW

“ Linda, Joan and I are heartbroken at the loss of Gene. Such a Southern Gentleman! Gene was a friend who helped me at one of my lowest points. We will miss him. Linda, Joan and I will be in Louisiana Saturday but you and your family will be in our prayers. Gene, we look forward to seeing your smile once again 🙏

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**Lynn and Joan westmoreland** - May 04, 2022 at 06:39 PM



“ *Mr Evans was a wonderful man to work for at the car dealership, we couldn't have asked for a better person to work for he will be greatly missed, prayers going up for Linda and the family.*  
*Phyllis Brandon*

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**Phyllis Brandon** - May 04, 2022 at 06:27 PM

GW

*Gene Evans will leave many of us missing his unique way of saying hello and doing good things that someone that cared enough should step up and do. Gene was that person. Always there to offer support and encouragement in his mild mannered way. To know Gene was a gift. God bless him and Linda, the rest of the family, and all that will miss him. Gene will be missed by many, and we all are better people by seeing his example of how to live.*

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**Gary Wilshire** - May 05, 2022 at 01:24 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Mr Evans always had a smile to anyone he met in and around the dealership. Going out of his way to shake Your hand and speak to you on a personal basis. He will be greatly missed. Go rest high Gene on that Mountain Sympathy for your Family at this unexpected time. Danny and Denise Huff Great South Hog Chapter 205.*

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**Daniel Huff** - May 04, 2022 at 04:40 PM

CA

“ *I had the opportunity to work for Gene and he was such a nice guy and great businessman, may he rest in peace*

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**Christopher Adair** - May 04, 2022 at 04:10 PM

WI

“ I am so sorry to hear about Gene’s passing. He was such a great man and loved his family dearly. He also took care of his work family. I worked for Gene (we lovingly called him Stretch) in the 90’s and always respected him, he always had the best advice, and he was a good friend. Linda, you and all the family will be in our prayers. Wendy Izenour

Wendy Izenour - May 04, 2022 at 03:52 PM

CS

“ Cassie Smith lit a candle in memory of Lamar Eugene "Gene" Evans



Cassie Smith - May 04, 2022 at 03:43 PM

RF

“ What a Tragic loss! I was fortunate to have worked for Gene and get to know him and his family! The love he had for his family was unmeasurable. I pray for your hearts and that God holds and protects each of you during these times! God Bless!! 🙏🙏💔 Robin Floyd



Robin Floyd - May 04, 2022 at 03:26 PM