



## Herbert Floyd Evans

January 17, 1925 - March 29, 2010

On January 17, 1925, Herbert Floyd Evans was born to Hoyt and Elva Evans, the third of what would be six children. The family was poor but sustained by the love that they had for God and for one another. Herbert spent his childhood and youth in and around Dogtown, attending Ruhama Missionary Baptist Church and Ruhama School. He loved basketball and chose to repeat ninth grade so he could play one more year at Ruhama. Herbert was 17 when Pearl Harbor was attacked, bringing the United States fully into World War II in the Pacific Theater. He was concerned that the war would be over before he was old enough to enlist. As history would show, however, there was plenty of time. He was inducted into the U.S. Army on April 23, 1943, and served the majority of his duty in the South Pacific in the 24th Corps, U.S. 10th Army. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with two Bronze Battle Stars, Sharpshooter, Marksman and Meritorious Unit Citation, among others. He returned home to Fort Payne on January 10, 1946. Herbert's service in the military would mark his life indelibly, as it did for so many of the Greatest Generation. The next indelible mark made on Herbert's life was Virginia Louise Harper. After arriving home in 1945, he went to Elmore's 5-and-10-cent-store. He didn't go there to purchase anything, but to see the young woman who worked there, whom he had grown up with and had been corresponding with throughout the War. Thus began a courtship that would lead to marriage that following March 30, 1946. Had Herbert lived, they would have celebrated together their 64th anniversary this year. Shortly after

they were married, Herbert gave his life to Christ and the most indelible mark was made. He served God faithfully throughout his life, in service to his church and his community, and by the way he lived his life and conducted his affairs. Herbert would have delighted in raising boys, but God had other plans and instead Brenda and DiAnne were born. They came bringing pigtailed dolls, teaching him that raising girls was good, too. Herbert was a farmer at heart, loving the way the earth responded when he carefully tilled, planted, prayed and harvested. He found, though, that to earn a steady living he needed to do something different, so for the next 45-50 years he worked in construction. He worked on the Savannah River Dam project, built numerous private and government buildings and was superintendent over the extensive remodel projects of Tri-County and Erlanger Hospitals in Chattanooga. Even after he retired, he was sought out to oversee the construction of Wills Valley Elementary School, a state-of-the-art school that he was very proud to be associated with. After retirement he embraced the farmer within him once more. He had a plot out on Lookout Mountain and a good-sized garden at home. He and Virginia took their bounty to the Farmer's Market each Tuesday and Friday morning, where he held a good reputation for having beautiful tomatoes, green beans, corn, butterbeans, okra, peas, potatoes. He continued that tradition up until recent years. Herbert Evans was a good man. A man who made an indelible mark on those he came in contact with. An honest man that people were proud to call their friend, and that family was proud to call devoted Husband, Daddy, Granddaddy, Doondaddy, Grandfather, Brother, Uncle, Kemosabe. Herbert died on March 29, 2010, in Chattanooga, Tenn.. He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Virginia Harper Evans; daughters and sons-in-law Brenda and Robert Madsen of Huntington Beach, Calif., and DiAnne and Robert Callahan of Fort Payne; sisters Edna Milling of Hixon, Tenn., and Faye Brown of Soddy-Daisy, Tenn.; five grandchildren, Nancy Lanier, Robyn Baran, Carole Palmer, Erik Madsen and Jennie Callahan; and six great-grandchildren, Graham and Matt Palmer, Zachary and Ryan Baran, and Kaden and Callie Lanier. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday,

April 1, at Wilson Funeral Home Chapel with burial following at Walkers Chapel Cemetery. The family will receive friends Wednesday, March 31, from 4 to 8 p.m. Wilson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements; an online guestbook is available at [www.wilsonfhinc.com](http://www.wilsonfhinc.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Herbert Floyd Evans*

January 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *I met Mr. and Mrs. Herbert while servicing their van at the Fort Payne Ford Dealership. I am honored to know Mr. Herbert. Wow....what a great man. They don't make em like him anymore. I'm sorry for your loss of such a Awsome man. I will spend my life trying to be 1/2 as good as him. God Bless!!! joe*

**Joe Baroni** - May 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *I just read your Dad/Grandfather's eulogy and saw his wonderful picture. I know from the handprint that he left on all of you that he was a good and kind man. Having recently gone through the same loss, I know some of the myriad of emotions you are experiencing right now. I'm sorry for your loss and grateful for your love for each other. I know that our Lord will be very near to you as you move back into your lives without Herbert's earthly presence. Much love to you all, Beth*

**Beth Pocock** - April 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Brenda - Your Dad sounds like a he was wonderful man with an amazing life story. My prayers are with you during this difficult time. Darlene*

**Darlene Betts** - April 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ I had the great honor of escorting Mr. Evans around DC when he came here for his Honor Flight. We had a wonderful time and I really appreciated hearing all of his stories about the Army. He certainly left a legacy for all of us Veterans to live up to! Please know that Gary and I are thinking of you at this difficult time, and that we wish you peace and comfort. Warm Regards - Natalie Frey

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**Natalie Frey** - April 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Brenda - Your dad seems like a wonderful man and I know he will be sorely missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this very difficult time.

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**Mary Honer** - April 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Brenda, Your dad sounds like a wonderful man and I know he will be missed deeply not only by his family but all those he touched in his life. I will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers. Deepest sympathy :( Mary

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**Mary Honer** - April 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Brenda, my heart and sympathy are with you and your family. In times like these, it is good to remember much, and to celebrate the life of someone deeply loved. May you celebrate your father's life and find peace alongside the loss.

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**Kath Jesme** - March 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *My prayers, thoughts and best wishes go out to you all. May God's grace and infinite love continue to pour upon you.*

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**Gabe Haukness** - March 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time of loss.*

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**Beth Berger** - March 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Brenda and family: Sending deepest sympathy to you in the great loss of your father. Even for someone who has never had the privilege of meeting him, it is obvious by reading the heart-warming obituary just what kind of a wonderful and special man he was. I hold you close in thought and prayer during this difficult time. God bless you.*

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**Joyce Karlsrud** - March 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ *Brenda, DiAnne, and Mrs Evans -- Please know that my family's thoughts and prayers are with you. We pray that eternal rest be granted unto God's servant, Mr. Evans, and that perpetual light will shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. His service to God, Country, and Family is evidenced by the life he lived and the children he raised. We are all blessed by the gift of his life and example. May God bless and keep you in the hollow of His hand.*

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**Ellen Godfrey** - March 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *Brenda and family, my prayers are with you during this difficult time. Sounds like your "Daddy" had his life in order. Take comfort in the fact that he's with His Lord. --Melissa (Brenda's co-worker)*

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**Melissa Egenes** - March 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Bless your family during this difficult time. After hearing and reading about Mr. Evans, it is clear that he was a remarkable man who has left an imprint on many people's hearts and lives. May your family find warmth and comfort in the days, months, and years ahead.*

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**Maureen Anderson** - March 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ *Your entire family has our heartfelt sympathy at the passing of someone so much at the core of your lives. We know you have such wonderful memories of Herbert through the years and more recently when you all went to the Lake House. Those memories will stay with you forever and hopefully help you through this difficult time of loss. God Bless you all*

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**Larry & Linda Adkison** - March 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *We love you and will continue to pray for you and all the family especially your mom as she will be alone now. Hugs to all.*

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**Jack & Lynda McGrath** - March 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SZ

“ *Brenda--although we have never met, I wanted to extend to you and your family my deepest sympathies in this very difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Sharon Zulauf** - March 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *My deepest sympathies, Brenda. May your faith provide you with comfort and strength. Our prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Marcia Hagmayer** - March 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *Virginia, be strong and know he is in GOOD HANDS. Much love and sympathy to you and your girls--keep the good times in you heart!*

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**Annette Baugh** - March 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *Brenda, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Your Father's obituary is amazing - what a wonderful Dad you had! Take care.*

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**Mary Jane Kot** - March 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HD

“ *Blessings and peace at this time! Your dad is loved and will be missed but rejoice in your memories and your love shared!*

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**Heather Davis** - March 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *Brenda, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Traci Lange** - March 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Brenda, I am so sorry for your loss. I got to speak to your mom and dad at the VFW BBQ last year. We had not seen one another for many years. Your mom and my sister worked together at VJ Elmores back in the 50's. I was asking them about you. Your dad and i talked for a long time. I always thought alot of him, he was a good christian and will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God Bless You All. Larry Lankford

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**Larry Lankford** - March 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ God is good. His love is perfect and unfailing. His ways are not our ways. May God on High grant you comfort in all things and may His grace shine on you all.

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**Stanley Edwards** - March 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dianne, You remember you during your time of loss.

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**James/Teresa Burkhart** - March 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ We are all blessed to have such a remarkable individual in our midst. We thank God for his strength and peace abiding with his family. We share your loss.

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**Emily Wooten** - March 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ May God continue to bless, comfort and strengthen you. Warmest thoughts, prayers and regards.

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**Kay Howe** - March 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Uncle Herbert and Daddy can build all the houses and buildings that they want to now, without being tired, without hurting, and without having to drive a long distance. I love you Uncle Herbert and will miss you.*

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**Juanita Johnson** - March 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM