



Orren William Evans

February 11, 1924 - February 10, 2014

Orren William Evans, 89, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died February 10, 2014, at Siloam Springs Regional Hospital. Born February 11, 1924, in Morris, Oklahoma, he was the 6th of twelve children born to James William Evans and LaVinnia Mae Wiles Evans. His family moved to Gentry, Arkansas in 1936. He enlisted in the Navy his sophomore year of high school, February, 1941. He served his country for 21 years before he retired. After his retirement from Naval service, he worked at the University of Arkansas; Simmons Industries; then John Brown University, retiring from there in 1986.

On June 16, 1945, he married Barbara Lee Trammell. Orren was a member of the Gentry Masonic Lodge, F&AM #222, the American Legion, and the VFW. He attended the Gum Springs Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Sheila Karen Dodd; and eight sisters.

Survivors include his wife Barbara of the home; son, Ronald William Evans and wife Wanda Rosalee of Siloam Springs; daughters, Sylvia Evans and Wanda Lee Evans of Siloam Springs; two grandchildren, Stephanie and Stacey; three great grandchildren; brothers, Clarence Evans of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Robert Evans of California, and Ronald Eugene Evans of Gentry, Arkansas; several nieces and nephews; and one son-in-law, Joy K. Dodd of

Murray, Nebraska.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 13, 2014, at Wasson Memorial Chapel, Siloam Springs, with Pastor Gordon Topping officiating. Burial will follow at Gentry Cemetery, Gentry, Arkansas. Visitation will be 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 12, 2014, at Wasson Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Gentry Cemetery

Gentry Cemetery
Gentry, AR 72734

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 12. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

BT

“ When I was 10 or 11 years old Orren (I was born in 1937 and Orren's cousin) gave me one of his old White Navy jumpers, It was way too big and still had the blue felt collar and sleeve cuffs. Boy, was I something then when I wore it and pretended that I was a sailor riding the seven seas and having liberty in exotic port around the oceans. (My oldest brother was in the Navy at the same time) My three brothers were in the Navy followed them by I joining in 1957. In 1959 my ship was in Hawaii and I broke my ankle playing softball and had to spend several weeks there in the hospital. Orren, Barbara and their children rescued me for a weekend at their house and showed me around the island.

"Fair Winds and Following Seas for eternity shipmate."

*William Trammell
CWO4 RET USN*

Bill Trammell - February 22, 2014 at 03:29 PM

PG

“ What a fine, fine man and what fond memories I have of our work together at JBU. He was my rock and right hand during the J. Alvin Dormitory Atrium construction in 1985 when I was a brand new business officer and OW was serving as head of the JBU Physical Plant. God's blessings on all of his family.

Pat Gustavson

Pat Gustavson - February 13, 2014 at 03:16 PM

EB

“ Barbara and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. OW was a good friend of my daddy's and to our family. I will miss him. I'm sure the 'old timers' from JBU who have gone on before are having a wonderful reunion. And they will be waiting for us to join them someday.

Ellen Brammer - February 13, 2014 at 01:37 PM

VW

“ Orren was my uncle, and the best uncle anyone could have. One of the "Greatest Generation", he exemplified the very best of his time and kind. He was a man's man, with incredible toughness, resilience, dedication, patriotism and high ideals. Always polite, firm but gentle, had a wonderful sense of humor, generous, kind and in many other ways a person I always looked up to. The world was a better place for many decades because of him.

Virgil Wooten - February 13, 2014 at 09:55 AM



“ Quiet Expressions was purchased for the family of Orren William Evans.



February 13, 2014 at 09:26 AM

JH

“ *Orren Evans has long been an honored name in my dad's stories told to our family. Their friendship beginning early in their enlistment year with the Navy remained important to my father throughout his life. Our family enjoyed the times we had together with him and each of you. We will be remembering you through this time of your loss.*

Jo (Holcomb) Heiliger - February 12, 2014 at 03:57 PM

DS

“ *Debbie Sutterfield lit a candle in memory of Orren William Evans*



Debbie Sutterfield - February 12, 2014 at 09:10 AM

DS

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to your family during your time of grief. So sorry for your loss.*
Debbie Sutterfield

Debbie Sutterfield - February 12, 2014 at 09:09 AM