
Millard Merrill Evans Sr.

COKER - Millard Merrill Evans, Sr., age 93, of Coker, died Sunday, December 11, 2016 at Hospice of West Alabama after a brief illness.

Born in Reform, Alabama on September 11, 1923 to the late Nona Virginia Adcox and Benjamin Franklin Evans, Sr., he was the eldest of five children.

The family moved from Reform to Coker in May, 1934 on a beautiful Spring day and that night a severe snowstorm hit, leaving them to awake with not a single stick of firewood in the house. Thus began his 82 year residency in the Coker community. Like others, the family suffered the hardships of the Depression which would form his character for the remainder of his life. He attended Tuscaloosa County High School

where he excelled in athletics, most notably baseball and football. He served in the United States Army during [World War II](#).

Returning to Coker after the war, he began a baseball career, playing most notably for the Newnan Browns and advancing to play Triple A ball for the St. Louis Cardinals.

In 1952, he married the former Carol Ann Rudd of Coker and had four sons, William Bruce Evans, Millard Brian Evans, Millard M. Evans, Jr. and Barry Joe Evans. He took great pride in being one of the original founders of the Coker Water Authority, aiding in maintaining the system until his retirement and holding a Board Membership until his death.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Doris Norman and Sheila Hendrix and his brother, Frank Evans, Jr.

He is survived by his sister, Francine Mills; his four sons; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Friday, December 30, 2016 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Valley Church in Coker, formerly known as Coker Baptist Church. The family wishes to express their appreciation to the staff of DCH ICU services, and Hospice of West Alabama and requests that any remembrances be made to Hospice of West Alabama.

**Funeral Home****Northport Funeral & Cremation Service**

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