

## Gene Richard Evans Sr

August 9, 1928 - March 26, 2017

Gene Richard Evans Sr., of Lilburn, Georgia passed away on March 26, 2017.

Gene was born August 9, 1928 in Shawano, Wisconsin to the late Roy R. Evans and the late Dulice A. Evans. The family later moved to Green Bay, where Gene graduated from Green Bay West High School in 1946. He received his Bachelor's degree from University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisconsin in 1951. He served his country in the US Army during the Korean conflict. Gene married Florence L. Sinkula on June 9, 1951.

Gene is survived by his wife Florence of 65 years and his sister Gloria Larson of Milwaukee. Gene and Florence have 5 children, Kristine Bone (Randy) of Monroe, GA; Lisa Kurth (Mark) of Green Bay, WI; Gene Evans, Jr. (Marianne) of Ellijay, GA; Merrie Roller (Greg) of Union, KY; and Tom Evans (Claire) of Lilburn, GA; 11 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

As an athlete, Gene lettered at Green Bay West High School in football, basketball and track. At the University of Wisconsin, he made his freshman debut in 1946 football for the Badgers, by intercepting three passes in a 34 – 0 rout over Marquette University. He concluded his career in football, with 2 punt returns, one for 54 yards and one for 62 yards for a touchdown. He lettered in baseball for three years for the Badgers as a second baseman. He was captain and MVP for the Badgers that played in the college World Series in 1950. In 1951, Gene was drafted in the 21st round by the Green Bay Packers, however opted to sign a minor-league baseball contract with the Chicago White Sox, becoming the first Green Bay native in professional baseball.

Gene was employed with Standard Oil/Amoco Oil as an auditor for 35 years, before retiring in 1988. Gene was an avid sports fan. He loved his Packers, Badgers, and Braves. He enjoyed playing bridge and reading. Gene was a devoted husband, great father and grandfather.

The memorial service to honor and celebrate the life of Gene Evans will be held on Friday, March 31, 2017 at 6pm., Tom M. Wages Snellville Chapel. The family will receive friends

also on Friday from 5:00 PM until the time of service at the funeral home. For those who desire to make memorial donations in lieu of flowers may make a donation in honor and memory of Gene Richard Evans, Sr., to any Humane Society of your choice.

Condolences may be sent or viewed at www.wagesfuneralhome.com Tom M. Wages Funeral Service, LLC, "A Family Company", Snellville Chapel 770-979-3200 has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## **Events**

MAR 31	Visitation	05:00PM - 06:0	0PM
	Tom M. Wages Funeral Service - Snellville 3705 Highway 78 West, Snellville, GA, US, 30039		
MAR	Memorial Serv	ice	06:00PM

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## Comments



Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Gene Richard Evans Sr.



March 30 at 02:31 PM



66 A tribute video has been added.



Tom M. Wages Funeral Service - March 30 at 12:42 PM



66 Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gene Richard Evans Sr.



March 30 at 08:31 AM



66 Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gene Richard Evans



March 29 at 06:59 PM





66 Robert Paul lit a candle in memory of Gene Richard Evans Sr



Robert Paul - March 28 at 04:17 PM





Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gene Richard Evans Sr.



March 28 at 02:47 PM





Pam lit a candle in memory of Gene Richard Evans Sr



pam - March 28 at 11:19 AM





**66** Greg and Merrie, Gods grace and peace.









66 Our thoughts and prayers are with the Evans and Roller families. Dave & Sheila Soncrant

David Soncrant - March 28 at 09:25 AM