



John Evans



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John R. Evans, age 55, of North Ridgeville, died Saturday morning at his home following a sudden illness.

He was born in Whiteville, West Virginia, and had been a resident of North Ridgeville since 1988; having moved from Elyria.

He served in the United States Army in Vietnam.

Mr. Evans was a tow motor and crane operator over the past 32 years at the US Steel Lorain Tubular Plant. He was a member of the UAW Local 1104 District 1.

He enjoyed camping, open wheel racing and NASCAR.

He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Beverly F. (nee Wilford) Evans; sons, Robert F. Evans, of Grafton and John D. Evans, of North Ridgeville; mother, Edith (nee Harris) Evans, of Elyria; brother, Jack Evans, of Florida and sister, Jewel Evans, of Elyria.

He is preceded in death by his dad, Harry Evans.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 PM at the David Bogner Family Funeral Home, 36625 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville; where services will be held on Wednesday at 11:00 AM. The Reverend Sharon Kiesel, christian education director, at the North Eaton Christian Church Disciples, will officiate.

Burial will be in Resthaven Memory Gardens, Avon; with the North Ridgeville VFW Post 9871 conducting the Military Service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Make A Wish Foundation, The Hanna Building, 1422 Euclid Ave., Ste 239, Cleveland, OH 44115



Tribute Wall

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DB

Dan & Vicky Greber-Brannon posted:

Dear Bev and Boys, We were sorry to hear of John's passing, as we know what you're going thru. John was such a big laughable teddy bear, that kept everyone laughing, but we also saw the loving & caring man he was, when his mom was at Life Care in Elyria. He will definitely be missed by all, and you had 21 beautiful years with him. May God Bless your family, and your family will be in our prayers. Love & Prayers, Dan & Vicky Greber-Brannon

November 29 at 8:00 PM

HW

Heather Warta posted:

To the Evans Family. My fondest memories are from when I was very small, and my mom would take me to the racetrack. I could always count on seeing "Big John". I always loved him and his bushy beard. He will always be a part of our "racetrack family", and will always share a big part of my family's (Richards) heart and lives. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Heather Warta (Daughter of Terri Richards Barricello)

November 29 at 8:00 PM

AK

Andy Kordek posted:

Dear Bev and family, I am very sorry to hear of your loss, the world is less one good hearted man whose heart was as big as his person. He was like family to mine (Richards). The racetrack will be a little bit quieter this year.

November 28 at 8:00 PM

PW

Paula Warner posted:

Dear Bev, I am so very sorry to hear about John. I haven't seen either one of you for a very long time but, he was a great person and friend. He will be dearly missed by so many people. You will be in my thoughts and prayer's.

November 28 at 8:00 PM



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DR

Denise Rogerson posted:

Dear Bev and family, I am so very sorry to hear of John's passing. John was my "big teddy bear" and was like a part of our family. I have nothing but fond memories of John and the fun and laughter he brought into the lives of those around him. I know that you will miss him dearly. My prayers are with you. Denise Richards Rogerson

November 28 at 8:00 PM

JG

Joe And Nancy Grunda posted:

Dear Bev and all of John's family; It is difficult to know quite what to say because nothing we say can ease the grief you bear. John was a good friend. I thoroughly enjoyed his company and friendship, on and off the race track. He always had a way to "lighten me up" and make me laugh, which is not easy to do. He will be remembered fondly by all the people that knew him. Please accept these heartfelt thoughts and know that we and so many others care. You have our sympathy. Joe and Nancy Grunda

November 28 at 8:00 PM

TR

Tim & Margo Richards posted:

Dear Bev & family, We never had the opportunity to meet you personally, but we know you brought much happiness to John's life. He was the very best man and friend to both of us, including being a very special part of our wedding almost 32 years ago. The memories of being with him at the speedway, in our home and any other opportunity are strongly treasured and he will never be forgotten. Funny thing, we just ran across an old photo of John with his race car on the trailer in front of our house. He had our 3 kids in and on the car, and both of us and himself nearby. The picture has been hanging on the refrigerator for several months now. He will be greatly missed for so many of us. Take comfort in knowing you had 21 years with a really wonderful man. God Bless You. Tim & Margo Richards Columbus, NC

November 28 at 8:00 PM

TB

Terri Richards Barricello posted:

Dear Bev and Evans Family, I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. He was like a big brother to me and can remember all the good times we all had together. It has been a long time since I have seen any of you but we always speak of John and how much fun we all had together whether it be when the guys were in their jeeps or at the race track. May God Bless you all and know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Terri Richards Barricello Mike Barricello

November 28 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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