



## James Van Evans

May 15, 1950 - December 14, 2019

James Van Evans, 69, a lifelong Rushville resident, died December 14, 2019 as the result of a car accident near Versailles. He was born May 15, 1950 in Rushville to Gene & Betty (Knecht) Evans. He was a 1968 graduate of Rushville Consolidated High School and a 1972 graduate of Indiana State University with a degree in Environmental Management. He married Debbie (Purcell) Walker on July 10, 2002 and she survives.

Jim is also survived by his son, Michael Gene Evans of Sellersburg, stepsons, Scott Walker of Rushville and Jason (Valeri) Walker of Terre Haute, sisters, Nancy A. (Robert) Leising of Milroy, Margie (Clyde) Cordray of Evansville, Diane Stevenson of Phoenix and Bettigene (Jerry) Gilpin of Rushville, a brother, William F. (Regina) Evans of Rushville, grandchildren, Austin Walker, Brandon Walker, Taylor(Luke) Young, Brenan Walker & Ethan Walker and adopted grandchildren, Chance, Zaine, Braityn & Elli Bentley. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Susan J. Jones-1989.

Jim was first employed with the Rush County Health Dept. as Sanitarian for 3 years but spent 35 years working for IDEM as an Environmental Inspector.

Jim was an avid golfer, following in his father's footsteps! He played in high School and as a walk on for Indiana State the first 2 years before receiving scholarships the last 2 years and playing as their #1 golfer. In his career, he won 14 club championships and made 13 Holes in One! He was known to his golfing friends as "The Legend". He took great pride in coaching the Rushville High School girls & boys golf teams for 17 years. He was endeared and

greatly respected by all his players.

Besides golf, Jim was an avid IU Fan, he loved to play the horses and was quite skilled playing craps at the casino.

There will be a time to remember Jim from 4-8 PM Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at Moster Mortuary, Rushville.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Tee of Indiana, 2625 Hurricane Rd., Franklin, IN. 46131.

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Van Evans*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *The Legend was one my best golfing friends for over 30 years. When I first started playing in club championships, the Legend was always the goal to beat. It took many years to finally beat him. Through the years we became good friends in competition and as teammates on men's league. I believe we shared a friendship that was special to him unlike any other. I will miss his phone calls, our golfing and gambling conversations and his unique perspectives. I will miss him terribly.*



**Rico Rice** - December 18, 2019 at 10:10 AM



“ *Earl D Baker purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of James Van Evans.*



**Earl D Baker** - December 17, 2019 at 08:24 PM

MM

“ I’m going to miss you coming into Hardee’s and telling all of us jokes. You always had to have your biscuits and gravy sunny side up. You would call me Mac-a-too when you saw me. It’s going to be hard not seeing your smiling face everyday. You will be forever missed.  
-MAC-

makayla moore - December 17, 2019 at 07:59 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of James Van Evans.



December 17, 2019 at 04:43 PM

MM

“ Sorry for your loss, my thoughts with your family

Mike Miller - December 17, 2019 at 12:19 PM

JU

“ So sorry for your loss, to all members of Jims family. My prayers are with you !

judyLegere - December 17, 2019 at 10:30 AM

CA

“ So sorry for your loss Debbie and family.



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**Cindy Alexander** - December 17, 2019 at 03:51 AM

GA

“ Jimmy was one of my favorite horse betters at Indiana Grand Racing and Casino and will always b missed.....Ur in my thoughts and prayers Debbie and ur family.....

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**Gina Anderson** - December 17, 2019 at 12:55 AM

SA

“ Jimmy was a hoot....one of my favorite horse players. He will be missed. Debbie, I am so sorry for your loss!

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**Susan Armstrong** - December 16, 2019 at 10:46 PM

CM

“ Jimmy Van ... coached the high school teams that both our children were on. What a good man..& coach. They laughed , danced had serious moments ...& had fun. Never will forget the time Jimmy drove the short bus ...down the cart path after a golf match ..lol. and one of his favorite words that year was “ Undulation”.. Rest easy now in heaven Jimmy.. You will be missed ..until we all meet again ❤️



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**Cheryl & George Miller** - December 16, 2019 at 09:35 PM

PG

“ *Penny Goins lit a candle in memory of James Van Evans*



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**Penny Goins** - December 16, 2019 at 09:17 PM

JD

“ *Jacqueline Duke lit a candle in memory of James Van Evans*



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**Jacqueline Duke** - December 16, 2019 at 08:23 PM

AF

“ *Rest easy mr evans*



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**Anthony bolen & family** - December 16, 2019 at 07:18 PM

GR

“ *Greg Raike lit a candle in memory of James Van Evans*



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**Greg Raike** - December 16, 2019 at 05:33 PM

DC

“ *Dot And Dave Clevenger lit a candle in memory of James Van Evans*



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**Dot and Dave Clevenger** - December 16, 2019 at 04:47 PM



“ *Linda Levi lit a candle in memory of James Van Evans*



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**Linda Levi** - December 16, 2019 at 04:25 PM



*It's hard to imagine golf without the legend. He was an incredible teacher and one of my favorite people to play golf with. My sincere sympathy to Debbie and all of Jim's family.*

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**Linda Levi** - December 16, 2019 at 04:26 PM

CF

*Very sorry to hear of his passing. We spent a lot of time together in high school and on the golf course.*

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**charlie farthing** - December 16, 2019 at 09:40 PM

DG

“ *Dave & Karen Garau lit a candle in memory of James Van Evans*



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**Dave & Karen Garau** - December 16, 2019 at 04:07 PM

LD

“ Jim always made me laugh . He would tell everyone I was his daughter. Never a dull moment when he was around..gonna miss ya



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**Lori Dunn** - December 16, 2019 at 03:03 PM

KM

“ Jimmy was always a good nature guy he was a good friend of my family, his dad Gene ( big daddy ) such a friendly and outgoing guy and always happy. Jim was just like his father he always had a smile on his face and he never knew a stranger I'm going to miss him I'm sure my dad Wilbur Moore, going to miss him dearly. Prayers to the family, and if you ever need anything please let me and Dad know.

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**Kim moore-dye** - December 16, 2019 at 02:01 PM

SW

“ Steve Ward lit a candle in memory of James Van Evans



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**Steve Ward** - December 16, 2019 at 01:14 PM

SW

*Sure will miss him at Hardees for breakfast*

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**Steve Ward** - December 16, 2019 at 01:15 PM

DN

“ *Bill, we are sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, and your family.* ”



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**David Monica Newman** - December 16, 2019 at 12:38 PM

JR

“ *Jennifer Roberts lit a candle in memory of James Van Evans* ”



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**Jennifer Roberts** - December 16, 2019 at 07:17 AM

AB

“ *Arlena Brown lit a candle in memory of James Van Evans* ”



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**Arlena Brown** - December 16, 2019 at 07:11 AM

WJ

“ *Rip Coach..we will miss you at Hardees with your crazy dancing and singing..we love you!!* ”



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**Wanda Jenkins** - December 16, 2019 at 03:58 AM

SR

“ Steve Randall lit a candle in memory of James Van Evans



Steve Randall - December 15, 2019 at 11:17 PM

HR

“ Heather Rolfe lit a candle in memory of James Van Evans



Heather Rolfe - December 15, 2019 at 11:09 PM

SI

“ Susan Isgrigg lit a candle in memory of James Van Evans



susan isgrigg - December 15, 2019 at 09:11 PM

JC

“ John & Sally Collyer lit a candle in memory of James Van Evans



John & Sally Collyer - December 15, 2019 at 09:01 PM

TM

“ Taylor Moore lit a candle in memory of James Van Evans



Taylor Moore - December 15, 2019 at 06:49 PM

CM

“ Rest in heaven coach will miss u very much all the jokes the candy and the stories u told me at Hardee's u r my favorite customer plus Debbie



Christie matney - December 15, 2019 at 04:36 PM

B(

“ Rest In Peace coach I remember when I worked at Hardee's and every morning you came in and I always looked forward to it because you always made us laugh with your jokes you will be truest missed prayers for your wife and family because god took one amazing man from this world :(

Bobbi Alonso (Monday) - December 15, 2019 at 04:14 PM

DB

“ Debbie Briar lit a candle in memory of James Van Evans



Debbie Briar - December 15, 2019 at 02:43 PM

AR

“ *Much love to the family!!!!*



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**Annie Dickson Ratliff** - December 15, 2019 at 02:21 PM

LF

“ *Rest in heaven coach ....much love and prayers for the whole family..... (sunnysideup)*



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**Linda foreman** - December 15, 2019 at 01:23 PM

DC

“ *Dottie Clevenger lit a candle in memory of James Van Evans*



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**Dottie Clevenger** - December 15, 2019 at 12:18 PM

DC

*Debbie, so sorry for your loss. Dottie and Dave*

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**Dottie Clevenger** - December 15, 2019 at 12:19 PM

PS

*Jimmy Van Evans will be greatly missed at the bank. To know Van was to love him. He was our shining star when he walked in the doors. Heaven has to be beautiful with him in it!! Our prayers are with Debbie & his sweet family. God Bless*

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**Peggy Scott** - December 17, 2019 at 08:29 AM