



Wally D. Evans

March 8, 1957 - June 16, 2014

Wally D. Evans

Age 57, of Wilmington, IL, formerly of Braidwood, IL, passed away unexpectedly, Monday, June 16, at his home. Born March 8, 1957 in Joliet, IL to the late Donald LeRoy and Virginia Rose (nee Taylor) Evans. Wally was a graduate of Reed Custer High School in Braidwood with the Class of 1975. He was currently employed as a Resource Officer for the Reed Custer School District. Wally was formerly employed as a police officer in Wilmington and retired as Chief of Police in 2008. His #1 passion was coaching baseball. He was also an avid fisherman and golfer.

Surviving are his wife, Susie (nee Johnson), whom he married December 7, 2001; son, Jacob Evans of Braidwood; step-son, Brett Lewis of Wilmington; step-daughter, Jill (Glen) Van Duyne of Wilmington; step-grandchildren, Jackson Robert Van Duyne and Brady Lewis Van Duyne; sisters, Donna (Charles) Ward of Wilmington and Brenda (Paul) Bumpous of Braidwood; father-in-law, LaVerne Johnson of Wilmington; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his mother-in-law, Edythe "Edie" Johnson.

Funeral services will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory, 401 E. Main St., Braidwood, IL, Thursday, June 19, at 11:00 AM. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Wilmington, IL. The visitation will be Wednesday, June 18, from 3-8 PM. Memorial gifts in his name may be made to the Reed Custer Education Fund. For more information and to view his tribute wall, please log on to rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook at RW Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory.

R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd.
401 East Main St.
Braidwood, Illinois
815-458-2336

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery-Wilmington

P.O. Box 775 700 Williams Street
Located at the intersection of Williams and
Oak Street
Wilmington, IL 60481

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 18. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Wally Evans Video Tribute



Sara Foote - July 17, 2014 at 03:09 PM

FA

“ Susie and family, extending our deepest sympathy- love and prayers: Doug and Kathie Favero and family

Favero - June 20, 2014 at 10:51 AM

MJ

“ Mark & Jean Jackson lit a candle in memory of Wally D. Evans



Mark & Jean Jackson - June 19, 2014 at 09:16 PM

KT

“ We are thinking of you all & wishing you peace in your most trying time! We are so sorry for Wally's passing & can't find the words to express our deepest concern for you. Love you Susie - always have & want you to know that we have you in our prayers & thoughts every day!

Karen & Andy Tull

Karen Tull - June 19, 2014 at 07:53 PM

CV

“ Susie, I'm so sorry for the loss of wally. Had alot of good times coaching baseball together. We could not beat his team. Great guy coach and mentor My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family



Chuck vedder

chuck vedder - June 19, 2014 at 02:56 PM

SW

“ My sympathy goes out to the family of Wally Evans, he was a great person. I went to school with him in Braidwood for many years. He will be missed.... Susan Schneider Wagner.

Susan Schneider Wagner - June 19, 2014 at 10:46 AM

PW

“ So sorry to hear of Wally passing. He was a big part of our family while I lived in Braidwood and remained a best friend to my brother Rich Walden. R.I.P PEGGY WALDEN



peg walden - June 19, 2014 at 08:35 AM

LI

“ So sorry and shocked to hear about Wally. I went to school with Wally and was engaged to him right after high school. A lot of good memories. My thoughts and prayers go out to Donna, Brenda, Charles, Susie, Jake, family and friends.

Linda

Linda - June 19, 2014 at 03:50 AM

MB

“ Susie, we are saddened by the loss of such a great person. We will be keeping you and the family in prayer for strength and Gods peace. He will be so missed.



Mike and Linda Bailey - June 19, 2014 at 01:57 AM

CF

“ To Susie and Family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Wally my thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God be with you through this very difficult time and bring you comfort. He was a good person and will be missed by many.

Connie Hale Forsythe - June 18, 2014 at 10:56 PM

JK

“ I am sorry to hear that Wally pasted away. He was a great guy that will be missed by his family and friends.

Jim Kupczak - June 18, 2014 at 08:11 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to Susie and family. Wally was a good man, and a great friend! I am very sorry for your loss. Regards Dave Corlett*

Dave Corlett - June 18, 2014 at 07:51 PM



“ *We are all so saddened by the loss of such an amazing man. Deepest sympathies to Jacob and family. Sincerely, Laura and Tobey Burton, Mollie, Abie and Michael Underwood*

Laura - June 18, 2014 at 07:16 PM



“ *Wally and I shared many memories together watching Saints baseball. We shared many laughs and memories over the last few years. He was a great fan, family man, and an incredible person. He will be sorely missed by many!*

Bob Porter

robert porter - June 18, 2014 at 03:12 PM



“ *Susie, Jake and family, our deepest sympathy goes out to all of you. Wally was a great guy with a huge heart, awesome husband and father. The world is a much better place because of him. We have wonderful memories of all the St Francis games and trips. We will always hold a special bond with our kids playing college ball together. Heaven has gained one special angel. Hope it is filled with Yankee wins and beautiful baseball stadiums. You deserve the BEST! Joe and Sue Blaine*

Joe Blaine - June 18, 2014 at 02:39 PM

DL

“ I have known Wally since I was very little and he was a very special man. My prayers and thoughts are with his family and friends. Rest in peace.



Deb (Wren) Lavicka - June 18, 2014 at 01:59 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wally D. Evans.



June 18, 2014 at 11:23 AM

PF

“ Prayers for Wallys family.will miss him,he was a inspiration to my sons.Lots of good advice.



pat feazel - June 17, 2014 at 10:07 PM

SR

“ Deeply sorry for your loss! love the Rossi family



sandy rossi - June 17, 2014 at 09:31 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wally D. Evans.*



June 17, 2014 at 08:35 PM



“ *Judith Baron, JJCPD, former Will Cty Deputy purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Wally D. Evans.*



Judith Baron, JJCPD, former Will Cty Deputy - June 17, 2014 at 08:34 PM



“ *Wally was a good man may he rest in peace*



Judy Smolik - June 17, 2014 at 08:09 PM



“ *Susie and family,
I am so sorry to hear about Wally's passing. My prayers and sympathy to you and your family.
God bless,
Lou Ann Himes*

Lou Ann Himes - June 17, 2014 at 07:06 PM

DH

“ I met Wally back in the 80's when I had to call the police. I was a security guard at the closed down Celotex Plant and Wally was the responding Officer. Over the years and several calls I had nothing but respect for him. He was very good at his job and would listen to what you needed before acting. We always talked whenever we met up afterward. I considered him a friend and he will be missed. My deepest heartfelt condolences go out to his family. Wally was one of a kind and cannot be replaced. He will be forever missed.



Daniel Howell - June 17, 2014 at 06:02 PM

DI

“ Diane(smith)Hibler lit a candle in memory of Wally D. Evans



Diane(smith)Hibler - June 17, 2014 at 05:48 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wally D. Evans.



June 17, 2014 at 05:39 PM

JT

“ To Susie, Jacob, Brenda and all of Wally's family...words cannot express how terribly sorry we are for your loss. I believe everyone is so shocked and terribly saddened by this. We have so many good memories of Wally...especially the Wilmington PD and the golf course; Jerry loved him like a brother. He was a true and loyal friend and will certainly be missed. We pray that God gives you the strength you need during the days and months ahead. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.
Rest in peace our dear friend.

Jerry, Fran & Tiffany Tutor - June 17, 2014 at 02:32 PM

CC

“ Colleen (Pemble) Crafton lit a candle in memory of Wally D. Evans



Colleen (Pemble) Crafton - June 17, 2014 at 12:21 PM

EB

“ What a wonderful guy! The world was a better place because of him. I'll really miss him!

Ed Brooks

Ed Brooks - June 17, 2014 at 11:58 AM

BS

“ I didn't know Wally well but enjoyed the time we spent watching Saints games together the last three years. I told him in Atlanta that I would miss seeing him at games next year and he promised he would still be there. He certainly will be missed at the stadium and everywhere else I'm sure. He was a special guy with a ton of love for his family. My heart aches for them this week.
Bob Schnieders

Bob Schnieders - June 17, 2014 at 11:54 AM

MJ

“ Mark, Johnny, Diane Keymon & Deb (Keymon) Jasper purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Wally D. Evans.



Mark, Johnny, Diane Keymon & Deb (Keymon) Jasper - June 17, 2014 at 11:47 AM

TO

“ Wally was such a funny guy, I remember in High School when they did a search in our lockers, I had a stash of Hostess products, he took out the twinkies and kept them. I didn't think that was the search and seizure they were looking for, but we still laughed about it, when we saw each other. Baseball was such a big part in his life, so I hope that is what he is doing. You will be missed!!

tonie - June 17, 2014 at 11:28 AM



“ *America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Wally D. Evans.*



June 17, 2014 at 11:17 AM



“ *Hello Suzie. My deepest sympathy to you and the family. So sorry for your loss. Many years have passed since your name came up. I remember many happy times riding horses, your Dusty and my Rawhide, over county roads. Time will heal the heart.*

Donna Morey - June 17, 2014 at 11:14 AM



“ *Ray Stahl lit a candle in memory of Wally D. Evans*



Ray Stahl - June 17, 2014 at 10:46 AM



“ *My condolences to Wally's family. He was a great guy and it was a pleasure knowing him. He had a big heart and i am sure he is still watching over everyone from Heaven. Rest in Peace Wally. You had a bigger impact on peoples' lives you probably ever knew. You will be missed.*
Stacey Burmeister



Stacey Burmeister - June 17, 2014 at 10:30 AM

RS

“ Shocked and saddened to hear of my childhood friend's passing. Wally and I go back to the very beginning growing up together in Braidwood. Our time together "back in the day" are permanently etched in my memory. Although we did not keep in touch as much as both of us would have wished as adults, our friendship was timeless. As they say, we were brothers from another mother. Bloodbrothers actually, one of many stories I could tell <smile>. I clearly remember the days of being out late in the night looking up at the night sky and talking about everything important to us then: Cars, sports, girls, parties, music, movies...just life in general. Now when I look to the night sky I will remember my good friend who left us far too soon. My sincere condolences to Wally's wife and family. He was one of the good ones. RIP brother.

Ray Stahl - June 17, 2014 at 10:25 AM

SP

“ Shelly Chandler Parsley lit a candle in memory of Wally D. Evans



shelly chandler parsley - June 17, 2014 at 10:19 AM

BM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Evans family. We will miss our #1 fan.
USF Baseball Team

Brian Michalak - June 17, 2014 at 10:04 AM

DS

“ So very sorry to all of you. Our thoughts & prayers are with you!

*Dean & Beth Shepherd
and Family*

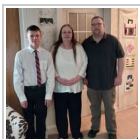
Dean Shepherd - June 17, 2014 at 10:02 AM

BO

“ Susie, this is my hug to you until I see you. I have no words to express the extent of my sadness for you and all of Wally's family at this painful time.

Barbara and Nial Osburn

Barbara Osburn - June 17, 2014 at 09:38 AM



“ We are very sorry for your loss, prayers and deepest condolences for your family.

-Michael A. Leonard and Family

Lisa Havekost - June 17, 2014 at 08:55 AM

DL

“ To Susie and all of Wally's loved ones - we were shocked and deeply saddened to hear of Wally's passing. May all your loving memories help you during this very difficult time. Our sincerest sympathy to you all.

Brian & Diane Lange, Naples, FL

Diane Lange - June 17, 2014 at 08:36 AM

 Denise Sinkular

“ Our deepest sympathy to all the family! Will miss seeing that smile!
Denise & Bruce Sinkular

Denise Sinkular - June 17, 2014 at 07:06 AM

CW

“ So sorry for your loss. My prayers and deepest sympathies go out to the entire family. He was a great man and will be missed by so many. Let God be with you and help comfort you.

connie winker-proctor - June 17, 2014 at 06:58 AM

RH

“ Our deepest sympathy for you and your family....So sorry for your loss
He was a great guy...
God Bless Linda an Ron Hainline



Ron & Linda Hainline - June 17, 2014 at 05:04 AM

SD

“ Sorry for the loss may he rest in peace & he was a good cop he let me go on alot of curfews lol

susan dehler - June 17, 2014 at 12:01 AM

AP

“ Where do you start....first to Suzie and Jacob so very sorry to you Two, to his sisters, nephews and nieces, great-nieces and great nephews extended families and Uncountable friends...the loss of this man will be touched by sooo many. I remember when Wally and Rich (Dick) Waldron came to Wilmington to work many years ago.....lots of memories from them...some better than others but after all they were the Law :).....May you have a safe journey home Wally, you will be missed Alecia Hill Ptacek

Alecia Ptacek - June 16, 2014 at 11:21 PM

KC

“ *Katie Costenaro lit a candle in memory of Wally D. Evans*



Katie Costenaro - June 16, 2014 at 11:06 PM

TO

“ *Tim O'Donnell lit a candle in memory of Wally D. Evans*



Tim O'Donnell - June 16, 2014 at 10:58 PM

TO

Sending prayers and warm thoughts to all the family. From Dexter Corner~!

Tim O'Donnell - June 16, 2014 at 11:00 PM



“ *Wally was always the nicest guy. The thing I remember the most about him is how much Brenda loved him! My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. I know how much Wally is loved and how much he will be missed.*

Donna Walker - June 16, 2014 at 10:35 PM



“ I remember when I was 17 (which was awhile ago lol) and I needed a adults advice bad, Wally was there for me....:) he was a awesome guy and a good kop too....so many will miss u especially ur family but u will never be forgotten and all the memories we all have of u, RIP Wally....:)

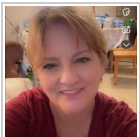
Sue Wilcox Harle - June 16, 2014 at 10:28 PM



“ Susie and family- we are so very sorry for your loss. Wally will be deeply missed. Many memories of him with his days at Wilmington PD. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Rest in peace Wally.

Darin and Cass Plotts

Darin and Cass Plotts - June 16, 2014 at 10:12 PM



“ Sue & Jake - Words can not begin to express how saddened Brian and I are of this terrible loss. Brian has a lot of respect for Wally and really enjoyed the time he got to spend with him. You will be in our thoughts and prayers - he will truly be missed. With Love, Brian & Sheila DuBois.



Sheila DuBois - June 16, 2014 at 09:40 PM



“ To : Family , Friends and Brothers \ Sister in Blue we are sadden of the news of the passing of Walley . I served with the B.F.D. when he was a officer and actually attended R.C.H.S. with Wallet . He was always willing to help . Our thoughts and Prayers are with all .

Kevin Painter - June 16, 2014 at 09:37 PM

BT

“ *Becky Taylor lit a candle in memory of Wally D. Evans*



Becky Taylor - June 16, 2014 at 09:22 PM



“ *Cyndye Adams lit a candle in memory of Wally D. Evans*



Cyndye Adams - June 16, 2014 at 09:09 PM



“ *Linda Donnelly lit a candle in memory of Wally D. Evans*



Linda Donnelly - June 16, 2014 at 08:53 PM

TM

“ *Tammy McPherson lit a candle in memory of Wally D. Evans*



Tammy McPherson - June 16, 2014 at 08:51 PM

LE

“ Sending love and prayers of comfort to the family. I graduated from RCHS with his sister, Brenda, and remember him in

Lenora Hoffman Earley - June 16, 2014 at 08:48 PM

VC

“ When we were in high school, Wally had a black Duster, it was his "pride and joy"!!! He'd pick me up and I wasted no time perching myself on the console with my arm around his shoulder. We'd cruise Braidwood, Wilmington and Coal City listening to Led Zeppelin, our favorite song was Stairway To Heaven!!!!!! How I miss those days!!!!!!!!!!!!

valerie carter - June 16, 2014 at 08:44 PM



Wow, I remember that black Duster very well, Valerie. Remembering those good times helps make up for what a sad day today is hearing this news.

Ray Stahl - June 17, 2014 at 11:26 AM



“ Wally was such a great man to work with. He was always the first person to offer to help me with groceries when my hands were full. His smile was a great way to walk into school everyday. He was the first person I would look to if I needed help with a student in trouble. His care for all the students at Reed Custer High School will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time.

Elli Wilkey - June 16, 2014 at 08:09 PM

KD

“ My prayers are with you. I knew Walley back in the in 1975. I was lucky know him when was still in high school. And then caught up when he came to Wilmington Police Dept. I feel lucky to know one a good guy. Wally will alwsys be your guardian angel looking over his family.

Kay Lowrey Davis - June 16, 2014 at 08:08 PM

RL

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Wally's family during this difficult time. I had the pleasure of working with Wally for 2 years when I worked at Reed-Custer. He was always about doing what was right for the kids, and started up the Bass Fishing program there by donating his time to coach the team on a volunteer basis. He was a fine man with a caring attitude and a good sense of humor, and will certainly be missed by Reed-Custer and the Braidwood community. He touched all he came in contact with in a positive way.

--Rob Lathrop

Rob Lathrop - June 16, 2014 at 08:00 PM

CS

“ Crystal Strohm lit a candle in memory of Wally D. Evans



crystal strohm - June 16, 2014 at 07:38 PM

CS

prayer's for your family...wally was a great person and will be missed...

crystal strohm - June 16, 2014 at 07:39 PM

KH

“ *Kelly Hadley lit a candle in memory of Wally D. Evans*



Kelly Hadley - June 16, 2014 at 07:17 PM

Tina Good

“ *Tina Good lit a candle in memory of Wally D. Evans*



Tina Good - June 16, 2014 at 07:13 PM

PK

“ *Suzie and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. May God Bless each of you and wrap his loving arms around you and help you through your loss. From the Davis family to yours.. Pam , Fae, Steven and Kevin Davis*



pamela davis kammann - June 16, 2014 at 07:10 PM

DJ

“ *Wally was the first one to crack a joke to make us laugh. Denise Zinnel and I were the only two girls the boys let play sports with them. We played a lot of basketball and baseball on our street. He was a great guy and a good friend who was always willing to help. He will be missed but not forgotten.*

Debra Jasper - June 16, 2014 at 07:02 PM

DS

“ Susie we are so sorry for you loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Harvey and Debbie Shell

debbie shell - June 16, 2014 at 06:30 PM

PM

“ Sue, we are so sorry for your loss..Dan had such a good time on the couple of fishing trips he took with you guys to Lake Fork, talked about the good times and all the laughs.
Sending hugs and prayers to you and his family.
Love,
Dan & Pat McHugh

Pat & Dan McHugh - June 16, 2014 at 06:14 PM

AS

“ Thank you for all you have done our thoughts & prayers are with your family.

April Scroggins - June 16, 2014 at 04:53 PM

CC

Wally, you were one of the influences in my life that helped me choose a career in law enforcement. A friend, a softball teammate and most importantly a brother of the badge. Rest in peace brother. To the family my deepest condolences.

Chris Canupp

Chris Canupp - June 16, 2014 at 05:49 PM



That was really nice Chris....I didnt realize he was a mentor to u, but doesn't surprise me he was a awesome guy....he helped me in HS when I needed someone.....) Paula may remember that....

Sue Wilcox Harle - June 16, 2014 at 10:38 PM