



Gary Leroy Evans

August 10, 1952 - June 1, 2025

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we announce the passing of Gary Evans, who departed this life to be with his Lord and Savior. He passed away peacefully at home on June 1, 2025, holding the hand of his beloved wife and treasured best friend LaDonna. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend, Gary lived a life defined by faith, service, and love.

Gary Leroy Evans was born in Chandler, Oklahoma, on August 10, 1952, to Ole and Viva Lee Evans. He was baptized into the General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn at the age of 13 — a moment that would mark the beginning of a lifelong commitment to serving God and His people.

Gary graduated from Cushing High School in 1970. In the Autumn of 1972, Gary's life took a new direction when he began dating a lovely young woman named LaDonna Lowe. One of their first dates was to a Halloween party, and they were engaged by Thanksgiving — plenty of time for Gary to decide that LaDonna was the one for him. Gary married the love of his life on February 10, 1973. Together, they built a life of faith, family, and enduring love.

None of Gary's family ever had to wonder if he loved them. They didn't have to. Gary told them—and then he told them again. Over, and over, and over, Gary expressed his love without a trace of hesitation. If you knew Gary, then you were likely a recipient of this out loud kind of love. He was never shy

about making people feel valued. Gary showed his love boldly in both word and action. Only hours before his passing he was doing just that, expressing his love for God and for God's people by tending to the trees on the church grounds. There could not have been a more perfect way for him to spend his last day here on Earth, for Gary had a deep love for God's creation. He found peace in gardening, being outdoors, and observing the beauty of nature in his own garden. His family knew him to even love the occasional spiders found in the house, insisting to let them live. In all things, he recognized God's hand and lived each day with gratitude.

Gary spent more than 20 years serving as a civil servant for the Federal Government in El Reno, Oklahoma, and later brought his strong work ethic and steady presence to Chesapeake Energy in Oklahoma City. At Chesapeake, he led a large team with wisdom, humility, and a calm confidence that earned the respect of everyone around him. No matter the role or workplace, Gary was known for his honesty, dedication to excellence, and genuine kindness — the kind that made people feel valued and at ease.

In the Fall of 2000, Gary was ordained as a Deacon at the Newcastle Church of the Firstborn, a calling he embraced with his whole heart. He faithfully ministered to his church family, baptizing many, officiating countless weddings and offering gentle guidance to all who needed it. Whether standing at the pulpit or sitting across the table, Gary had a way of making people feel seen, heard, and loved. His deep respect for God's Word and his unwavering faith were evident in everything he did.

Gary's legacy is one of unwavering faith, compassionate service, and unconditional love. He leaves behind a family and community forever blessed by his presence, and a life that truly honored the Lord.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Ole Evans and Viva Lee Evans. Gary is survived by his wife, LaDonna; his sister, Marla Mulford (Kerry); and

the four children that he and LaDonna share: Chris Evans (Mariah), Jacob Evans, Tiffany Hinnen (Jeremy Hinnen) and Victoria Landis (Garrick Landis). He was a proud and loving grandfather to Lucas, Max, Harry, and Jude Evans; Isaac Hinnen; and Arabella and Jackson Landis. In addition to the four children that God blessed him with, Gary also considered countless others as his children. He had an abundance of love to share.

Above all, Gary's life was centered on service to others. He showed love not just in words, but through his actions and deeds. He made everyone feel welcome, valued, and seen — a reflection of Christ's love that touched all who knew him.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, June 6th at 10 am where all who knew and loved Gary are invited to celebrate his remarkable life. Memorial Service - Newcastle General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn, 3330 NW Beverly Lane, Newcastle, OK. Interment to follow at 2:30 pm, Parkland Cemetery in Agra, OK.

Cemetery Details

Parkland Cemetery

Agra, OK

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 5. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wilson-Little ~ Tri-City
3132 Tri-City Avenue
Newcastle, OK 73065
(405) 387-2243

Visitation

JUN 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

JUN 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn (Newcastle)
3332 NW Beverly Lane
Newcastle, OK 73065

Tribute Wall

TW

“ LaDonna, I'm so sorry to hear about Gary passing. Your friendship has meant so much to me over the past 25 years. I have great respect for him as a person and as a man of God, I'm sorry I could not attend the funeral. We have been on vacation out of town for two weeks. Again I am so sorry, your friend in Christ, Tim Wilson.

Tim Wilson - June 09, 2025 at 01:52 PM

CI

“ I would be remiss if I didn't express my gratitude to God for affording me the privilege of not only knowing Brother Gary, but for also singing with Sister LaDonna and him in such wonderful harmony in church meetings. When I would inform him I wouldn't be in meeting, he'd always tell me, "You'll be missed!" Without fail, he would express his joy when we were all three able to sing together. What a privilege it was to lift our voices together in praise! Memories that will never fade! All praises to the Father for Brother Gary's example of how to live a life of service and dedication.

Chris Irvin - June 05, 2025 at 09:53 PM

VE

I believe this may be the most wonderful obit I've ever read❤️ While I was not blessed to know him well, thru Eastland Church I got to know Chris and Jacob. And think a lot of them. May God fill you hearts with peace.

V'netta Elam - June 08, 2025 at 08:34 AM

KT

“ I am a cuz by marriage (my aunt/his great uncle) First saw him the day after her was born. Such a cute baby. Blonde curly hair. Babysat him whole Viva worked in the peanut field. Lots of happy memories. Didn't see him often in adult years but kept up with his journey. Never heard a bad word against him. So proud of his achievements and I know he has gained his crown. My sympathy to Ladonna and all who knew and loved him ❤️

Kathleen Troxtell - June 04, 2025 at 08:42 PM

CH

“ A kinder person and brother I have never met. He was always a great example of how we should love and treat one another. He will be so missed.

cheryl henderson - June 04, 2025 at 09:46 AM

GC

“ I have a memory forever burned in my heart from the summer of 2004. My daddy was close to his own heavenly Homegoing. Gary and LaDonna came to visit my daddy, along with others from the church. Not being a member of their church, I often felt uncomfortable by the silence when around the brethren. I always made myself scarce at at times like that, disappearing into another room to give my daddy time to visit with his church family and fellowship with them.

But this particular evening, I disappeared into the back dining area to break down in privacy and use that time for my grief.

But sweet, Brother Gary searched me out, put his arm around my shoulders and shared the most uplifting and encouraging words. Gary didn't treat me like an outsider. He embraced me with the love of Jesus. At the time, Gary was just being, well.... He was just being Gary. But to me, he was being the hands and feet of Jesus that I do desperately needed in that moment. And it wasn't long after that Gary was one who preached my daddy's funeral. I'll never forget this memory.

Brother Gary will have so many jewels in his crown, and the love he showed me that day certainly accounts for one of them.

To Sister LaDonna and all the family, my most sincere condolences to you. My heart breaks along with yours, but I'm also rejoicing (just like Gary told me) that he has finally earned the heavenly reward he lived his whole life for. God's blessings on each of you as you navigate forward. Much love and prayers

Gwen Comstock - June 04, 2025 at 12:42 AM

JC

“ I've known Bro. Gary many years. I will miss him. I was the first one he baptized on September 22 1985. He married me and Dana on April 5, 2008. After my dad died i was taking care of my mom when she had a stroke hit her about 2:30 in the morning. I was beside myself with fear. I called Bro. Gary and he and Ladonna immediately came over. They were a Godsend to me. I have been having bad health issues for a couple months now. There was a few times I thought it was my time. I started making my funeral plans and was gonna ask Gary to preach it. Then I heard about his passing. I thought he was gonna get to baptized me marry me and bury me. But nonetheless my prayers are with his family and I'm eternally grateful to have been able to call him my friend. I probably won't be able to make it to the funeral but just know I will be there in spirit.

James cunningham - June 03, 2025 at 02:20 PM

CG

“ I knew Gary mostly when I was a little kid. I was 10, he was 16. Even then, he made a big impression on me. I liked him so much.

Gary and my older brother that was 15
Were best friends. Gary would come out to our farm and I would get to follow Gary and my brother Lonnie around. Gary was always so nice and good to me. We would go swimming in one of our ponds. I'm pretty sure Gary helped my brothers they built a raft on 55 gallon drums. On one end it had a diving board. Of course someone would have to be on the other end of the raft. I still live on the old home place. The raft set on the shore for many decades. I could see it every time I went down my driveway. I always thought about our young days and Gary being part of many of them. The raft finally rotted away.

I remember Gary had a 57 Chevy, he loved it.
And yes, he was full of love at that young age
I will never forget him

Curtis Greenfield - June 03, 2025 at 01:41 PM



“ Brother Gary baptized me April of 24. Every once in while I meet someone who's dedication to the Lord shines like a light, and Gary was one of them. From the time I met him he was a mentor and a friend. From just catching up on the phone to singing songs together after church, he truly loved like Christ called us to. He was one of the first people I reached out to after Casie and I got engaged and he gave us a lot of good advice. One of his favorite verses was Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." And he truly lived that way. May we all be so faithful.

Caleb Stevens - June 03, 2025 at 11:24 AM

CK

What a beautiful and fitting eulogy. Bro Gary was the image of love. Thankful to have known him.

ciristine kitchell - June 03, 2025 at 12:41 PM

JM

When I met Bro Gary he was singing in church in Montrose CO. I could have sat there all night. It was so beautiful. What a wonderful life well lived.

JoAnn McCracken - June 03, 2025 at 03:06 PM

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Chris Irvin - June 03, 2025 at 04:24 PM