



## Rev. John Walter Evans Jr.

May 28, 1932 - October 8, 2021

Rev. John W. Evans, Jr. was born May 28, 1932 in Monroe, Ga. to the late, John W. Evans, Sr. and Trummie Evans. From their union 15 children were born, Rev. Evans being the second born. After the terrible tornado of 1936, the Evans family moved to Gainesville and immediately became connected to the Gainesville community through church, fellowship and service. In 1941, Antioch Baptist Church was founded by Rev. Evans, Sr. and the Evans clan became the founding family of this great church. Rev. Evans walked in his father's footsteps through ministry soon as his father's sudden death in 1966. Their family was rooted in Jesus Christ and was exemplified in their daily walks.

As a child, Rev. Evans attended Northwestern School, Fair Street Elementary and Beulah Rucker Industrial School. He graduated from Beulah Rucker in 1949. After completion, he began working at JD Jewels Chicken Company, then enlisted in the Army (1950). After serving our country, Rev. Evans came back to Gainesville and married his sweetheart, Marion B. Evans on December 19, 1954 and they had 5 children. They were married 65 years until her death in February 2019. During his working years in Gainesville, Rev. Evans worked at New Holland Mills for 20 years, then retired from Cottrell Inc. in the late 90's.

In 1967, Rev. John W. Evans, Jr. accepted his call into the ministry. He was

licensed by Rev. R.E. Cooper, who was the pastor of Antioch after Rev. Evans, Sr. passed. "Rev. Evans" as he's known as around Gainesville and surrounding areas is a true bible machine, being very smart and quick when it comes to the word of God. He is known for his charismatic personality and being a jokester. Normally, whenever he sees anyone who he truly "knows," he will joke and say, "WHO ARE YOU?? WHO ARE YOUR FOLKS? ARE YOU FROM THE BIG CITY OF ATLANTA?" He will also remind you that he's 89 years old, was married to the same woman for 65 years, never been to jail, his children never smelled liquor on his breath and he can still \*inserts a JUMP.\*

Rev. John W. Evans, Jr. has pastored many churches over his pastoral reign. They are as follows: Mt. Enon Baptist Church (14 yrs), Martin Grove Baptist Church (14 yrs), Springfield Baptist Church (3 yrs), Fortson Grove Baptist Church (3 yrs), Shiloh Baptist Church (22 yrs), and retired from Rocky Branch Baptist Church (30 yrs) in 2010. Many of these churches were pastored at the same time. His favorite bible passage was Psalms 23, and his favorite song was "Precious Lord" and "A Charge to Keep I Have." One of his favorite things, other than preaching was to sing. He was also apart of the Souls of Calvary in the 60s as lead singer alongside Zip Law, Edward Glenn, Bonnie Riley, JC Faulkner, Horace Thompson, and his brother Benny Evans.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rev. John W. Evans, Sr. and Trummie Evans; his lovely wife, Marion B. Evans; two brothers: Benny Evans, Leroy Evans; five sisters: Lois Evans, Dorothy Jean Thomas, Ruby Nell Mitchell, Anita Evans and Betty Evans; one daughter in law: Barbara Ann Evans; one grandson: Durun Mays. He leaves to cherish loving and everlasting memories to his children, Roger Evans, Jimmy (Cecelia) Evans, Miranda Brown, Tobias (Jackie) Evans, and Teresa (Charles) Mays. Siblings: Robert (Ola Mae) Evans, Mary Evans Bynum, Beatrice (Royce) Stephens,

Brenda (the late, John) Hughey, Veotis Evans, Samuel Evans, James (Gloria) Evans. He also will be greatly remembered by his grandchildren, whom he loved dearly: Torey (Ca'Quea) Evans, LaTysa (Tim) Gaither, Quanisha (James) Skelton, Shamone Evans, JJ Evans, Brandon Evans, Tawana Brown, Lacey Hutchinson, Tobias Evans, Jr, Taylor Evans, Trey Evans, and Douglas Law. Special great-grandchildren, Taniya Pierce, Jiriq Pierce, Samaj Brown, Armani Mays, Sanlaya Walker, Makhi Law, Malik Law, Deonte Evans, Tristan Evans, Makhi Harrison, Ky Evans, Parker Evans, Timber Gaither, Taliah Gaither, Princess Evans, Cade Evans, Emery Evans, Christian Skelton, CJ Skelton and Jade Skelton. Special friends: the late, Elder Eddie Walker, the late, Rev. W.L. Whelchel, the late Haywood Clyde, Rev. Mike Moon, Pastor L.C. Teasley, Horace Thompson, Sam Shirley, John Willie Teasley, and Roger Young.

<https://m.facebook.com/WimberlyFuneralHome/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **13**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wimberly Funeral Home  
325 Summitt St SE  
Gainesville, GA 30501  
(770) 536-3251  
info@wimberlyjackson.com  
<https://www.wimberlyjacksonfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

OCT **14**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Antioch Baptist Church  
1010 Mill Street  
Gainesville, GA 30501  
<http://antiochbaptistgainesville.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. John Walter Evans Jr.*

October 22, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ *Dad,  
You are an amazing father, grandfather, brother, son, uncle, cousin,  
and friend. Now that you've gone to be with our Lord and the love of  
your life (mama), we who remain can only imagine the joy you're  
experiencing now. We miss you! To God be glory!!!!*

*Tobias and Jackie*

**Jackie and Tobias Evans** - October 15, 2021 at 07:56 AM



“ *Praying for the family* 🙏🙏🙏



**Joyce Mitchell** - October 14, 2021 at 07:35 PM



“ *My Condolences to the Evan's Family*



**Michelle Poole Bell** - October 13, 2021 at 10:30 PM

RO

“ Our condolences to the Evans family. He fought a good fight. He finished his course, and he kept the faith. There's laid up for him a crown of righteousness. What a legacy he left for his children. May God be with the family in this time of life.

*Roger and Yolanda Owens*

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**Roger Owens** - October 13, 2021 at 06:06 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. John Walter Evans Jr..*



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October 13, 2021 at 03:01 PM

MH

“ *Ministers Phyllis Hollis-Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. John Walter Evans Jr.*



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**Ministers Phyllis Hollis-Smith** - October 13, 2021 at 02:31 PM

AB

“ *Praying the family strength in lord Annie Brooks*

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**Annie Brooks** - October 13, 2021 at 12:07 PM

AM

“ *Ann (Lewis) Morrow sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. John Walter Evans Jr.*



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**Ann (Lewis) Morrow** - October 13, 2021 at 11:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. John Walter Evans Jr..*



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October 13, 2021 at 11:28 AM

EW

“ *We have lost a GREAT ONE!*



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**Emily Watkins** - October 13, 2021 at 09:54 AM

PG

“1 A charge to keep I have,  
A God to glorify,  
A never-dying soul to save,  
And fit it for the sky.



2 To serve the present age,  
My calling to fulfill;  
Oh, may it all my pow'rs engage  
To do my Master's will!

3 Arm me with watchful care  
As in Thy sight to live,  
And now Thy servant, Lord, prepare  
A strict account to give!

4 Help me to watch and pray,  
And still on Thee rely,  
Oh, let me not my trust betray,  
But press to realms on high."

"Thank you Reverend Evans for being true to God's word. Thank you for extending kindness and showing up for my family when we lost our Father (Preston Mahaffey, Sr.) and Sister (Landra Virginia Clark). Your kindness will never be forgotten. May God bless you and keep you all during this season. The entire Mahaffey family are praying for your comfort and strength: (Ms. Grace Demory Mahaffey, Preston Mahaffey, Jr., Emily G. Watkins, Catherine A. Chapman, Sandra Thompson, Christopher Mahaffey, Jeffrey Mahaffey and Pamela Glasper." ~ Pamela Mahaffey Glasper

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**Pamela Glasper** - October 13, 2021 at 09:52 AM

YA

Yes Lord I can see him singing this song

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**Yvette Anderson** - October 13, 2021 at 10:33 AM

JM

“ *Juanita Muckle lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Walter Evans Jr.*



**Juanita Muckle** - October 12, 2021 at 05:22 PM

SH

“ *Will miss you Rev Evans*



**Shirleyblake** - October 12, 2021 at 04:57 PM

HM

“ *My Condolence to the Rev. .Evans Jr." Family May God comfort you'll during these times an to hold to the memories you'll have shared together.*



**Hattie Norman Moon** - October 12, 2021 at 11:16 AM

MM

“ *Mattie L Mathis lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Walter Evans Jr.*



**Mattie L Mathis** - October 12, 2021 at 09:24 AM

SB

“ *Susan Bailey lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Walter Evans Jr.*



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**Susan Bailey** - October 12, 2021 at 09:08 AM

SB

*Our beloved Reverend Evans may he rest in peace, He officiated our wedding over thirty years ago. To God Be the Glory, beautiful family.*

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**Susan Bailey** - October 12, 2021 at 09:12 AM

JS

“ *May your hearts be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together. Rev Evans will forever be in my heart for his jolly contagious laughter, and saying Sister hold your peace. He was a friend and brother in Christ Jesus.*



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**jeraldine sewell** - October 12, 2021 at 08:57 AM

NT

“ *Nikiya Few Thompson lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Walter Evans Jr.*



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**Nikiya Few Thompson** - October 12, 2021 at 06:45 AM

RT

“ *My deepest sympathy to The Evans Family, during your time of sorrow*



Robin Tanner - October 12, 2021 at 01:26 AM

KB

“ *Sending prayers and sincere condolences to the Evans family. Well done thy good and faithful servant* 🕊️

Kimberly Bryant - October 11, 2021 at 10:12 PM

RT

“ *Richard Trammell lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Walter Evans Jr.*



Richard Trammell - October 11, 2021 at 08:32 PM

RT

*My Condolences and prayers to all the family's*

Richard Trammell - October 11, 2021 at 08:35 PM

EB

“ *Elisa Bonds-Ratliff sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. John Walter Evans Jr.*



Elisa Bonds-Ratliff - October 11, 2021 at 06:36 PM

LW

“ *Lovie White lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Walter Evans Jr.*



**Lovie White** - October 11, 2021 at 06:12 PM

MH

“ *Ministers Phyllis Hollis-Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. John Walter Evans Jr.*



**Ministers Phyllis Hollis-Smith** - October 11, 2021 at 05:09 PM

CN

“ *Charlene & Avery Niles lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Walter Evans Jr.*



**Charlene & Avery Niles** - October 11, 2021 at 04:18 PM



“ *Frances Williams lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Walter Evans Jr.*



**Frances Williams** - October 11, 2021 at 02:15 PM

BF

“ *Bertha Martin & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. John Walter Evans Jr.*



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**Bertha Martin & family** - October 11, 2021 at 01:10 PM

HF

“ *Hopkins Family lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Walter Evans Jr.*



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**Hopkins Family** - October 11, 2021 at 12:28 PM

SJ

“ *Star Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Walter Evans Jr.*



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**Star Johnson** - October 11, 2021 at 12:02 PM