



Evan A. Williams III

July 29, 1954 - February 2, 2018

Evan Williams III, age 63, of Manteno, passed away Friday, February 2, 2018 at River North of Bradley.

He was born July 29, 1954 in Christopher, the son of Evan Jr. & Virginia Spaulding Williams.

He was an educator at both the Kankakee School District and Manteno School District.

He was a member of the Christian Church of Manteno.

Surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Diana & Stan Baker of Nashville, TN and Linda & Doug Ayres of Knakakee; one brother and sister-in-law, Robert & MaryEllen Williams of Manteno; and one grandchild, Dakota Williams.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his step-mother, Mildred Williams; one brother, Timmy Williams; and one sister, Sharon Anderson.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 9. 11:30 AM (CT)

Christian Church of Manteno
401 E Third Street
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 468-6468
<http://ccmanteno.org/>

Tribute Wall

JO

“ Evans was my cousin , his mom and my mom were sisters . I kept up with Evan through my mom Carol . He would call and check on my mom and dad from time to time . then in 2015 my mom(Carol)passed away and Evan and dad talked a few times. then in 2017 (Ron) my dad passed away , we let Evan know and I told him we needed to stay in touch . We don't have a very big family and it was getting smaller . He agreed . Evan was 9 years older so when we were growing up he would hang out with my two older brothers , Bob and Dan(who passed away in 2012 a month apart)they were all boys that's for sure , always seem to be getting into trouble . is what I remember . I live in Arkansas but have a twin that lives in Elgin Illinois. I told him I would be coming up there in June to Visit Jayne and that we would come and see him. He seemed excited said he had an extra room that if we wanted we could stay a few days . We were really looking forward to this. He talked about his grandson Dakota and how much he loved him and would go see him when he could . He said a couple from his church would take him to see Dakota. that meant so much to him . If you get a chance to read this I want to thank you for doing that for him. I found out about Evan passing away because I have a Nephew that does our family tree on Ancestry.com and he saw that someone had put that he passed away(thanks for doing that or we wouldn't have known). I said no that couldn't be . first i text him to see if he would answer then I looked up the Obituary and sure enough it was Evan. I hated to hear this. If any of you read this could you tell us what happened to him ? It says sudden death but do they think he had a heart attack maybe or do they know? I'm glad he isn't hurting or having to be in that wheel chair now. I am so thankful that the Lord allowed us to talk for awhile. you just never know when it is your time. I know he is having a good reunion up in Heaven now. Evan we love you but will see you again one day. sorry we didn't get together. we should have done it years ago. love Joan

Joan - February 23, 2018 at 10:20 PM

BO

Joan, if no one has contacted you yet you can find me on Facebook. I am Evans brother Bob and you will find me under his Facebook friends. His Facebook account is still active.

Bob - June 08, 2018 at 04:31 PM

KB

“ *KIM AND JUDY BARRIE lit a candle in memory of Evan A. Williams III*



KIM AND JUDY BARRIE - February 11, 2018 at 11:47 AM

LA

“ I'm still having a hard time believing that Evan (aka Andy) is gone. It doesn't seem real. We were really close for many, many years but in recent years had drifted apart. My heart will always ache over that. I would call him once in awhile to see how he was doing. He would usually "chew me out" for waiting so long to call. Yep, that was Evan. He told you exactly what was on his mind. LOL I am so sorry that I wasn't as close to him for those past few years. Hearing the wonderful letters read at his memorial service from people whose lives he touched, made my heart break even more. All things considered, he was a good man who intensely loved his grandson, Dakota. He was devoted to that kid like nobody's business. I miss him terribly already, but I am glad to know that he is in Heaven with his mom, step-mom (my mom) and our dad, as well as, all of our beloved relatives who have passed on. He is no longer in pain and can walk freely with all those who love him. He's probably singing and playing guitar again, which is what he loved to do before his health declined so much. I'm sure that, in one or another, he is keeping everyone entertained in heaven!

I love and miss you Evan. I'll see you again some day. You can yell at me then. LOL

In the meantime, give mom, dad and the rest of the family hugs and kisses from me and tell them all that I miss them all and think of them often.

*With loving thoughts,
Your sister, Linda*

Linda Ayres - February 10, 2018 at 12:54 PM



“ Evan was "Andy" when we were growing up. When he was around 30, he wanted to be called Evan. I abided his wishes, and called him Evan from that day forward.

The name I called him by most, though, was "Bro". He was my Bro and I was his Sis '.

Evan and I talked and /or at least texted, daily, several times a day; good morning, good night, and several "I love and miss you" s in between.

We watched the same shows at the same time so we could text or talk about the show and share time together, making the geographic distance seem less for a brief time.

I received a "good night, love you Sis ' . Talk to you tomorrow " text from him Thursday night. I texted him Friday morning and said good morning. No reply. I called and got his vm, so left a message to ask him to call when he was available and said, "I love and miss you". About 9:20 am, I received a call from Evan's phone. It was not Evan on the other end my heart dropped.

A woman on the other end said my brother, my best friend was gone. 😞

Evan's passing has left a huge hole in my ❤️ heart :(💔

I know, my brother, my best friend, is rejoicing with The Lord and no longer in severe pain and heart ache. I'm so happy for him yet, so sad for all of us left behind without his dry wit, compassionate and giving heart.

I love you, Bro!!! I KNOW we'll be together again, one day! Hug Mom for me! 🥺 <3 💕 xoxo

Diana Baker - February 08, 2018 at 06:38 PM



Love always, Sis

Diana Baker - February 08, 2018 at 06:41 PM

KA

Hugs. He will be missed by so many. I know how close the two of you were. Not a day went by without communication. Watch for little signs that he is still around you. Our love for him will never die. One day we will all be together again.

Kathy - February 08, 2018 at 06:58 PM

JO

It is so heartbreaking to see one of your siblings pass. My siblings have not gone but just thinking makes my heart hurt.. He is free of pain and having a wonderful time in Heaven with your Mom. Lovd

Jackie Osenga - February 08, 2018 at 09:12 PM

DD

“ *Mr. Williams was one of my teachers back in the day when I attended Manteno School Dist. i was blessed to have him as one of my teachers. I would see him out and about and got to talk to him years after my school years. And reminisce about the days. He will be sadly missed.. may you Rest In Peace..*

Denise Delaney - February 08, 2018 at 05:11 PM



“ *Evan was one of my customers that made me love what i do! Being a clinical pharmacy tech can be a trying position at times until you meet someone like Evan. Nothing stopped him from being a person you come to know to love his stories he shared, his compassion for others, his kind words when your having a bad day. I truly will miss your phone calls . Much love to you all and thank you for guiding him to be the wonderful man he was be at peace until we all meet again : sincere condolences Deè from Riverview Pharmacy*

Dee Samp - February 08, 2018 at 07:11 AM

CT

“ *Evan, Was with out a doubt one of a kind! I am his cousin and have always loved him so dearly! When he was about 8 he came to stay with me and my husband for a couple of weeks! That ended up being a summer tradition! My husband and I used to laugh at his brilliance! He was never really a little boy, he was so wise far beyond his years! We were big fans of doing crossword puzzles after dinner, as a thing we did for fun! Well, we started a New York Times puzzle and stopped to answer the phone! We came back to the family room to find Andy (Evan) had completely finished the whole puzzle! At that point I knew he was going to be a special young man! He was a brilliant scholar! He was an accomplished educator and an excellent vocalist! I only wish I could have had more years with him! I just wasn't ready to say goodbye to this fantastic cousin of mine! I sure loved him dearly, and I was very proud of the magnificent gentleman he had become! I know I will meet him in heaven some day! Where else would an angel like him be?*

Carolyn Tratensek - February 06, 2018 at 07:58 PM