



Jonnie Evans Sr.

March 7, 1957 - September 10, 2025

Jonnie “Lil John” Evans Sr., age 68, of Kankakee, passed away on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 in Las Vegas, NV. He was born on March 7, 1957, the son of Johnnie Lee Evans and Bettye Lucious. He married Lerlita Wilson on July 11, 1992 in Kankakee.

Jonnie was a veteran of the United State Army. He attended Ball State University on a baseball scholarship. Jonnie spent his career as a truck operator. In his spare time, he enjoyed bowling, watching sports and movies, and coaching Little League. He was a member of St. John Paul II.

Jonnie is survived by his wife of 33 years, Lerlita Evans; three sons, Quantus Evans of Kankakee, Jonathan (Aliyah) Evans of Kankakee, and Jonnie Evans Jr. of Las Vegas, NV; his only daughter, Nikkia (Will) Sanders of Kankakee; five grandchildren, Jordan (Margaret) Thomas, Brayia Golden (Quaevon Autman), Britney-Rose Sanders, Sophia Evans, and Alaya Evans; three great-grandchildren, Ivy Thomas, Kayden Cosby, and Naomi Autman; his mother, Bettye Tucker; his mother-in-law, Claudette Wilson; three sisters-in-law, Pam (Raymond) Glower, Carmen (Gregory) King, and Jacqueline Wilson; one brother-in-law, Derrick Wilson; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Johnnie Lee Evans; one brother, Jerome Evans; and his father through marriage, Frank Tucker.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM until 10:45 AM on Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Funeral Mass will follow at 11:00 AM at St. John Paul II – West Campus in Kankakee. Burial will be at Mound Grove Cemetery in Kankakee following the mass.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-6726

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **30**. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

SEP **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John Paul II - West Campus
953 South 9th Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

CW

“ *My deepest sympathy and regards to the family. You all are in my prayers*

Carmen W - October 01, 2025 at 09:28 PM

JG

“ *Joseph Giacchino lit a candle in memory of Jonnie Evans Sr.*



Joseph Giacchino - October 01, 2025 at 07:26 AM

RM

“ *My deepest sympathy and condolences for your loss. My prayers are with all the families and friends. May Johnnie rest in peace. You are missed* 🕊️💔



Rosetta Mason - October 01, 2025 at 12:23 AM

IG

“ *Sending My Condolences to the Evans Family.*

God be with you and the Family at this time.

So Sorry for your Loss

Ida Green - September 30, 2025 at 01:29 PM

KW

“ I am very sorry to hear this I grew up with Lil John his sister Brenda was one of my best friends growing up my prayers goes out to Ns,Betty and Brenda



Kathy White - September 30, 2025 at 12:24 PM

BF

“ We are very sorry for your loss. Our prayers for all of your family, Lerlita and Jonathan. Sincerely, The Breault Family

Breault Family - September 30, 2025 at 11:25 AM

AE

“ Amieka Evans /Sammie Evans lit a candle in memory of Jonnie Evans Sr.



Amieka Evans /Sammie Evans - September 30, 2025 at 10:00 AM

CW

“ My Condolences to the family. Sending Prayers



Cheryl Wilson - September 30, 2025 at 09:33 AM

BH

“ Praying For My Family Betty Lucious Harris & Lucious Family From Mississippi RIP To Cuz



Betty Lucious Harris - September 30, 2025 at 07:13 AM

LT

“ LaJuene Tucker lit a candle in memory of Jonnie Evans Sr.



LaJuene Tucker - September 29, 2025 at 08:51 PM

JS

“ Judy Steele lit a candle in memory of Jonnie Evans Sr.



Judy Steele - September 29, 2025 at 02:18 PM

EF

“ Condolences from the Euell/Boykin Family



Euell/Boykin Family - September 29, 2025 at 12:48 PM