



Richard A. Evans

April 19, 1944 - April 20, 2009

Richard A. Evans, 64, of Topeka, passed away Fri. April 17, 2009 at Midland Hospice House in Topeka after battling pancreatic cancer. He was born April 19, 1944 in Topeka, the son of John and Lula Evans. Richard graduated from Highland Park High School in 1962 and attended Pittsburg State University, receiving his Bachelor's degree in 1967 and his Master's in 1968, both in Industrial Technology Education. He taught woodworking at Topeka High School from 1969 until 1975. From 1975 through 1979 he was the club manager and tennis professional at Wood Valley Racquet Club. Richard joined the staff at Washburn Rural High School in 1979, teaching woodworking and driver's education until his retirement in 1999. After retiring, he enjoyed doing home remodeling projects for people in the community and at home. Richard married Edna Mae Benitz in 1966. They had two sons, Michael and Matthew. They later divorced. He married Cindy Muir in 1990. Richard is survived by his wife Cindy, of the home; three sons, Michael, of Topeka, Matthew and wife Tiffany of Omaha and Alex, of the home. His mother also survives, as well as two grandsons, Kyler and Drew; a sister, Carol Dohm and husband Lynis, Greenville, NC; a brother, Randy and wife Terri of Owasso, OK and several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father. Richard will lie in state after 2:00 pm, Mon. April 20, 2009 at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW. Urish Rd, Topeka, KS 66614, where the family will receive friends from 6-8:00 pm that evening. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am, Tues. April

21 at Countryside United Methodist Church, 3221 SW. Burlingame Rd, with burial to follow at Penwell-Gabel Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Midland Hospice Care or Deer Trail 4-H Club and sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard A. Evans*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Dear Cindy,*

My heart goes out to you and the boys in your sorrow. Reading through these messages from the people whose lives he touched, I can tell he was a remarkable man.

After I lost mom and dad, I discovered something amazing: love transcends. There are times that I absolutely know they are with me, and I can feel their great love.

I know that Dick loved you all so much that he fought with all his strength to stay with you as long as he could, defying the doctors and his pain. And although he has gone from this life, be comforted that his incredible love for you lives on.

God grant you peace and strength and healing.

Mendy

Mendy (Baughman)Schlaegel - May 04, 2009 at 11:13 AM



“ *Dear Cindy, We met your husband at your dad's funeral. He was a handsome thoughtful gentleman. It was there we met Alex who was an outstanding young man. We want to express our sympathy to you in your loss. Love and prayers, Tony and Wynn McReynolds*

Tony McReynolds - April 29, 2009 at 07:00 PM

VB

“ James and I want to extend our heartfelt sympathy Cindy, to you and your family. May God grant you comfort in the memories. Our thoughts are with you. James and Vicki Berkley

vicki berkley - April 26, 2009 at 10:07 AM

DS

“ I had Mr. Evans as my teacher at WRHS. I always enjoyed his classes and respected him. He was a great teacher and a nice person.

Darren Steuber - April 25, 2009 at 12:08 AM

AH

“ Cindy -
I just found out about Richard. I am so very, very sorry. Please know that I'm thinking of you and Alex, and will be keeping you in my prayers.

Andrea Hall - April 21, 2009 at 03:49 PM

SM

“ Cindy -

When I heard about Dick, I wanted to send you a note, but my address file is still boxed up in one of many unpacked boxes taking up space in the basement. This all seems to have happened so fast, yet I know in some respects, it may have felt like a lifetime. You are an incredibly strong person - someone for whom I hold a deep respect and admiration. I know your strength will get you and Alex through this tough time. Hoping you can find comfort in the love and support from those around you who care so much, murph. (Whitby, Ontario)

Steven Murphy - April 21, 2009 at 01:38 PM

KE

“ Cindy, I am terribly saddened to hear of the loss of your husband. Reading the obituary, you and your family have endured through his illness. You and your son are in my prayers. Savor the memories. With time the grief will ease, but the special place in your heart will always remind you of the love you shared. God Bless you and Alex.
Karen Elliott, retired KSU Extension Agent

Karen S. Elliott - April 20, 2009 at 07:01 PM

DN

“ Cindy & Alex,
My thoughts and prayers are with you. May your many happy memories of Dick comfort you at this time. Take care and thinking of you. Diane Nielson

Diane Nielson - April 20, 2009 at 06:02 PM

JL

“ Lou Evans-
My brother Ray sent me the notice in CT. My sympathies go out to you, Carol and Dick's family. Probably the last time I saw Dick was playing tennis with him maybe 40-50 years ago.

I have not been back to Topeka since my mother died four years ago, but think of it often. I hope you are well otherwise. My children both now living in New York City. Best, Jim Lisher

Jim Lisher - April 20, 2009 at 04:40 PM

MS

“ Cindy & Alex- You are in our thoughts and prayers as you two have been for a long time. He is now free of his disease and pain. Wishing you peace and God's comfort for you and your family. Mary J. Sullivan- Grant Co. Extension

Mary J. Sullivan - April 20, 2009 at 03:21 PM

MS

“ *Mr. Evans was a wonderful teacher for both of us. He helped us with our love of woodworking and we have made it part of our careers. We were very lucky to have him as a teacher. His loss is indeed sad.*

From Mike:

I have been working in the millwork, cabinet and kitchen design field since graduating from WRHS in 1987. I learned a ton from Mr. Evans and still use those things I learned today. He was a nice guy and a great teacher. It is sad he died so young.

Mike Springer

WRHS Class of 1987

Michael & Tami (Faulk) Springer - April 20, 2009 at 01:58 PM

JR

“ *Cindy and Alex:*

May happy memories be your comfort and remember that Dick will be with you always in your hearts.

We have truly lost a good friend and neighbor.

Jim & Marge Ringelman

Jim & Margaret Ringelman - April 20, 2009 at 08:04 AM

GS

“ *Cindy, so sorry to hear about the loss of your husband. May you be blessed with many fond and comforting memories you had together. Just wanted you to know that we are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time in your life.*

Gary & Patricia (Evans) Kirmer (Sigma Sigma Sigma) - April 19, 2009 at 09:02 PM

C(

“ *Cindy and Alex. All my thoughts and prayers are with you both. I know no words can help but know there are many of us Sigmas are praying for you. Take it one day at a time.*

Cathy Lewis (Rudd) - April 19, 2009 at 08:47 PM

D(

“ *Cindy & Alex, We send you our heartfelt sympathies for your great loss. We will be lifting you up in prayer, and hope you will find strength in the love of our God. Deb, Dennis, Michaela, Madison, & Ellarie Owen (Sigma Sigma Sigma)*

Deb Owen (Squier) - April 19, 2009 at 08:37 PM

KK

“ *Cindy and Alex,*

Our thoughts and prayers are with both of you during this time. May the Lord give you both the strength to you will need in the days ahead. Maybe it will give you comfort knowing that you both have a very special guardian angel watching over you and that he is no longer in any pain.

*Our hearts are with you both,
Karen and Kayleen Kelley (4-H)*

Karen and Kayleen Kelley - April 19, 2009 at 05:01 PM

CM

“ Cindy, my heartfelt sympathy of the loss of your husband goes beyond words for me. Know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. We are on our way to Wichita for surgery on Thursday. I want you to know that you have been an inspiration of strength for me and I enjoy our talks of encouragement as wives....as we fight the battle of cancer. Christine

Christine McPheter - April 19, 2009 at 03:42 PM

JH

“ I barely knew Richard in college - he was married and about to graduate when I was a freshman - yet both of us Sigma Chis. But I did have the wonderful opportunity to talk a number of times with him over the last six months or so. His constant positive attitude so impressed me. And even in the face of his personal struggle he continually went out of his way to encourage me to keep moving toward my dreams - a gift I will always treasure. Thanks, Richard!

John Hall - April 19, 2009 at 01:26 PM

KS

“ Cindy and family: I am so sorry to hear of Dick's passing. Dick was my tennis instructor at Wood Valley a long time ago, and was a teacher at WRHS when I attended. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Take care, Kim Steves

Kim Steves - April 18, 2009 at 07:49 PM

MC

“ *Michael & Matthew, though distance seperates us, family is forever cherished through the many memories we hold. My thoughts go out to you both also your mom, and all the family. I lit a candle for your dad and now we have another angel keeping watch over us all. Take care and know my heart & prayers are with you. Love, light & bright stars.*

Mark Campbell - April 18, 2009 at 12:12 PM

DG

“ *I was so sad to read about Mr. Evans passing away. I was a student at WRHS until 1992 and he was my driving instructor. He was a great man. Cindy, may God be with you to get you through this tough time.*

Darcy Grace - April 18, 2009 at 11:18 AM

TL

“ *Cindy, you have my heartfelt sympathies. Take comfort in your family, friends and memories. You're in my prayers.*
Teresa Lang, Sedgwick Co., Wichita

Teresa Lang - April 17, 2009 at 10:35 PM

SV

“ *Cindy, my heartfelt sympathies go out to you. I know these are extremely difficult times for you and your family. You are a very strong person and with God on your side and many angels all around, your love and memories will remain. If you need me, call me. Even though we are at opposite ends of the state, I will come to you. 620-408-5734. Love and Prayers forever, Shirley and David Voran, FHSU, 1980.*

Shirley Voran - April 17, 2009 at 09:12 PM

BL

“ I was so very sorry to hear about your loss of Richard. My thoughts and prayers are with you and Alex

Barbara Lilyhorn - April 17, 2009 at 04:24 PM

KB

“ I am so very sorry. You and your family are in my prayers. I hope you feel comfort your memories.

Kris Boone - April 17, 2009 at 04:15 PM

LC

“ Just read of your loss on K-State e-mail. Prepared your card then read the obituary. Can't imagine how difficult these last days and months have been but know that others share your sorrow. I know you are a strong person and eventually, your life will again become more bearable. The wonderful memories you have will be cherished. I remember when you announced your wedding plans to us, your fellow co-workers. How quickly the years pass. Keeping you in my prayers.

*Lois Carlson
Neosho Co., Erie, KS*

Lois Carlson - April 17, 2009 at 03:53 PM

CO

“ May you have comfort from those around you and may the memories of Kevin be so very helpful, too.

*In great sorrow for you,
Charlotte Shoup Olsen
An Extension colleague*

Charlotte Shoup Olsen - April 17, 2009 at 03:51 PM