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A funeral service for E. Chris Evans, 91 of Newark will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday, November 14, 2019 in the Newark Chapel of Vensil & Chute Funeral Home with Pastor Bryan Meadows officiating. Following cremation, inurnment will be at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Evans died Sunday evening, November 10, 2019 at the Selma Markowitz Care Center, operated by Hospice of Central Ohio. He was born September 14, 1928 in Granville to the late Chris and Naomi (Clark) Evans.

A 1946 graduate of Newark High School, Mr. Evans was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Staff Sergeant Evans served as a Senior Parachutist during the Korean Conflict. A student of the history of the Civil War in general and this area's history in particular he uncovered the story of the area's first Congressional Medal of Honor recipient. His first person portrayals of that local hero, Leonidas Inscho and also of Gen. William T. Sherman resulted in presentations all over the mid-west.

In 1999 Mr. Evans was instrumental in obtaining and erecting a bronze statue of Johnny Clem at Newark's Veterans Park. Chris was honored as "Goodwill Ambassador" by the Licking County Commissioners in 1995; "Historian of the Year" in 1997 by the Granville Historical Society; and "Historian of the Year" in 2015 by the Licking County Historical Society. He was a 70 year member of the Masonic Order, 32nd degree Scottish Rite and the Shrine. Chris was a charter member of three Masonic Lodges; Heath #771, Heath Crusader #798 and Heath Aerospace #800 F&AM. He was also a charter president of Heath Sertoma and a 38 year member of Newark Lions Club.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Patsy R. Evans; son, Rod (Pam) Evans of Newark, Jeff (Kindle) Evans of Pickerington, Kevin Bennett of Granville; daughters, Vicki Evans of Newark, Sandra Evans of Columbus and Leslie (Tom) Forman of Heath; 9 grandchildren, Zack, Megan, Stephanie, Andrew, Eric, Anthony, Benjamin, Rachel and Abby; 8 great grandchildren; and two sisters, Dolores Williams of Newark and Patricia (Steve) Degenhart of Pace, FL.



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Friends and family may call 3 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at Vensil & Chute Funeral Home, 1850 W. Main Street, Newark. Masonic Services will be at 5:30p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Foundation for Hospice of Central Ohio, P.O. Box 430, Newark, OH 43058-0430. Contribution envelopes will be available at the funeral home.



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BM

Brittany Mitchell posted:

My condolences to the family and Mrs. Evans. Mr. Evans was always so welcoming and kind when I would come and visit. I spent countless hours visiting them when I would come to Ohio. My grandparents lived right across the street and I loved coming into town and running across the street to see Mr.& Mrs. Evans. I remember being just a very little child just sitting and talking to them both. It was more of me doing the talking, babbling about who knows what but they didn't mind at all. I will cherish the times and will keep the family in my prayers.

April 15 at 5:58 AM

TP

Terry Petty posted:

So sorry to hear about this. I was back in Newark on Saturday, November 16th for a Memorial Service for my Friend and Brother in Christ Charlie Edge and that is when I heard about Mr. Evans. Thoughts and prayers for the Family.

November 17 at 3:51 PM

BW

Bob/Joan Wainfor posted:

Patsy & Family - So glad we got to spend quality time with Chris in the last few weeks. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

November 13 at 3:41 AM

VJ

Vic Jeffreys posted:

So very sorry. Cris was a great Friend and Masonic Brother.

November 12 at 10:27 AM

RC

Raynola O'connor posted:

I could talk to him for hours about his history knowledge. A kind and amazing man my prayers are with the family.

November 12 at 8:49 AM



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BH

Bonny & Jamie Hall posted:

We are so sorry we can not make it from snowy Pittsburgh. Hugs coming your way. He led a big life and has a big life forever in the arms of Christ now.

November 12 at 6:49 AM

DW

Dolores Williams posted:

What can I say? He was my Brother. Through him our family was blessed by a kinship with his loving wife and awesome children.

November 12 at 4:36 AM

DD

Don & Pauletta Duvall posted:

It is with great sorrow that Don & I have learned of the death of such a fine man. Chris was always so friendly and kind and the world has lost a truly great man but heaven has received a wonderful angel. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the family.

November 12 at 4:08 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring E. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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