



## SSG (Ret) William Robert "Poor Bob" Evans

December 3, 1930 - September 13, 2013

SSG (Ret) William Robert "Poor Bob" Evans, 82 of Richland, Missouri, passed away Friday, September 13, 2013, at his home.

Services are pending and will be announced by Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Bob is survived by his wife: Sonja Evans of the home; four sons: Rodney (Renee) Evans of Richland, MO, Dennis Evans of Egan, TX, Kenneth (Janice) Evans of Wickett, TX and Terry (Jackie) Evans of Egan, TX; one step-daughter: Julia (Glen) Roe of Richland, MO; one step-son: Benny Stevens of Richland, MO; 12 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of SSG William Robert (Poor Bob) Evans to the Richland Masonic Lodge #385 and may be left at the Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.memorialchapelsandcrematory.com](http://www.memorialchapelsandcrematory.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ SSG (Ret) William Robert "Poor Bob" Evans

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *i misss my opall*



caleb everson - December 03, 2013 at 07:16 PM



“ *i really do miss him*



caleb everson - December 03, 2013 at 01:12 PM



“ *i miss my opoa*



caleb everson - December 03, 2013 at 01:07 PM

SJ

“ SARA JONES lit a candle in memory of SSG  
(Ret) William Robert "Poor Bob" Evans



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**SARA JONES** - October 11, 2013 at 09:56 PM

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“ I love u Uncle Bob every one is in my prayers so glad I came to see  
u love u always  
Lisa ann

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**Lisa (Atkison)Jennings** - October 01, 2013 at 10:06 PM



“ Benny Stevens lit a candle in memory of SSG  
(Ret) William Robert "Poor Bob" Evans



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**Benny Stevens** - September 22, 2013 at 11:32 AM

DR

“ Howard and I are so very sorry for your loss.

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**Dalene Reagan** - September 20, 2013 at 09:19 AM

RG

“ Bob was an instructor in the Masonic Lodge. His influence is being  
passed on by those he taught to another generation of members. I  
shared many laughs with Bob. I am proud to call him my good friend  
and my brother. --Rev. Roy L. Gilkey

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**Rev. Roy L. Gilkey** - September 19, 2013 at 09:11 PM

BC

“ As he takes his final journey,The Angels grab the flags and held them straight,for this fine man to reach the gate,In loving memory of a husband,a father,a grandfather,great grandfather,He will be truly missed, We Love You Pop....

*Julia and Benny*



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**Billie Cassidy** - September 19, 2013 at 10:37 AM

BC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Billie Cassidy** - September 19, 2013 at 10:31 AM

BC

“ *Billie Cassidy lit a candle in memory of SSG (Ret) William Robert "Poor Bob" Evans*



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**billie cassidy** - September 19, 2013 at 09:00 AM

DM

“ Kenneth Dalene McDaniel  
Tiffannie McDaniel-Neel  
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**dalene mcdaniel** - September 17, 2013 at 07:44 PM

BF

“ God Bless you all! My prayers are with you all!

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**Brenda Shell & Family!** - September 17, 2013 at 07:07 PM

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“ I can remember my first memories of Bob. About 36 years ago when we first moved to Richland, that Bob had a little shop in town. When my daughter (who was only about 3 then) and I would walk to the post office we went right by his shop and he would call us in to give her a piece of candy and let her look at his pet tarantula he had. He always had a friendly smile for us & would chat for a while each time we came by no matter what he was working on at the time. And through out the years he would always stop when he saw us or me and ask how we were doing. he was a great man and will always remain a great man in my memories. You will be missed Bob...



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**Alpha Scrivner** - September 17, 2013 at 06:55 PM

LH

“ You will be in our thoughts and prayers....Bob was a faithful servant to the City of Richland and will be remembered for his service on the City Council....Lucy Perkins Henson, Mayor

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**Lucy Henson** - September 17, 2013 at 03:04 PM

JB

“ *BOB WAS A GOOD MAN AND HELPED A LOT PEOPLE HE WILL TRUELY BE MISSED, HE MEANT A LOT TO A LOT OF PEOPLE.*



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**JUNIE BOWLIN** - September 17, 2013 at 09:07 AM

MS

“ *Bob was a great man, who will be missed dearly. Many prayers for your family during this difficult time.*



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**Melissa (Hankins) Stradt** - September 17, 2013 at 07:42 AM



“ *Sonja I'm sad to hear of your lose. I have wonderful memories of you, Bob and my girls during RN school.*  
*Denise Ferguson*  
*Megan Jackson*  
*Victoria Delamar*

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**Denise Ferguson** - September 17, 2013 at 07:18 AM

JO

“ To Josh and Sonja and the rest of the family We are so very sorry for you loss. I am including one of my favorite poems I hope it brings you comfort Jeannette Tracy, Kristen and Jadyn Ogle

*God's Garden*

*God looked around his garden And found an empty space.*

*He then looked down upon this earth.And saw your tired face.*

*He put his arms around you. And felt your need to rest.*

*God's garden must be beautiful,He only takes the best.*

*He knows that you are suffering,He knows you are in pain,*

*He knows you might never Get well upon this earth again.*

*He sees the road is getting rough And the hills are hard to climb,*

*So He'll close your weary eyelidsAnd whisper, "Peace be thine".*

*It will break my heart to lose you,But you will not go alone,*

*For part of me will be with youThe day God calls you home.*

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**Jeannette Ogle** - September 16, 2013 at 10:30 PM

HS

“ Helen Perkins Sasseen lit a candle in memory of SSG (Ret) William Robert "Poor Bob" Evans



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**Helen Perkins Sasseen** - September 16, 2013 at 08:56 PM

JB

*HE WILL BE MISSED BY A LOT OF PEOPLE*

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**JUNIE (ATKISON) BOWLIN** - September 17, 2013 at 01:50 PM

“ THIS IS A TRIBUTE TO BOB EVANS FROM ANTHONY LEWELLYN

*Where to begin? Where Bob always began, by him describing how he, a self-described dumb ol' country boy, tired of picking cotton and grubbing a living out of the hard-scrabble Kentucky hills, walked bare-footed for miles to enlist in the U.S. Army in 1949. His appreciation for the Army, a surrogate family who supplied him with plenty of good food, three meals a day!, clothes, training, and a real direction going forward in his life. His confiding to me his Army experiences, especially Korea, how- as a member of an Army tanker crew- he fought the Chinese in the "Frozen Chosin" Chosin Reservoir in North Korea, how he was captured twice by the Chinese, escaped twice, walked across frozen Chinese bodies on the battlefield because they were so numerous, how he and his buddies would spoon together for warmth, rotating positions, to keep from freezing to death. How after the Korean War, his unit was "volunteered" to participate in numerous nuclear testing exercises conducted by the Army, observing nuclear explosions from different distances and then being tested to determine how much radiation he and the others had been exposed to. His transferring into the Army's Special Forces, serving three tours of duty in Vietnam, mostly black ops, and not elaborated on, other than the often-repeated phrase that he did what he had to do for him and his buddies to survive and complete their mission. I will never forget his constant wonderment and appreciation that he was a survivor, and the way his experiences contributed to his positive outlook on life. And then his description of meeting my sister Sonja and the mutual attraction between them, with both of them licking their wounds from broken marriages. From this point on, I can state my personal observations and experiences with Bob, because this is roughly the point that the whole Llewellyn clan met him. I state here and stand by this statement, that in my life, I have never witnessed a more suited pairing than Bob and Sonja, and I can say that from living with them on several occasions. In my memory, I can't remember a cross word passing between them, (if there ever was one, I'm sure Sonja won the argument, with agreement by Bob, of course). Bob*

*was a major positive influence in my life, both through his hands-on teaching me small-engine repairs, fishing techniques, trapping turtles, frog-gigging, boat-handling, but also through my observations of his work ethic, the admirable way he dealt with the public and customers, his honesty, integrity, patience, and always, his humor. I am confident that Bob could have made a fine living as a comedian, and anyone who ever encountered him would agree with me. One of the things that I most admired Bob for was his willingness to shoulder responsibility, both with his immediate and his extended family and with his civic contributions ( city council, town police, his membership in the Masons)-- and always with competence and confidence.*

*That willingness to take on responsibility was best demonstrated by him taking in his terminally ill father-in-law, Paul Llewellyn, ( my and Sonja's father ) providing room, board, and care until his death after several months, and by the devoted care of his mother Lucy until her death. These are examples best describing Bob the man, a man most deserving of admiration and a person that I will always count as being one of the most influential people in my life, and not just as a brother-in-law, but a true brother and a true friend. I know that you're breaking trail for me, Brother Bob, and I'll break open a bottle of George Dickel in your memory. Godspeed and R.I.P.*

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**billie cassidy** - September 16, 2013 at 08:15 PM

DM

“ *Sorry for your loss, please know your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Kenneth and Dalene McDaniel*

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**Dalene McDaniel** - September 16, 2013 at 07:05 PM

RG

“ *Bob was a good friend. His work in the Masonic Lodge will be long remembered. His worked as an instructor in the lodge influenced a whole generation of members. Those he influenced are passing it on to the next generation. Bob was always good for a smile or a laugh. I am proud to call him my friend and brother. --Rev. Roy L. Gilkey*

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**Rev. Roy L. Gilkey** - September 16, 2013 at 06:21 PM

MS

“ *Thank you for your service to our country*



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**Marlin Stevens** - September 16, 2013 at 12:06 PM