



## John J Evans Sr.

November 11, 1936 - January 6, 2023

John J. Evans Sr., 86, of Bonfield, passed away Friday, January 6, 2023, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born November 11, 1936, on his family farm in Salina Township, the son of James and Irene (Dumas) Evans. On March 29, 1990, he married Nancy Savarino in Las Vegas, Nevada. John was a Teamster, retiring from Azzarelli Construction in 1994 and farming in 2017.

John was a charter member of the Bonfield Lions Club and led the club for many years of service. He was the founder of Central Illinois Green Club and served his community as a Salina Township Trustee for over 40 years. John was a member of Slow Boys Tractor & Engine Club, Will County Threshermens, and Florida Flywheelers.

He was an avid antique tractor enthusiast. He was proud of his tractor collection. His knowledge of John Deere antique tractors was extensive. Frequently, people would ask questions regarding John Deere antique tractor authenticity and value. John was a very proud American farmer.

John is survived by his beloved wife, Nancy Evans; son, John (Dawn) Evans; stepson, James P. Lambert; daughters, Mary Beth (Kelly) Hannan and Julie Lambert; eight grandchildren, Chadd Smith, Kyle Smith, Cody Smith, Jacob

Smith, Jessica Evans, Tyler Evans, Keaton Barber, and Paige Lambert; six great grandchildren, Kylie Smith, Aubrey Smith, Luke Smith, Parker Smith, Brooke Smith, and Ava Surber; two brothers-in-law, James (Jenny) Savarino and John (Jill) Savarino; sister-in-law, Aundrea Regnier, as well as his favorite dog, Blondie.

He is preceded in death by his first wife, Marcelene Evans; parents, James and Irene Evans; as well as his brother and sister-in-law, Everett and Pearl Evans.

Visitation will be held Saturday, January 21, 2023 from 10:00 AM until the memorial service at 11:30AM at Jensen Funeral Home, Kankakee with Deacon Bob Lamotte officiating.

Burial will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Uplifted Care or Bonfield Lions Club.

Jensen Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 21. 10:00 AM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home  
3639 E IL-17  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-4001  
<https://www.jensenmemorialchapel.com>

## Service

JAN 21. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Kankakee, IL 60901  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *John J Evans Sr.*

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Richard & Fred Mau of Melbourne, Florida purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of John J Evans Sr..*



**Richard & Fred Mau of Melbourne, Florida** - January 19, 2023  
at 09:57 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of John J Evans Sr..*



January 19, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John J Evans Sr..*



January 14, 2023 at 09:33 AM

JS

“ JILL SAVARINO lit a candle in memory of John J Evans Sr.



JILL SAVARINO - January 13, 2023 at 11:49 AM

MB

“ I'm so sorry for the Evan's Family loss! John was a great neighbor to the Taylor Family. Mary Pat Taylor Family

Mary Pat Barney - January 13, 2023 at 09:48 AM

MC

“ Great guy and family man, made the best French toast on the planet. Always looked forward to hearing one of his stories. Rest peacefully John. God bless

Mark Cardosi - January 13, 2023 at 08:07 AM

JP

“ All my sympathy to entire Evans family on their loss. John was six years older than me, but given that during that era every male in the township hung out at "Jimmy's" confectionary/pool hall we got to know each other and were friends for years. John was one of the really "Good Guys", and he'll be missed.

Jim Puswaskis - January 11, 2023 at 03:59 PM

JL

“ John and my dad (Jim Lowery) came to my house in Florida about 40 years ago. He was a very friendly man. My dad always spoke very kindly of John. My thoughts and prayers to his family

Janice Langlois - January 11, 2023 at 12:25 PM

RM

“ While God has gained a fierce Warrior by his side, the farming community in Kankakee County has lost a great man. Mr. Evans was instrumental in many community farming activities and he will be missed. Rest in peace sir.

Rose Devine Mitchell - January 11, 2023 at 10:16 AM

DF

“ Heartfelt prayers and my sympathy to all the family, John holds a special place in my heart.

Debra Foltz - January 11, 2023 at 04:53 AM

DF

“ Debra Foltz lit a candle in memory of John J Evans Sr.



Debra Foltz - January 11, 2023 at 04:47 AM

BW

“ I have so many great memories of John through my connection to the Central Illinois Green Club. He was a tough guy up front but a kind, caring soul underneath. He and Nancy became like another set of parents. I'll forever be grateful for my relationship with he and Nancy, all of the CIGC crew, and the ways he worked so hard to help the community around him.

Becky W. - January 11, 2023 at 04:08 AM

DS

*John's been a neighbor of my parents Gerhard & Arlene Ohrt. Always a great friend of the farmer. We own farm land across the field for John & Nancy they are great neighbor always ready to help anyone. May he rest his hands & heart with the Lord. Prayers are with you Nancy!!*  
*Janice & Dennis Schneider*

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**Dennis & Janice Schneider** - January 11, 2023 at 06:18 PM

NW

“ *Nora Walker lit a candle in memory of John J Evans Sr.*



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**Nora walker** - January 10, 2023 at 04:37 PM