



## Deacon Jerry Evans

July 9, 1948 - April 23, 2022

Deacon Jerry Evans, 73, of Peoria, IL passed away at 12:32 pm on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at UnityPoint Health Methodist.

Jerry was born on July 9, 1948 in Peoria, IL to James, Sr. and Johnnie Mae (Henderson) Evans. He was formerly married to Marilyn Robinson.

Jerry was a 1969 Peoria Manual High School graduate where he excelled at playing football. He earned his Associates Degree in construction at Illinois Central College and afterwards played semi pro football for a while. Jerry worked in Supportive Services with the State of Illinois as a field coordinator where he was a catalyst in helping minorities find and secure union jobs. Jerry was a proud member of Local Union 649, retiring in 2014 after 43 years of service.

Jerry was a member of the Masonic Lodge with whom he served for many years. He loved to travel, gardening and just work outside. In everything to Jerry...it was always a "Jerry's thing"! He was the world's counselor; he was the spiritual advisor; knowledgeable in all matters and very opinionated. His favorite saying was... "If I could, I'd like to make a suggestion". He would always be there for his family and friends. Jerry was funny, goofy and had a great sense of humor. He would be playing but you probably didn't know it because he looked so serious. Jerry loved listening to spiritual music and he read his Bible daily. He was a friend to everybody and he never met a stranger. Jerry was a true Christian and he took his faith very seriously. He was a faithful member of Pillar of Truth C.O.G.I.C., where he served as a

trusted and well-respected Deacon until his health failed.

Jerry leaves to cherish his most precious memories two sons, Idrissa Evans and Andre (Clarissa) Haywood; two close nieces, LaTanya "Tanny" Hodge and Juanita Hodge all of Peoria, IL and one other niece, Janet Evans of Tennessee; close nephew, Dennis Evans of Peoria, IL and three other nephews, Ronnie Evans of Bloomington, IL, Michael Evans of New York and Jason Evans of Tennessee; one sister-in-law, Mattie Hodge all of Peoria, IL; close best friend, Rev, Glen Evans of Rock Island, IL; 9 grandchildren; a host of greatgrandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, James Evans, Jr., and Ernest Hodge; one sister, Geraldine Evans and one great nephew, Christopher Hodge, Jr. Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Friday, May 6, 2022 at Pillar of Truth C.O.G.I.C. with a visitation beginning at 10 am. Pastor Arthur Ellis will officiate.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](https://www.SimonsMortuary.com).

The service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly AT THE TIME OF THE SERVICE (Central Time).

Due to Covid-19, social distancing is encouraged to be consistent with recommendations from the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), funeral home directors have been instructed and should follow CDC guidelines on gatherings, including those directly related to funerals, visitations, or graveside services.

\*In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them).

\*It is our responsibility as Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!



# Cemetery Details

## Parkview Cemetery

2001 N University St  
Peoria, IL 61604  
(309) 688-0733

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Pillar of Truth C.O.G.I.C.  
1001 S. Greenlawn Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61605

## Funeral Service

MAY 6. 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (CT)

Pillar of Truth C.O.G.I.C.  
1001 S. Greenlawn Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61605

# Tribute Wall



“ *Deacon Jerry Evans*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Deacon Jerry Evans*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Family of Mr. Jerry Evans. May God be with you all in your time of bereavement. RIP Mr. Jerry Evans* 🕊️



**Ms. Brenda J. Idreez** - May 22, 2022 at 12:43 PM

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“ To the family of Mr. Jerry Evans:

*The pastors and members of the Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ would like to extend to you and your entire family our deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one.*

*Even though our hearts are saddened, we pray that the Lord will comfort you and bless you with endearing memories that you will always treasure. He is with you even in this time of sorrow too deep for words.*

*God be with you.*

*Pastor Henry L. Bolden II  
Lady Marcia J. Bolden  
and the PCJC Church Family*

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**Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ** - April 30, 2022 at 04:57 PM