



Ms. Essie Sue Evans

June 26, 1954 - December 21, 2023

Essie “Sue” Evans, 69, departed this life on December 21, 2023, at 12:30 a.m. at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center. Essie was born in Peoria to Henry and Antinobe (Cockfield) Evans on June 26, 1954. Essie received her high school diploma from Peoria Central High School, then was certified as a C.N.A. at Illinois Central College. She had a special love for children and became a foster parent. She has certifications for kids with special needs. Essie enjoyed walking, arts and crafts, gospel music (The Clark Sisters were her favorite), Jujitsu, puzzling, and singing. Essie was an active member of St. Paul Baptist Church; where she ushered, sung in the choir, and was involved with their childcare program. She was family oriented, giving, loving, and cared for family and friends even more than herself.

Essie leaves to cherish her precious memory: four sons: Adam Evans of Washington D.C., Darren Evans of Joilette, IL, Fijuan Evans, and Tony Evans both of Peoria; one daughter: Antinobe “Sheddy” Evans of Peoria; four brothers: Rodregas Cockfield, Tyrone Evans, Cyrus D. Jackson, all of Peoria, and Samuel Evans of Aurora, CO; two sisters: Tonja Evans of Peoria and Antoinette Parker of Aurora, CO; three grandchildren: Elishia Johnson, Jawaun Allen, and Amina Mays all of Peoria; a host of family and friends whom will miss her dearly.

Essie was preceded in death by parents: Henry Evans and Antinobe Head; maternal grandmother: Essie Hardaway.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Wednesday, January 3, 2023, at

St. Paul Baptist Church (114 W. Forrest Hill Ave Peoria, IL 61604) at 11:00 a.m. with visitation commencing an hour prior at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Devereux Hubbard will present the Eulogy.

Interment will be at Parkview Cemetery (2001 N. University Street Peoria, IL 61604).

Arrangements were made especially for the Evans family and professionally directed by T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel. Online condolences and acknowledgments can be made at twparkschapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Parkview Cemetery

2001 N. University
Peoria, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St.Paul Baptist Church
114 W. Forrest Hill Ave
Peoria, IL 61603

Celebration of Life

JAN 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St.Paul Baptist Church
114 W. Forrest Hill Ave
Peoria, IL 61603

Tribute Wall

VK

“ Farewell my sister in Christ. I always admired your nurturing spirit. May God bless & keep your family as they contend with their loss. I'll miss seeing you!



Vickie King - January 18, 2024 at 11:53 PM

CW

“ Catherine Randle Watson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Essie Sue Evans



Catherine Randle Watson - January 13, 2024 at 04:18 AM

MP

“ Mancy Pittman lit a candle in memory of Ms. Essie Sue Evans



Mancy Pittman - January 04, 2024 at 08:12 PM

DS

“ Debra Standley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Essie Sue Evans



Debra Standley - January 04, 2024 at 08:03 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ms. Essie Sue Evans.*



January 03, 2024 at 02:23 PM



“ *Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs. I am so sorry for your loss.
Sixth Street neighbors forever!!! Euzetta Durlinger*

Euzetta Durlinger - January 02, 2024 at 07:12 PM



“ *Remembering Essie from school. Very nice person. May God comfort you all.*



Rose Jackson - December 29, 2023 at 11:47 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Essie Sue Evans.*



December 28, 2023 at 04:38 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ms. Essie Sue Evans.



December 27, 2023 at 02:46 AM



“ Norena aka Shanda and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Essie Sue Evans.

Norena aka Shanda and family - December 27, 2023 at 02:46 AM



“ My earliest memory of my cousin Sue is one of support, compassion and love. Sue stepped in to help my dad with us the younger children. Teaching me how to keep a close eye on my siblings while Daddy worked. I celebrate your life cousin Sue. Always caring, praying and present are some of your strong characters that I love so much about you. To my family and her friends who love and miss you, Cousin Sue is in our hearts, thoughts and memories forever until we see each other again in Paradise. May The Lord comfort and keep us all in His Loving Grace & Mercy.

Rochelle "Shelly" Harris-Brown - December 27, 2023 at 12:02 AM



“ To: the Evans and cockfield family ;Look to the hills from which cometh your help because all your help comes from the Lord. I will miss my friend, but to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord!. Rest well my friend rest well.kathy collins

Kathy Collins - December 26, 2023 at 11:10 PM

KC

“ *Kathy Collins sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Essie Sue Evans*



Kathy Collins - December 26, 2023 at 11:04 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Essie Sue Evans.*



December 26, 2023 at 08:11 PM

PJ

“ *May your soul rest in eternal peace Sue Lord strengthen her love ones my condolences to all. Pat Tatum/Johnson*

Patricia Johnson - December 24, 2023 at 02:49 PM

EB

“ *Emel Buckner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Essie Sue Evans*



Emel Buckner - December 23, 2023 at 07:07 PM



“ I’m lighting a candle in remembrance of Ms
Essie Sue Evans



Rhonda Brown - December 22, 2023 at 10:02 AM



“ Joanie Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms.
Essie Sue Evans



Joanie Brown - December 22, 2023 at 04:06 AM



“ Mendoria Hughes lit a candle in memory of
Ms. Essie Sue Evans



Mendoria Hughes - December 21, 2023 at 08:25 PM



“ Sue u r one of my moma closest friends. I will truly miss you. Tell
my moma we r all doing well, but miss her dearly. Thank u for being
her friend

Mendoria Hughes - December 21, 2023 at 08:24 PM

SR

“ Rest well,my friend



Shirley Robertson - December 21, 2023 at 06:10 PM

EY

Esse Sue Evans will truly be missed, we went to school together and she has had that bright smile from the first day we met. I can honestly say that I have never hear her say an unkind word about anyone. She was a loving person who loved her family, in school you would have thought she and her brother Tyrone Evans were twins because they were very close.

Everyone who knew her for a period of time called her Sue. When I visited her in the hospital, she looked so restful, and peaceful.

You did a good job raising your family, you have the sweetie's daughter any mother could ever ask for. My friend Sue may you continue to RIP. Until we meet again.

*Evelyn Young
Sixth Street Neighborhood &Peoria Central High School.*

Evelyn Young - December 27, 2023 at 02:19 PM

VB

Dear Sue you are going to be missed by all who knew you. You were always so peacefull to be around God bless you for all you did for everyone. I knew you as a young girl and you always showed leadership. You were so good with your family always the responsible one . You were a gift from GOD. Rest on Sue you deserve it and you will always be loved and truly be missed by everyone. REST WELL SUE YOU DESERVE THE REST. TO THE FAMILY WE LOST A JEWEL. R.I.P. VERNELL RICHMOND-BRADSHAW.

VERNELL RICHMOND - BRADSHAW - December 31, 2023 at 02:52 PM

RC

I thank God for Sue and all she was. She offered me hospitality almost 50 years ago. May her loved ones be comforted by memories of her.

Rev. Dr. Rose Cornelious - January 02, 2024 at 08:59 PM