



Rev. Elwood Evans

September 27, 1934 - January 17, 2026

Rev. L. “Elwood” Evans, 91, of New Castle, went home to be with the Lord he so faithfully served on Saturday afternoon, January 17, 2026, at his home, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on September 27, 1934, in Soldier, Kentucky, a son of the late Morley and Tina (Withrow) Evans.

Elwood grew up in Kentucky, where he was affectionately known by his family and friends as “Woody.” In 1954, he moved to New Castle, Indiana, and on January 7, 1955, he married the love of his life and faithful companion, Mildred Click, at the Morehead, Kentucky, courthouse. Together, they shared 71 years of devoted marriage.

Elwood’s life was rooted in faith and service to the Lord. He was saved at the age of 14 and felt God’s call to preach at just 16. Shortly after moving to New Castle, he became pastor of the North 14th Street Church of God, where he faithfully shepherded the congregation for nearly 40 years. In 1991, he felt led to step away from full-time pastoring to assist his son, Rev. Rick Evans, in ministry—continuing his calling as a humble servant wherever he was needed.

A hardworking provider, Rev. Evans retired from Ford Motor Company in Indianapolis in 1989 after 30 years of dedicated service. He was a member of UAW Local 111.

Outside of ministry and work, Elwood found joy in simple pleasures. He greatly enjoyed driving his beloved Mercedes Gazelle kit car—affectionately known as “Chitty, Chitty, Bang Bang”—in the annual Henry County Memorial Day Parade. He loved playing pranks and was always quick with a good joke. He enjoyed woodworking in “Woody’s Woodshop,” where he made crafts and flag cases for others.

Humble by nature, Elwood never sought recognition and was always content to take a back seat to others. He will be remembered as kind, caring, and compassionate—a

faithful servant of the Lord whose life reflected quiet strength, genuine love, and unwavering faith.

Those left to cherish Elwood's memory include his beloved wife, Mildred Evans; his three children, Rev. Rick (Debbie) Evans, Teresa (Stephen) Hacker, and Frances (Kevin) Bowsman, all of New Castle; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; two brothers, Rollie "Pete" (Linda) Evans of Ashland, Kentucky and Billy Evans of Mansfield, Ohio; a sister, Rita Click of Norwood, Ohio; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Elwood was preceded in death by five brothers, Daniel "DJ," Loyd, Lenford, Drew "Jimmy," and Clinton Evans, and an infant brother, Ollie.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at Sproles Family Funeral Home, with his son, Rev. Rick Evans, and Pastor Elijah Wagoner officiating. Burial will follow at Green Hills Memory Gardens.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Rev. Elwood Evans.

Cemetery Details

Green Hills Memory Gardens

3578 W State Road 38
New Castle, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
2400 S Memorial Dr
New Castle, IN 47362
(765) 521-2400
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<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/>

Funeral

JAN 22. 1:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
2400 S Memorial Dr.
New Castle, IN 47362

Tribute Wall

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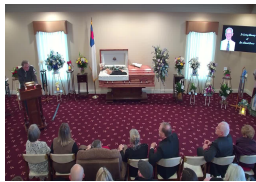
“ Uncle Elwood was surely one of a kind - a true gentleman who embodied faith and radiated joy to all whose lives he touched. Throughout the years he would phone me and leave words of encouragement, jokes and special messages on my voicemail. He even serenaded me with his favorite songs. About a year ago he serenaded me with "Old Virginny." I kept his recording on my voicemail and play it frequently when I need a quick lift and inner smile. "Amazing Grace" was another favorite he often left on my recording. Sing sweetly to Jesus among the heavenly choir, Uncle Elwood... I'll think of you often and fondly until you serenade me in person in Glory one day again. Many will rejoice in your memory until then. My deepest condolences to Aunt Mildred, the entire Evans family, and to all whose lives were blessed by knowing Uncle Elwood, Anne Riddle-Marshall



Anne Riddle-Marshall - January 29 at 06:47 PM

SH

“ 1 file added to the album Rev. Elwood Evans Funeral Service Video



Sproles Family Funeral Home - January 22 at 06:28 PM

ME

I met this wonderful shepherd over 24 yrs ago.I was in over my head and headed for trouble yet he saw my broken heart and he never treated me unkind None of his children were unkind.I was lost I had been raised in church but I was lost This family,was so good to me they were a light to a torn soul.This service was full of the spirit of the Lord. I have to have confidence That I will pass on over Jordan one day and I will see all the saints that have gone before me unhindered by the cares of this world .
I see Brother Elwood as a child running to his father face filled with glee and it makes my cup run over.

Melissa - January 27 at 02:32 PM



“ I can remember the day that Bro. Elwood brought food to Mama. He had two yellow bags full. That last Sunday I sung Amazing Grace. Everybody told how good I done and I knew better. Mama said, ' Boy he did good .job singing Sunday." I shook my head no. Bro. Elwood said, " That was a good try thoe keep on trying you'll get better." The Lord called me to preach in 2017. To be honest I thought he was crazy, I hope he forgives me, I thought I can't talk how the world am'I gonna preach. I heard what Bro. Elwood said all them year ago I did what the Lord told me, I got ordained now I spread the word word with my computer.

Cory Hamby - January 22 at 07:24 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Elwood Evans.



January 21 at 05:13 PM



“ So sorry to hear that Elwood Evans has passed. He was a good friend of my parents and family. They grew up together in Kentucky. Remained a friendship for years, he was there when we lost both our parents. I know that his family is heartbroken and I send our prayers to them. Sincerely the family of Woodrow and Maxine Barricks ,Pam, Chatta Shelia ,Brent Barricks.

Pamelia Barricks Cory - January 21 at 11:07 AM



“ 144 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sproles Family Funeral Home - January 21 at 10:07 AM

TK

Such a sweet and kind man with a gentle soul and wonderful sense of humor. Rest in Peace. I am so sorry for your loss, to all of Elwood's family. I was blessed to be your family's neighbor for so many years. I bet he and my Precious Momma are in Heaven singing in the Angel Choir right now!

Tammy Knight-Stewart - January 23 at 05:52 PM

JY

“ J.c Y. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Rev. Elwood Evans.



J.c Y. - January 21 at 09:08 AM

DF

“ What a wonderful man of God! He was a spiritual counselor to our whole family, but helped guide my two daughters to the Lord when they accepted Christ into their lives under his preaching at Knightstown Church of God. They are both still following God and raising their children in Christ as well. I know our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is enjoying having this new addition to Heaven. With love and deepest comfort prayers, Tim Davis, Rene Davis, and our daughters Amanda and Jessica.

Davis Family - January 21 at 08:03 AM

DC

“ Don, Nicole and Abigail Click purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Rev. Elwood Evans.



Don, Nicole and Abigail Click - January 21 at 07:31 AM

PA

“ 7 files added to the album Bro. Elwood



Pam Adkins - January 20 at 03:48 PM

PA

“ I love this family. Bro. Evans has never failed to be there and praying for us. He was not only my pastor, he was my friend and family. He preached the true word of God. He even did the chicken walk as he preached up and down the aisle. I believe he is still doing that but instead of preaching he is praising. See you later my dear friend.

Pamela J Adkins - January 20 at 02:27 PM

SZ

“ Sincerely, Clint, Karman & Zane purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rev. Elwood Evans.



Sincerely, Clint, Karman & Zane - January 20 at 12:14 AM

CD

“ Bro. Evans was a dear friend who I thank God for him and his family. I know He truly loved the Lord and we will meet again. Praying for this family. Pastor Charles Dugger

charles dugger - January 19 at 10:10 PM

TF

“ The Essex Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Rev. Elwood Evans.



The Essex Family - January 19 at 04:20 PM

NT

“ I am so sorry to the Evans family. Rev. Evans was a wonderful person. I remember brother Evan and sister Evan's coming to my grandma and grandpa Fergusons house for visits and would always pray before leaving their house. Rest in heaven Rev. Evans. Prayers God bless

Natalie Turk - January 19 at 01:01 PM

VD

“ I had the pleasure of becoming acquainted with Elwood through family gatherings. He had such a kind, loving and gentle soul. He always had a big smile for me. He was the great grandfather to my grandchildren. My daughter is so blessed to have married into such a wonderful family. My prayers for peace and comfort be with all of you!



Vicky Davis - January 19 at 10:46 AM

KR

“ Brother Evans was such a great guy! He worked at Ford with my papaw and became a great family friend. He was there the day I had my open heart surgery back in 1999!! Every time he seen me he would smile and point at me and say there's my girl! He will always hold a special place in my heart!! All my love and prayers to the family.

Krista - January 19 at 09:27 AM

PL

“ Bro. Rick and family, so sorry to hear the passing of Bro Elwood, he has went home Prayers and Love for your family. Sister Patty Lewis, Upper Dry Creek.

Patty Lewis - January 18 at 11:10 PM

TW

“ Our Hearts are broken to hear of the loss of Bro. Elwood..Bro. and Sister Evans was a common mention in the Thomas Family..Our Dad and Momma thought the World of this Wonderful family..Just as we do..We shared Wonderful times together when they would come to Kentucky..During the Conference's at Soldier in July or Having Revivals ...Bro. Elwood will Definitely be missed..Sending All our Love and Uplifting Prayers for Sister Mildred and All the Family...: Woody Thomas Family 🙏❤️😊

Tammy Thomas White - January 18 at 10:15 PM

RS

He was a good man he going to be miss

Russell Elliott sr - January 19 at 05:08 PM

AD

“ *so many times Bro Elwood would play the harmonica and sing "Amazing Grace" such a blessing--enjoyed having him at First Free Will Baptist in Dunkirk--praying for the family*

Ann Davenport - January 18 at 08:38 PM

EF

“ *Eric, Melissa Jones and Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Rev. Elwood Evans.*



Eric, Melissa Jones and Family - January 18 at 05:46 PM