



Thomas Daniel Evans

December 25, 1952 - February 20, 2025

Thomas Daniel “Danny” Evans, 72 of Laurel, MS, passed away at his home on February 20, 2025 surrounded by his family. He was a unique person that had to make a connection with every person he met. Anyone that knew him understood his checklist of “let me show you what I got”. His military background made him a very detailed man and his experiences in his career as a game warden shaped him into the storyteller that everyone knew and loved.

Danny was born to Midwol and Jackie Evans in Taylorsville, MS on December 25, 1952. He was blessed with a loving marriage of 49 years to his wife, Belinda. He was a graduate of West Jones High School and went on to study at Jones County Junior College. After his time in school, Danny served in the military for 33 years, 5 months, and 14 days. He served in the Navy, Army, and Air Force. He served in the Navy from July 16, 1974 to July 15, 1979. While in the Navy, he served as a boiler technician and 2nd class petty officer. He served in the Army from March 20, 1984 to November of 1992. His jobs during the Army consisted of a clerk typist, Retention NCO, chaplain’s assistant, cook, General’s Enlisted Aid, and Buck Sergeant. He served in the Air Force from November of 1992 to September 4, 2011. In the Air Force, he worked in services and retired as a Master Sergeant. He was stationed at many different military bases including: USS John R. Craig, DD 885 in San Diego, California; USS William C. Lowe, DD 763 in New Orleans, Louisiana;

184 TH Transportation Brigade in Laurel, Mississippi; 186 Air Refueling Wing in Meridian, Mississippi; Ali Al Salem Kuwait; and Germany. Throughout the years, Danny received 15 medals and 22 ribbons. His favorite time in the military was serving in the Navy for 5 years. He became a game warden with Mississippi Wildlife Fisheries and Parks in 1983 and was a field officer until he became the state lake Bogue Homa manager the last years of his career until his retirement in May of 2017. He was dedicated to his career and loved socializing and laughing with his friends that he made in all the 34 years, 1 month and 25 days that he worked.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Midwol and Jacqueline Evans.

He is survived by his wife Belinda, his children Kristy Boone (Rocky) and Kaitlyn Graham (Tyler) and his grandchildren Cole and Emily Boone and Ava and Tate Graham, his sister Donna Manning (Mike) and brother Randy Evans. (Jane)

Visitation will be held at Memory Chapel on Sunday, February 23, 2025 from 5:00-7:00 P.M. and Monday, February 24, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. with funeral to follow at 11:00 A.M. Graveside services will follow at Florence Congregational Methodist Church in Sandersville, MS.

Brother Jimmy Holder will officiate with a eulogy by Roger Welch.

Pallbearers will be Pat Butler, Heath Hulon, Mike Thrash, Clay Ready, Joey Hinton, and Richard Hawthorne. Honorary Pallbearers are Jimmy Bass, Sherriel Clark, John Cook, Ronnie Hallman, and Roger Welch.

To sign the online guest book, visit: www.memorychapellaurel.com

Cemetery Details

Florence Cemetery

39 McFarland Road
Heidelberg, MS 39439

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **23.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
(601) 428-5235
memorychapel@comcast.net
<https://www.memorychapellaurel.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB **24.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

ER

“ *Enjoyed my chats with him as he picked up workers at the adult detention facility.*

Eddie Rahaim - February 25, 2025 at 11:26 AM

OC

“ *Owen Mills / Coon lit a candle in memory of Thomas Evans*



Owen Mills / Coon - February 23, 2025 at 09:04 PM

CJ

“ *Corrie J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Daniel Evans.*

Corrie J. - February 23, 2025 at 12:16 PM

WH

“ *Water Huddleston sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas Evans*



Water Huddleston - February 22, 2025 at 06:08 PM

RL

“ I will miss him so much my cousin that was the best he has always been apart of my life tell daddy I love him and miss him y'all will have the best time love you much miss you
Regina lewis



Regina Lewis - February 22, 2025 at 12:44 PM

CL

“ Sweet Belinda ,Donna and family.My heart is saddened to read about Thomas’s passing this morning and I would like for you to know I’m thinking about you and praying for you during this difficult time.Thomas fought a good fight and he kept the faith and a reward. Is there for him and we love you .

Carolyn Landrum - February 22, 2025 at 11:32 AM

CM

Belinda, our heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Danny was one of a kind . We knew Danny for many years as I grew up in the Pendorff community. Harold and Haven knew him from a lot of times spent at the lake and Haven knew you from pre-K. I know the days will be tough but know a lot of people love y'all and are praying for you. Gods arms are always open and safe and around all of you. We love you ❤️❤️🙏🙏

Carrie Mozingo - February 22, 2025 at 09:25 PM

ER

*“ I had the pleasure of meeting Danny (Dan-O) at the Veterans Memorial Museum when I became a volunteer.He was one of a kind and the leader of our Thursday A-Team. I enjoyed looking at memorabilia that he would bring and stories he would tell. Thank you Danny for your service to our country and may you rest in peace my friend and breathe easy. We all love you very much. My condolences to you Belinda and the family.
Liz Rayborn*

Elizabeth Rayborn - February 22, 2025 at 09:55 AM

TH

“ Danny, just wanted to say that you did a great job. Tom Holman

Tom Holman - February 21, 2025 at 05:00 PM

JC

“ Danny was the best of friends and will be greatly missed. Ours prayers are with his family. John and Kathy Cook



John Cook - February 21, 2025 at 04:05 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Daniel Evans.



February 21, 2025 at 03:57 PM