



## Otis Evans Sr.

January 25, 1921 - August 30, 2021

Rev. Otis Evans Sr., “Dad” was born January 25, 1921 in Natchez, Mississippi and raised as a Farmer’s son, to the late William and Alice Evans. From this union nine children were born, all of who preceded him in death.

He departed this life on Monday, August 30, 2021 in Media, PA, surrounded by loved ones. He resided over 60 years in Chester Township, PA.

Rev. Evans was baptized early in life under the leadership of the Rev. E .W. Rhone at the Windy Hill Baptist Church in Natchez, Mississippi.

Rev. Evans followed his dreams at a very young age and left the farm and joined the United States Navy, where over the years he became a great cook. He fought in two wars; World War II and The Korean War. He boarded many ships, but the one he talked about most often was the USS NOA- DD841, the Destroyer. He ranked as Chief Petty Officer before retiring.

His 22 years of service, and time spent travelling around the world, gave him many stories to tell, including what he cooked and who he had cooked for. Elvis Presley was one of them. He shared that story of their encounter a thousand times, and even had the picture to prove it. With his phenomenal memory, he would tell great stories about his home life in Natchez, what recipes he liked to cook and his Naval experience.

After retiring from the Navy, he held several jobs. His two longest positions were held at The Eastern State Penitentiary, as a civilian cook, and the Philadelphia Naval Hospital, as Kitchen Supervisor, both were in Pennsylvania.

In 1963, Rev. Evans received his calling in the ministry to preach the Word of God. Rev. Otis Evans Sr., was licensed and ordained by Rev. Daniel A. Scott of Bethany Baptist Church, in Chester, PA. His training was from Philadelphia College of Bible.

In 1964 he started Antioch Baptist Church in Chester, PA and stayed for five years. In 1969, Rev. Evans was led to pastor Fairview Baptist Church in Woodlyn, PA for the next 10 years.

1979 Rev. Evans retired from preaching and civil service work, with a combined 35 plus years of military and civil services.

He then, joined Marcus Hook Baptist church in Marcus Hook, PA, where he became one of their Sunday School Teachers.

In 1985, Rev. Evans received his Bachelor's Degree from Neumann University in Aston, PA. On his 100th Birthday, they celebrated him as the oldest Alumni. He was so proud of his accomplishment. He would often say, "If I had this degree when I was younger, I would be a bad boy." referring to how far he would have gotten in his career.

Dad was a generous man, and wanted the best for his family and loved ones. He would always ask if you were "FULL". If your stomachs weren't full, he cooked. If your pockets weren't full, he would dig into his own. And if your spirits weren't full, he always had some advice or words of wisdom to share.

Dad certainly kept busy during his retirement. He became a Landlord of many properties. Hosted an In-Home Bible Study. And did some gardening, serving up the best collard greens.

Later in life, as his mobility slowed down, dad settled into his recliner watching some of his favorite shows. He loved watching the news, baseball, and old country westerns, like Gun Smoke. He cooked for himself, and his family, up until he was 95. From 96 until his death, he stayed in senior housing and nursing home facilities.

What a life he has lived, at the age of 100, he leaves to cherish his memories three sons, Richard E. Evans (Zelma) of Newark DE, Otis Evans Jr. (Yolanda) of Chester, PA, and Rev. Michael K. Evans Sr. (Elizabeth) of Chester, PA; daughter-in-law, Hilda Evans of Bowie, MD, wife of his late son Rev. Gregory O. Evans; Seventeen grandchildren; seventeen great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews, relatives and friends and The Freeman Sisters, who affectionately called him "Dad."

Preceding The Rev. Otis Evans Sr. in death, were his three wives, Dr. Helen L Evans (wife of 51 years), Pearl Lee Evans and Elizabeth Consecio; daughter, Pearl Frances Johnson; son, Rev. Gregory O. Evans and Stepson, Rev. Dr. Walter Paul Matthews Jr.

Sleep on dad and take your rest, we love you, but God loves you best

But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. Philippians 3:20

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89578419686?pwd=NThla0l2c0poRWE4VjNvb1FhcWxwUT09>

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Hope Cemetery

4010 Concord Road  
Aston, PA 19014

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 14. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Luke Community Christian Church  
317 Central Avenue  
Chester, PA 19013  
(610) 876-5197

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Earl L. Foster Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Otis Evans Sr.*



Earl L. Foster Funeral Home - September 14, 2021 at 09:34 AM

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*To the Evans family, for you we are praying.*

pastor Willie Johnson - September 14, 2021 at 06:40 PM



“ *Otis Evans Sr.*

October 07, 2023 at 11:34 AM



“ *Otis Evans Sr.*

October 04, 2023 at 12:55 PM



“ *Rev. Michael Evans : My sincere condolences are extended to you and the family. Rest in Peace Rev. Otis Evans!!!!..... you're safe in the arms of the Lord!!!!..... Rhoda Simms-Majors*

Rhoda Simms-Majors - September 11, 2021 at 01:16 AM

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“ I remember Mr Otis as a delightful Bible study teacher. One of those DIG DEEPER kind of teachers who was very hospitable. My condolences and prayers to the family. Deb Hall

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**Deb Hall** - September 10, 2021 at 09:06 PM

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“ To my brother Otis Evans Jr. sorry for the loss of your dad ,I will keep you and your family in my prayers ...

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**JoLinda Brown -Williams** - September 07, 2021 at 05:09 PM