

## Lloyd I. "Jerry" Evans Jr.

Lloyd I. "Jerry" Evans Jr., 74, longtime Ponca City resident, died Sunday, June 23, 2002, at Via Christi Oklahoma Regional Medical Center in Ponca City.

A Requiem Eucharist will be celebrated today at 2 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church with Rev. Kenneth Armstrong, rector, as celebrant, assisted by Rev. Steven Mallory, deacon. Entombment will follow in the Ponca City Mausoleum under the direction of the Trout Funeral Home.

Evans was born Aug. 25, 1927, in Cody, Wyo., the son of Lloyd Ivan and Mary Kathryn Cecilia Riley Evans. He attended schools in Cody, graduating from Cody High School in 1945. He was accepted in the Navy V-12 program attending Doane College in Crete, Neb., and Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind. During his tour of duty with the Navy in the Pacific, he served with the occupation forces of Japan. He graduated from the University of Wyoming with a degree in electrical engineering.

Evans began work as an engineer with the Halliburton Company and originally came to Oklahoma at such time as he was transferred to Guymon in 1953. Subsequently, he was employed by Tri-State Construction of Oklahoma City. In April of 1960, Evans and Jim Throop co-founded the highway construction firm of Evans & Throop Construction. In Dec. of 1974, Evans purchased the outstanding stock from Throop and the company became Evans & Associates Construction Co., Inc. The parent company, Evans & Associates Enterprises, Inc. has subsidiary operations currently in Ponca City, Alva, Enid, Waukomis, Perry, Stillwater, Bartlesville, Miami, Fairland, Grove, Lawton, Altus, Snyder, Oklahoma City and Southwest City, Mo.

On Oct. 7, 1961, he married Patricia Jane Perdue in Ponca City.

Evans held lifetime memberships in the American Legion, Masonic Lodge, National Rifle Association, Ponca City Rotary Club and the University of Wyoming Alumni Association. He was an active member of Grace Episcopal Church where he served in the church board, as Senior Warden and as a member of the Vestry.

He had received his 50 year pin from Ponca Lodge 83 A.F. & A.M., and held memberships in the India Shrine Temple in Oklahoma City and the Royal Order of Jesters, Tulsa Court 47. He was both a Scottish Rite and York Rite Mason.

In the past, Evans has served on the boards of the Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce and the Ponca City Chamber of Commerce, serving as its president in 1977. He was a past member of the Board of Governors of the National Asphalt Pavement Association, the Oklahoma Asphalt Pavement Association and the Associated General Contractors. He was also a member of the VFW, Elks Lodge 2002, Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity Circle, Cannon Cockers of Lawton and the USS Pine Island AV-12 Association.

In 1966-1967 he was named "Boss of the Year" by the Chamber of Commerce. In 1986 he received

the University of Wyoming Distinguished Alumni Award and in 1999 he was named Outstanding Citizen by the Ponca City Chamber of Commerce.

He was presently serving on the Boards of the Marland Estate Foundation, Ponca City Police Foundation, University Learning Center, Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence, Charles Russell Center and was a director of Pioneer Bank & Trust. He was also a trustee of the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, serving as chairman of the Cody Firearms Museum in Cody.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one grandson, Thomas Stewart Evans.

Evans is survived by his wife, Pat, of the home; a son, Bruce Michael Evans of Ponca City, a son, Lloyd Lee Evans and his wife Laura of Ponca City; three grandchildren, Adam Evans of Oklahoma City, Kimberly Evans of Ponca City, Lloyd Lee Evans Jr. of Ponca City; and a host of friends and employees.

Casket bearers will be Fred Boettcher, George Brown, Charles Casey, Ike Glass, Steve Moore, Richard Moore and Carl Renfro. Honorary casket bearers will be Chester Armstrong, Joe Burns, Jack Bowker, David Beard, Mike Fretwell, Raymond Ham, Ken Holmes, Warren Hunter, Ken Matheson, Jim McNeese, Bill Moore, Tom Muchmore, C.D. Northcutt, Bill Rodgers, Tom Sigler, employees of Evans and Associates Enterprises, Outstanding Citizens of Ponca City and the board of directors of Pioneer Bank and Trust.

Memorials may be made to Grace Episcopal Church, 109 N. 13th, Ponca City, OK 74601, Buffalo Bill Historical Center, c/o George Mongon, 720 Sheridan Ave., Cody, WY 82414, or to the University Learning Center, P.O. Box 1473, Ponca City, OK 74602.

The family will be at the home, 500 S. Prentice Road.

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