



Mr. LaFayette Evans

January 16, 1941 - July 28, 2025

Lafayette Evans, the third child of Benjamin Frank Evans, Jr. and Josie Lee Thornton was born January 16, 1941 in the Sand Hill Community.

Lafayette attended what he labeled (Barksdale Elementary), a one room school located next to Pilgrim Branch Church in Goshen Springs, Pisgah Elementary and Pisgah Jr. High School. He attended Midway High school where he graduated in 1959. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in physical education from Mississippi Industrial College in 1963. After graduating, he joined the US Army. After completing his military service, he relocated to Flint, Michigan with his best bud William (Frank Denson) Lee where they employed by the Chrysler Corporation.

Lafayette loved all sports, but his passion was golf. He began his 42-yr career with the Detroit school system at Foster Elementary where he taught physical education before being hired as coach at Kettering high school. At age 29 he was named City League coach of the year in football. During his coaching years he was named coach of the year in football, track, and field. He retired as the Athletic Director for the city of Detroit, Michigan.

Lafayette felt deep satisfaction with his role as a coach, as an administrator, and as a mentor of young students. As Coach and Athletic Director for the Detroit Public School System, he led four schools to championships in the City

of Detroit: Kettering High School, Redford High School, Cooley High School, and Osborne High School.

During his early years in Detroit, Lafayette quickly became an integral part of the community forging lasting friendships and adapting to life in the Midwest. His southern roots remained strong and he often reflected fondly on his upbringing in Mississippi sharing stories of Sand Hill and his formative school days.

Lafayette grew up in a large family of five brothers and eight sisters. Willie James (Red), Henry (T), Matthew (Mike), Sidney, Lottie Mae, Jessye and Libby Jean will be waiting to happily welcome him. He will also be united with close childhood friends and family, Ray and Henry. For the remaining ones Frankie, Bessye, Annie Lois, Celia, and Bettie Jo will be left with a little less joy, some bewilderment, and more emptiness in our lives.

Lafayette's pride and joy was his daughter, Amber Chere Mack (Corey Dewone Mack) and grandsons (Corey Mack Jr. and John Mack).

He also leaves a host of other relatives and friends to cherish his memories.

Cemetery Details

Billingsley Hill Cemetery

Lena, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Dean Memorial Funeral Home
745 Highway 468
Brandon, MS 39042
(601) 825-3884
<https://deanmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

Family Hour

AUG 18. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

"Lovie" Dean Memorial Chapel
745 Hwy 468
Brandon, MS 39042

Graveside Service

AUG 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

Billingsley Hill Cemetery
Lena, MS

Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. LaFayette Evans*



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - August 18, 2025 at 04:36 PM

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“ *"Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning." Psalm 30:5 I am overwhelmed with grief but am comforted with the knowledge that you are in Paradise with your beloved brothers, Sidney, Henry Lee, Willie James and Matthew. You have lived a life of purpose and positively impacted thousands of lives. I have never known a moment of life without you. I will miss lecturing you about football and finances. Thank you for enriching all of our lives. You have completed your race. May you rest in God's Grace. We will meet again.*



Lieutenant Colonel (R) Bettie J. Evans, US Army

Bettie J. Evans - August 18, 2025 at 12:51 PM

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“ I Claudia Lee ,Light this Candle with Love from The William Franklin Lee family better know as "Home Boy as LaFayette would say" God gave LaFayette a passionate heart for Jesus Christ and all people. With heartfelt love. God So Love and so do we!! Frederick, Linda and Claudia Lee



Claudia Lee - August 15, 2025 at 12:51 PM

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“ Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of LaFayette Evans



Eddie Ainsworth - August 14, 2025 at 09:11 PM

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“ It is with deep sadness that I share my heartfelt condolences to the immediate family of my cousin . Mr. Lafayette Evans. He was such a giant of a man in every sense of the word. He will be missed by many and especially his family and those who knew him in his long professional career. The family should know that we all miss him so much. We must all keep the faith and look forward to seeing him again. Etta Smith and family

Etta Smith - August 13, 2025 at 06:45 PM

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Absolutely love my uncle. Growing up I always loved when he came home to visit and so did all of my family. It was always lots of talking, laughing, and money being passed out. He always made sure he gave you enough money to make you feel rich as a kid. Even as an adult a good conversation was only a call away. I had the pleasure of going to Detroit, Michigan with my job about 14 years back and he came to scoop me up from my hotel for dinner and a tour of the hot spots in Detroit, Michigan such Motown. Unfortunately by the time I got through with my work for the day all the good stuff was closed, but I was able to see where the hotspots were located. My uncle will be missed by me and many. Heaven has another angel!

Alicia (Tina) Louisville - August 14, 2025 at 05:20 PM

LE

The best brother N Law a sister N law could have. He always called me his favorite sister N law. He always called me to check on me and the kids . We talked for hours. I'll miss these calls. He stepped up after my husband passed and became like a dad to my son. He called him often to make sure he was on the right track and of course to talk about sports. He would visit every summer and give the kids money. He loved golf. He stay on course until dark and come by "saying sister N law what you got to eat? He loved talking and telling jokes about their childhood. We love you and will miss you.❤️

Lois Evans - August 15, 2025 at 10:04 AM