

Tribute

Lee Alexander Evans, beloved husband, father, brother, uncle, friend, and servant leader, dedicated his life to uplifting others and building a stronger, more caring community. He will be remembered for his unwavering faith, his devotion to family, and his compassion for those in need. Lee's presence touched countless lives, and his legacy of love and service will continue to shine through all who knew him.

"Well done, good and faithful servant." Matthew 25:21

Memorial Gifts May be Made to:

Artists First American American Lung Association
American Cancer Society Episcopal City Mission
Kappa St. Louis Alumni Scholarship Fund

Pallbearers

Alexis Patrick Lauren Patrick

Honorary Pallbearers

Jason Adkison Shwana Adkison Sean Baijnauth Orion DeLeon Lord Deborah Franklin Ronald Granderson Scherees Lee John Leon Lord Jr Jayson McLemore Samantha Mingo April Muex Charles Patrick John Patrick Anthony Patrick Erica Webb Andrea Whyms Emily Whyms

Life Transition Support

St. Louis Cremation
Joan Winheim, Funeral Director

Interment

Monday, September 29, 2025 at 10:00 am

Calvary Cemetery

5239 West Florissant Avenue St. Louis, Missouri 63115 Ray Meyer, Funeral Director

Acknowledgements from the Evans Family

The family of Lee Evans sincerely thanks you for your many acts of kindness, prayers, and support during this time of loss. Your calls, visits, and words of comfort have brought us strength and peace. We are especially grateful to our extended family, friends, the brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., the congregation of Christ Church Cathedral, and the community for standing with us in honoring Lee's life. May God bless each of you.



"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." 2 TIMOTHY 4:7-8 KJV

Celebration of Life Service



Lee Alexander Evans

July 18, 1952 - September 11, 2025

Friday, September 26, 2025 Visitation – 10:00 AM Kappa Memorial – 10:30 AM Celebration of Life – 11:00 AM Repast – 12:15 PM

Christ Church Cathedral 1210 Locust Street, Saint Louis, MO 63103 The Very Rev. Kathie Adams-Shepherd, Officiating

"Life is Good."

Lee Alexander Evans His Journey, His Life, His Story



On July 18, 1952, a bouncing baby boy, Lee Alexander Evans, was born in Key West, Florida to Emily Hepburn Evans and Rev. Lee Evans, both of whom preceded him in death.

Lee and his siblings, John Leon and Esther, along with their cousin Orion, were raised by their grandmother Esther Hepburn, while their mother continued her teaching career in Leesburg, Florida. His Aunt Carolyn and Uncle Bruce also helped with their upbringing. The Evans children and their cousins: Annette, John Bruce, Sylvia, Kella, and Shirley were all raised together like sisters and brothers.

From an early age, Lee's heart was "touched by the hand of God" and through his strength he became a man of purpose, compassion, and unwavering service. His relationship with God began at an early age. He was christened and confirmed at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Key West, Florida, and served as an acolyte until leaving for college.

Lee attended Mrs. Nora's Kindergarten School, Douglass Elementary School, Horace O. Bryant Middle School, and Key West Senior High School, where he graduated in 1970. Lee was scheduled to be the guest speaker at his 55th High School Class Reunion being held the week of September 26, 2025.

After graduating from high school, Lee, along with his cousin Sylvia and his older brother John Leon, moved to San Antonio, Texas, where he began his studies at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Later, Lee also joined his brother John and his family in Omaha, Nebraska, and continued his education at the University of Nebraska. He went on to attend Lincoln University, earning his bachelor's degree, and while there, he became a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated. Lee then received a scholarship to Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, where he completed his master's degree in social work.

Lee always had kind and encouraging words for everyone. He knew no strangers. His jokes were hilariously funny, and his laughter was infectious. He loved music, photography, and sending out Christmas letters each year. Lee loved and valued his family above all else and will be remembered for his enduring words: 'Life is good.'

Lee Alexander Evans is survived by his wife, Francine Renee Evans. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Brenda Patrick Evans, with whom he shared two children, Alehra Evans and Jimauria Evans. He leaves behind his brother, John (Recia) Lord; his sisters-in-law, Angela McLemore, Elaine Patrick, and Beverly Atkinson; his brother-in-law, William (Dorothy) Patrick; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other beloved family and friends.

2008 Lenten Reflection by Lee Evans

I just finished reading a sermon given by Martin Luther King at the Washington National Cathedral on Sunday, March 31, 1968. The sermon was titled, "Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution." Although attention at the time of his assassination focused on his Mountaintop speech, this sermon was much broader and showed his great visionary skills.

Dr. King spoke of a great revolution taking place in the world—a "triple revolution" consisting of technology, weaponry, and human rights. He said, "through our scientific and technological genius, we have made of this world a neighborhood and yet we have not had the ethical commitment to make of it a brotherhood." King goes on to say, "for some strange reason I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. And you can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be. This is the way God's universe is made; this is the way it is structured."

In Psalm 76:3—"There he broke the flashing arrows, the shield, the sword, and the weapons of battle"—this passage is saying to me that the battle has been won. It's up to us to realize this and to come together as one people. God's goodness is all around us, and it's time to realize it in our hearts and minds.

The world has changed, yet, as Dr. King points out, many of us have been asleep through much of it. By "asleep" he meant that we have turned a blind eye to most of the world's problems. For all the advances in our society, we still use war to solve disputes with other nations, and human rights and racism are perhaps worse now than they were in 1968.

The season of Lent gives us the opportunity to do God's will. God has broken the flashing arrows, the shield, the sword, and the weapons of battle. It's time to put away the things that divide and harm us.



"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain." – Revelation 21:4

"Spirit" by Earth, Wind & Fire

Many years has passed and a day
Still we walk, in the path
That leads, to the light
Shining down, on this great beyond
Thoughts ignite us, let love unite us
Then turn your face to the wind
And taste his love within

You'll find a friend - everlasting love
You can depend, every time you smile
You bless a child
Our spirit perpetuates
Our spirits meditate love and faith

We must make our brother see
That the light is he
Shining on you and me
And the land he gave
Roads we must pave
Looking through each others' eyes
Humanity will rise
In love

And our spirit will Be at one with thee.

