



H. Duane Evans

January 8, 1927 - September 29, 2025

H. Duane Evans of Sunsites, Arizona passed away in his sleep in the morning of Monday, September 29, 2025. He died from causes incident to age. He was 98 years, nine months and three weeks old when he passed.

Born on January 8th, 1927, in New Eagle, Washington, PA, he was christened Harold Duane Evans. He chose to go by "H. Duane Evans" and asked to be called Duane. He spent much of his adult life as a resident of Portsmouth Rhode Island, and then he and his wife Deanna Lynn (Beamer) Evans retired to Sunsites, Arizona in October 2004.

Duane participated in Scouting as a youth and as an adult. He served as a signalman in the United States Navy aboard the DMS-41 Duran, a Destroyer Mine Sweeper, and then in the forces occupying Japan after the end of WW II. Duane was a retired sonar / radar specialist who over many years served as an operator (the DEW Line at Point Barrow, Alaska,); research engineering assistant (General Dynamics); researcher, instructor, and field "troubleshooter" for Raytheon Service Corporation. He held several patents for his inventions.

Duane was a husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and great-great grandfather and friend to many. He is survived by a son Daniel Evans (Roxanna), daughters Julie Smith, Shari Nelligan (Al), grandchildren Jeremiah (J.D.) Smith, Shane Smith (Kayla), Nate Smith (Kayley), Kaitlyn Hester (Norris), Ren Simmons, Jared Evans (Amanda), Justin Evans, Janet Freeman (Jacob), & many great and great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by parents Harold Towner Evans and Lola Grace Bode, his wife Deanna, and daughters Britta Sue Evans and Donna Guthrie (Mark).

The memorial service will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, October 25th, 2025 at the LDS chapel, 206 N Ford St., Pearce, AZ.

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Previous Events

Memorial

OCT **25**. 11:00 AM (MT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Sunsites Branch
209 N. Ford Streed
Pearce, AZ 85625

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sorry I missed speaking to you this birthday from your cousin Catherine Jackson Fusca. My condolences to your family.* ”

Catherine Fusca - January 06 at 04:40 PM

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“ *Mark Guthrie and Johna Ward purchased the Fier y Lily and Rose for the family of H. Duane Evans.* ”



Mark Guthrie and Johna Ward - October 22, 2025 at 02:08 PM

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“ *Love and miss you Dad!* ”



Shari Nelligan - October 02, 2025 at 01:32 PM

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“ *Dakota Levine lit a candle in memory of H. Duane Evans* ”



Dakota Levine - September 30, 2025 at 11:17 PM