



## Mr. James "Jim" Lamar Evans, Jr.

April 7, 1948 - March 6, 2025

James "Jim" Lamar Evans, Jr., 76, of Columbia, died Thursday, March 6, 2025. Born in Columbia, Jim was the son of the late James Lamar, Sr. and Harriet Van Meter Evans and married to Betty Ann Shannon Evans for 54 years. After graduating from Dreher High School, he earned his Bachelor of Science from the University of South Carolina and his master's from John Hopkins University. While living in Baltimore, Jim was the Music Director for Faith Bible Church for 17 years. He worked as an electrical engineer for Westinghouse and Hewlett Packard before owning ServiceMaster of MidCarolina for 36 years. Jim had a wide variety of interests. He was a member of the Palmetto Mastersingers for 30 years and toured with them around the world to include the St. Lawrence riverway and China. Jim enjoyed sailing on Lake Murray, woodworking, playing the bass guitar and upright bass, and the ham radio.

Jim was a devoted follower of Jesus, and his faith was the foundation of everything he did. He now rests with his beloved Lord and Savior.

In addition to his wife, survivors include his daughter, Sharon "Sherry" Michelle Evans Beaumonte (Tony); son, James "Jay" Lamar Evans, III (Melissa); grandchildren, Clara Belle Evans, James Andrew Evans, and Laura Mae Evans.

A service will be held at 3 o'clock, Saturday, March 22nd at Hope Church, 2609 Seminole Drive, Columbia, SC 29210. The family will receive friends following the service.

Memories and condolences may be shared at [ShivesFuneralHome.com](https://www.ShivesFuneralHome.com).

Memorials may be given to Hope Church or The Palmetto MasterSingers at <https://www.palmettomastersingers.org/>.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR **22.** 3:00 PM (ET)

Hope Church  
2609 Seminole Drive  
Columbia, SC 29210

## Visitation

MAR **22.** 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

RW

“ Dear Evans Family: We've now lived in Augusta for the past four years. One of my biggest regrets in leaving Columbia was exiting the Mastersingers. Jim, Bill East and I always sat adjacent and enjoyed the harmony. Jim was a fine singer and a good friend, always warm and sociable. I tried to call him several times until he asked I resort to messaging as he was too short of breath to speak on the phone. I am blessed for having known him and wish the Evans family God's blessings during this difficult. No doubt in my mind that Jim has already been inducted as a member of the heavenly hosts! Sincerely, Roland (Bud) Weisser

Roland Weisser - March 26 at 09:30 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. James "Jim" Lamar Evans, Jr..



March 21 at 11:12 AM

KC

“ Blessings and comfort to Betty and Family. Jim was a kind and good man. Karen Counts - Columbia Sailing Club

Karen Counts - March 18 at 08:01 AM

YC

“ Your Family @ Coca-Cola Consolidated purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. James "Jim" Lamar Evans, Jr..



Your Family @ Coca-Cola Consolidated - March 17 at 02:47 PM

JH

“ I have so many wonderful memories of playing with Jim in the worship team at St. Andrews, now Hope Church! Such a sweet man, and a devoted follower of Jesus. Blessings to you, Betty, and your family. Jane Huss

Jane Huss - March 16 at 09:08 AM

AC

“ I had the pleasure of getting to know Jim and Betty Evan through our connection at Columbia International University. They employed me as a student for five years. During that time, I learned invaluable lessons from their guidance, which have been instrumental in my own business ventures today. Their work at Servicemaster exemplified the grace and love of Christ. I'm proud to have had the opportunity to learn the importance of accountability and hard work from them. They provided a calming presence in the often chaotic disaster and restoration business. Prayers and Blessings!

Alban Corbett - March 15 at 12:43 PM

AO

“ I worked under Jim and Betty for 7 years. Very wonderful couple who loved Christ. Jim always had stories and was always quick to teach me new skills. I praise God for his life and testimony may he rest in Peace in the hands of Jesus.

Anthony Osimbo - March 15 at 12:04 PM

MM

“ Mike and Tina Metzger planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. James "Jim" Lamar Evans, Jr..

Mike and Tina Metzger - March 15 at 10:32 AM

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“ Mike and Tina Metzger purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mr. James "Jim" Lamar Evans, Jr..



Mike and Tina Metzger - March 15 at 10:32 AM

EF

“ Eric and Dawn Cade and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. James "Jim" Lamar Evans, Jr..



Eric and Dawn Cade and family - March 15 at 04:13 AM