



## James T. "Jim" Evans

October 3, 2007

James T. "Jim" Evans, age 81, of Sunrise Beach, passed away Wednesday morning, October 3, 2007, under his daughter's loving care at her home in Versailles. He was born October 19, 1925, in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Robert and Justine C. Bales Evans.

On November 28, 1946, in Bellwood, Illinois, he was united in marriage with Shirley May Mueller, who preceded him in death on August 14, 2007.

Jim was a U.S. Army Infantry veteran of WWII serving in the Ardennes and Rhineland where he received the Purple Heart and three Bronze Battle Stars. He worked in construction most of his life helping to build the Sears Tower, the John Hancock building, the Rosemont Horizon, and many more. He was also a Willow Farm home delivery milkman for many years. Jim was a very hard worker, but he found time to enjoy snow mobiling, fishing, using his RV, collecting guns, using his CB radio, and photography. He was a Chicago Cubs fan, a NASCAR fan, and a hockey fan. He was a member of the Kent Memorial Lutheran Church in Sunrise Beach where he was involved in many local blood drives.

He is survived by one son Daniel J. Evans and wife Irene of Lake in the Hills, Illinois; one daughter Cherylynn Gronhoff and husband Bill of Versailles; five grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren with one on the way; one brother

William Evans of Chicago, Illinois; one sister Martha Kruse of Chicago, Illinois; and many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents and his wife, he was preceded in death by one granddaughter Christina Marie Gronhoff.

A memorial service with full military honors will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, October 20, at the Kent Memorial Lutheran Church in Sunrise Beach, with Pastor Dave Beese officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the James T. Evans memorial fund in care of the family or the church. Entombment will be held in the Kent Memorial Columbarium at a later date. To send online condolences visit [www.kidwellgarber.com](http://www.kidwellgarber.com). Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.