



Richard (Dick) K. Evans

September 10, 1949 - October 31, 2017

Richard K. (Dick) Evans died peacefully on October 31, 2017. He was born on September 10, 1949 in Loudon to Eugene and Flo Evans. His family moved to Kingston when he was three. Dick was an active member of the Kingston community for his whole life. He graduated from UT Law School in 1974, and set up his law practice. He was elected to the Kingston City Council (Youngest city council member in Tennessee) and served as Vice-Mayor under Mayor Jim Henry. He was an active member of Bethel Presbyterian Church, serving as Elder and Trustee. He also served on the Roane County Rescue Squad Board for years. He practiced law for 40 years and was involved in several class action lawsuits, resulting in clients winning education benefits. He said his goal was to get justice for the little guy against the big guys. He served on the Board of Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland for over 20 years. He also served on the board of CASA of the Ninth Judicial District. He regularly co-counseled on cases for special education. At one time he was the only lawyer in Kingston who would take bankruptcy cases, and he always made sure he helped his clients to learn how to organize their finances better. He was an advocate for clients disabled at work, helping them to go back to school to gain new skills. He was known around town as “that lawyer who rides the bicycle.” He rode his bicycle hundreds of miles, raising money for good causes, and he was an avid runner. He loved hiking in the mountains with his family and camping in Big South Fork. He enjoyed family vacations, both in the United States and overseas.

He is survived by his wife Celia Simon, his daughters Amy Evans Rourke (Chris), Ellen Evans Kellogg (Matthew), step-son Simon Barrett (Kristen), and brother Bill Evans.

A memorial service for him will be held at Bethel Presbyterian Church, Kingston, on Sunday, November 12th at 2pm. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, please make donations to Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland or Bethel Presbyterian Church. His family would like to thank especially his loving caregivers at the Alexander Guest House in Oak Ridge.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

Bethel Presbyterian Church
203 South Kentucky Street
Kingston, TN 37763

Tribute Wall

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“ Dick Evans was a significant supporter of our work to provide legal services to persons living in poverty. He did this as an attorney along with being a board member for over 20 years with Rural Legal Services and Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland. We were so fortunate to have the benefit of his intellect, spirit and heart for justice. I could always count on Dick to greet me with a smile, words of encouragement and understanding of how important our work was in our communities. His influence and spirit will continue to be sustained by all of us that worked with him and witnessed his "works". We are thankful that his life was shared with so many of us.

Gary D. Housepian

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“ Dick Evans will always be remembered for mentoring legal aid attorneys and helping with the fight to lift economically depressed individuals out of poverty. His compassion for equal justice under the law speaks volumes about his outstanding character and integrity. He will be greatly missed.

Mary Michelle Gillum - November 06, 2017 at 11:28 AM