



Wilson "Fred" Evans

July 22, 1940 - May 17, 2024

Wilson Frederick "Fred" Evans died May 17, 2024, in Miamisburg, Ohio. He was 83. Fred had his priorities, and music was always one of them. Though not a musician, other than playing trombone in high school and guitar with friends during the folk music era of the 1970s, he was passionate about music from many genres, particularly classical and folk music. Throughout his life, he and his family ensured that he was surrounded by the sound of his favorites from Beethoven, the Kingston Trio, Gershwin and Bach. Fred was born July 22, 1940, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to Joseph Wilson Evans and Mabel Sowell Frederick Evans. His dad served in the Navy and following the war the family made their home in El Paso, Texas, where Fred's younger sister was born. The family also spent several years in Nogales, Ariz., where Fred graduated from high school. After the family returned to El Paso, Fred completed a bachelor's degree in psychology at Texas Western College (later renamed the University of Texas at El Paso), then served in the U.S. Army in Germany during the Vietnam War era. Upon returning home, he earned a master's degree from UTEP and a doctorate in psychology from the University of Houston, leading to a distinguished career as a clinical psychologist in the U.S. Air Force. His patients described him as a very caring person who helped them deal with difficult issues. Fred and Donna Chisholm were married in 1968. Though their relationship eventually faltered, Fred and Donna had three children together who they adored. Fred's children say they couldn't have asked for a better father. Fred married Adeline Brese in 2000. After a couple

years of trailer-living adventures, Fred and Addie made a home in Prescott, Arizona, and in 2010 moved to New Jersey to be closer to family. Fred also formed close relationships with his stepchildren. He was a serious guy, but also quick to laugh. His family and friends benefitted from his attentive listening and compassionate advice. Even in retirement, Fred's commitment to helping others remained strong, as he volunteered with the Red Cross, providing therapy in the aftermath of the September 11 attacks and assisting in recovery efforts following several hurricanes. Fred was predeceased by his parents J.W. and Mabel Evans of El Paso, Texas. He is survived by his wife Adeline Evans; children Tara Northcott (Blair), Joe Evans (Maggie) and Michael Evans; stepchildren Edward Lawler (Kim), James "Pep" Lawler (Lori), and William Brese (Jeanne); grandchildren Brendan and Kieran Northcott, Emma and Corinne Evans; step-grandchildren Leo Brese, and Jamie, Andrew, Matthew, Elizabeth, Daniel, David and Rebekah Lawler; numerous step great-grandchildren; sister LJ Evans; and the mother of his children, Donna Wilson. Fred's legacy of compassion, service and love for his family lives on in the hearts of all who knew him. Condolences may be sent to the family in care of <https://www.adkinsfunerals.com/>. As a remembrance consider a donation in Fred's name to the Alzheimer's Association.

Tribute Wall

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“ Ken D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wilson "Fred" Evans.

Ken D. - December 24, 2024 at 01:31 PM

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“ I knew Fred as a grad student at the University of Houston and when he was my internship supervisor at Wright-Patterson AFB. He was a warm and insightful psychologist and a friend when I returned to that site as a staff member. Our families spent happy dinners, holidays, and movie nights together. Fred and I were close and I have missed his friendship since our lives went in different directions. We both were Red Cross volunteer psychologists.
Ken M. Dobbins

Ken Dobbins - December 24, 2024 at 01:26 PM

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Thank you so much for your kind words, Ken! I know that Dad remembered you fondly, both as a colleague and a friend. We are touched by your gift.
With love,
Tara, Joe, and Mike

Tara Northcott - January 05, 2025 at 09:36 PM