



Merrill Edwin Evans

July 9, 1930 - January 26, 2023

Merrill Evans, age 92, peacefully passed away the morning of January 26, 2023 surrounded by family. Merrill was born in Dayton, Ohio. He attended public schools in Fayette County, Ohio, ultimately receiving a BS and MS in Science in Chemical Engineering at Purdue University. Merrill served two years in the U.S. Army before accepting a position as research assistant with Lilly Varnish Co. at Purdue, transferred to Lilly home office in Indianapolis as Assistant Manager before moving in 1963 to Lilly's newly established California Operation. During his career, he served as President and General Manager of California Operations, Vice President and General Manager of Western Operations, and Vice President and Director of the parent company, Lilly Industries, Inc.

Merrill met the love of his life, Lois, in grade school, married in 1951, and had 4 sons together before moving to California. Merrill and Lois were married for 69 years.

Merrill enjoyed and took pride in serving his community and sat on many boards and committees. He took great pride in serving his Church, La Habra United Methodist Church where he was President on the Board of Trustees, Chair of multiple committees, and Property Manager for many, many years.

Merrill will be dearly missed by his son, Paul Evans, Grandchildren- Keith

(Amanda) Evans, Mindy Evans, Becky Evans, Shannon (TJ Santiago) Worden, Lacey Evans, Lindsey (Max) Teschendorf and Melissa Evans) and 8 great grandchildren (Michael Evans, Leila Evans, Savannah Evans, Jackson Evans, Cristiano Cuevas, Audric Cuevas, Elizabeth Harnish and Everett Harnish). Daughter-in-Laws- Lucinda Evans and Sue Ballast. He is preceded in death by his wife Lois Evans and three sons Michael Evans, Jeffrey Evans, and Steven Evans.

Please join us for a Celebration of Life to honor Merrill Evans at La Habra United Methodist Church on Friday, February 24, 2023 at 11:00am. The church is located at 631 N Euclid Street, La Habra, CA 90631.

Cemetery Details

Memory Garden Memorial Park

455 W. Central Avenue
Brea, CA 92821

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 24. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

La Habra United Methodist Church
631 North Euclid Street
La Habra, CA 90631