



CHARLES BAISDEN "CHOP" EVANS JR.

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FORT VALLEY – Charles Baisden “Chop” Evans, Jr., 73, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, November 6, 2024.

Chop was a true friend and selfless mentor to many—an exceptionally hardworking pecan farmer and businessman, an astute judge of character, a captivating teller of stories both funny and poignant, and the soul of any party at which he happened to find himself. Indeed, many a sober gathering was transformed into a party through his animated presence and vivid narrations. His exuberant, boundless energy and self-deprecating humor were legendary among those who knew him. In a recent conversation with one of his nieces about farm vehicles—a subject on which he held quite passionate opinions—he remarked that investing in high-tech tractors and other agricultural equipment had been “the second-worst mistake of my life. After being a farmer.”

Yet Chop was a brilliant farmer as well as a far-seeing and canny investor. He attended Woodward Academy as a youth, where he so excelled at athletics that—as he recounted it, anyway—the school was obliged to graduate him and send him forth to the University of Georgia despite certain academic failings. (These failings remain unverified by a third party.) He was devoted to his family—among them his father, about whom he recently said, “He was my best friend”—and his children and beloved wife of twenty-seven years, Brenda. A man with a strong sense of personal duty and integrity, Chop was deeply called to do right not only by his loved ones but by those who lived beyond his hearth, from workers on the farm to members of the community.

At his core Chop was turned toward other people—warm, gregarious, sharp as a tack, deceptively humble, openhearted, and kind. His memory is a blessing.

A celebration of his vibrant life will be held on Wednesday, November 27, at 3:00 p.m. at his home at 1531 Evans Road, with a reception afterward to continue the celebration. All who wish to attend



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are welcome. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to Fort Valley Methodist Church, 301 West Church Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030.

Chop was preceded in death by his parents, Charles B. and Sarah Hooten Evans, and his brother-in-law, Nicholas B. Millet.

Left to cherish their time with Chop are his wife, Brenda Greer Evans of Fort Valley; his children, Charlie Evans (Caitlin) of Perry, Elizabeth Evans Holton (Charles) of Albany, Lee Evans (Katie), Alva Davis (Amy), and Katie Davis, all of Perry; his sister, Saralaine Millet of Tucson, Arizona; eleven grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and his faithful dog Sammy.

Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at www.watsonhunt.com. Watson-Hunt Funeral Home of Perry has been entrusted with the arrangements.




Events


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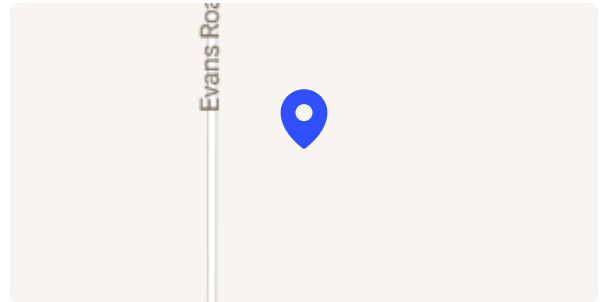
Celebration of Life

 **Wednesday**, November 27, 2024

 3:00 PM ET

 **The Evans Home**
1531 Evans Road, Fort Valley GA 31030

 Reception to Follow





Tribute Wall

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Valerie J. Frey posted:

Hello. I am an author with the University of Georgia Press and spoke with Mr. Evans a couple of years ago. His land in Fort Valley once belonged to Georgia cookbook author Mary Edgeworth (Southern Gardener and Receipt Book of 1859). I called to ask if there were any graves found on his property as Mrs. Edgeworth's burial place is unknown. He was so kind and helpful, letting me know there were no graves but suggesting some other avenues of research. I promised I would let him know when my book came out. I was sad to learn that he died. I wanted to let his family know that his name appears in the Acknowledgments section of my book, Georgia's Historical Recipes. Thank you. --Valerie J. Frey

May 28 at 12:41 PM



Jeremy & Andrea Ryan sent a Floor Plant for Sympathy to the EVANS family.



November 14 at 12:45 PM



Rosa Jefferson lit a candle in honor of CHARLES.



November 13 at 11:07 AM



Debra & Ted Griffin posted:

Brenda, We are sorry to hear this news of Chop. Wishing you strength, comfort & peace in the difficult days ahead. Cherish the memories!!! Debra & Ted Griffin

November 12 at 11:34 AM



Jim & Beth Teabo posted:

Dear God, we ask you to hold Chop in the embrace of your loving arms. May Chop be filled with the fullness of joy and peace as he rests in You. Our lives have been blessed with Chop's goodness and warmth and we are forever grateful for knowing him. We find comfort in the treasured memories we hold in our hearts. Jim and Beth Teabo

November 12 at 8:29 AM



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Lasseter Tractor Company sent a Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White to the EVANS family.

November 12 at 7:15 AM



Lasseter Tractor Company planted a Memorial Tree in honor of CHARLES.

November 12 at 7:15 AM



Mia Geiger posted:

My sincerest condolences to Chop's family and friends. What a loss. I only met Chop once or twice and he was so warm and engaging. He definitely left an impression. May God give you strength, and may the many wonderful memories of Chop be of comfort when you need it the most. Sincerely, Mia M. Geiger

November 12 at 5:51 AM



Sharon Harvey posted:

I really don't even know here to begin....Chop changed my life and provided opportunities that would have never been available without him. His knowledge and expertise were amazing and insurmountable. I started working in the office at 16 (in the trailer for those that remember)..... I learned so much....came back and talked through college/marriages/deaths/divorces....had so many conversations driving around peach fields.... I loved this man and all he provided to the community and everyone who knew him....I told my children about conversations we had....I don't think he had any idea of the impact that he had on people.....we were all blessed with his presence and will be left bereft with his absence.

November 11 at 6:04 PM



John Thomas Longino posted:

Chop and I were roommates at football camp, friends, st WA and UGA. We talked May 28. I called him August 29 and left a message I was leaving on another 3 month trip and would call - next week - when I get back. I'm so sorry for his loss to all his friends and family.

November 11 at 5:25 PM



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KT

Kyle T. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of CHARLES.



November 10 at 1:26 PM

BL

Betty Jean Leary posted:

Dear Evans Family, We are deeply saddened to hear about your loss. Please accept our sincere condolences during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. With our deepest sympathy, Betty Jean Leary, Betty Bender, and Lucy Owens

November 10 at 6:56 AM

VJ

Van Jeffords posted:

Chop is a Legend at UGA ! I loved him so much.

November 10 at 6:31 AM

RF

Renee Fisher posted:

Brenda, I am so, so sorry. I didn't know Chop well but when I met him, I instantly loved him! ❤️ He was so smart & so full of life and love! He will so sorely missed by many. I am praying for all of you & sending big hugs.

November 9 at 6:18 PM

BL

Betty Jean Leary posted:

Our Sincere Condolences to the Evans Family, We are deeply saddened to hear about your loss. Please accept our heartfelt condolences during your moment of grief. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. With deepest sympathy, Forrest Marshall, Steve Marshall, Willie Joe Marshall, and the Marshall family.

November 9 at 4:47 PM



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HF

Harry And Gayle Fisher posted:

Chop was special in every way! He was a true Southern gentleman, outdoorsman, athlete, story teller, and wonderful husband, father, and granddaddy "Sir"! We loved him and will miss him. Harry and Gayle Fisher

November 9 at 3:21 PM

LA

Linda Appling posted:

I had the opportunity to meet Chop a couple of times... He took the time to show me his property and explain the growing process. As an inspiring farmer, this meant everything. I will forever be appreciative of the time he spent with me. God bless him and keep him. He has left a beautiful legacy for us all to emulate. Linda Appling

November 9 at 2:44 PM

BR

Beth Rigdon posted:

Brenda and all the family, My sincere, heartfelt condolences to each of you. "Chop" was one of a kind. I smile thinking of some of Phillip's stories of things he'd say and do. ALL good and heartwarming memories. God is with you.

November 9 at 7:28 AM

SC

Stan Cooper posted:

Prayers for all.

November 9 at 6:46 AM

AB

Andy Bradley posted:

I sat in front of Chop and Sid Witherington in Bob Berry's UPC (united physics and chemistry) class at Darlington School in Rome as a somewhat scrawny 10th grader playing JV football. Sid and Chop were a lot bigger (especially Chop!), playing varsity ball as PG (post-grad) players (essentially college freshmen), which was allowed in our last year in the old Mid South Conference. Every time I answered a question correctly, Chop would slug me in the back. It's a miracle I survived! I never held a grudge though - Chop was a good guy and will be missed. Andy Bradley Athens GA

November 9 at 5:32 AM



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GB

Gayle, Frank And Brandon Borah posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Gayle, Frank and Brandon Borah Byron, Ga

November 9 at 4:02 AM

BW

Barbara B Williams posted:

As former Mayor of the City of Fort Valley and not being a Fort Valley native I was led to believe that the name Chop Evans was some sort of monster to be afraid of until I got the chance to meet him. I found him to be the most kind and respectable human being I had the pleasure of meeting. He and I had many pleasurable phone conversations about his love for Fort Valley. I still have his phone number in My phone. He was truly an honorable man. Rest well thy hard working servant until we meet again. Former Fort Valley Mayor Barbara B. Williams

November 8 at 5:59 PM

SY

Susan Luckie Youngblood posted:

Hugs and prayers to the family. He'll be missed by many classmates and friends. Rest in peace, Chop!

November 8 at 5:47 PM

FG

Freddy Greer posted:

So sorry for your loss! Chop was a true southern gentleman in so many ways! He will be missed by so many! Prayers for the family!

November 8 at 4:30 PM

BR

Bubba Ragan posted:

A humorous man that always was the center of attention in whatever environment he was in. A great family man, friend, mentor and business man. 🙏🙏 for family and many friends. RIP Chop!

November 8 at 4:25 PM



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JS

Julius Shaw posted:

I met Chop in the summer of 1969 in summer school at Darlington School in Rome. We were both boarding students. Chop was a cool, athletic post graduate from Woodward and I was a skinny, scared 110 pound sophomore from Cartersville. Chop and his roommate Jim Bullard were the the coolest guys in school. Great athletes and loaded with charisma. What i admired most about Chop, however, was the fact that he treated everyone the same. It didn't matter whether you were a popular senior, or a scared new student like myself. For some reason, Chop took me under his wing and mentored me through that first year. I've never forgotten it. Chop was an example that I tried to follow throughout the rest of my life. Treat others like you would want to be treated. Treat everyone the same, whether they are an executive, or a janitor. I will miss Chop, but will forever remember the example that he set for me as a young person. Chop was always the coolest guy in the room. Rest in peace. Julius Shaw

November 8 at 4:19 PM

BW

Betty Jo Wade posted:

A truly unique once in a lifetime gentleman farmer. Brenda I am so sorry and can only imagine how you miss him. Betty Jo Wade

November 8 at 4:00 PM

WY

Wade Yoder posted:

Mr Chop had a really big personality and was one of the smartest people I knew, and our conversations were always interesting. I very much appreciate his contributions to the community, and will miss him. Brenda and family, I'm so sorry for your loss on this side and will be praying God bless you with strength, comfort and peace.

November 8 at 3:44 PM

DL

David Lane posted:

Chop and I were roommates at Woodward Academy in 1968. I would cheer him on in all of his athletics. He was a true friend. His passing is a loss to everyone who knew him. Rest in peace my friend. David & Faye Lane

November 8 at 3:36 PM



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Linda Rodgers Goodman posted:

Love and prayers, Brenda, to all who love Chop. May the sweet memories find a way to give you comfort.Love,Linda (Rodgers) Goodman

November 8 at 3:30 PM



Randy Calhoun posted:

Chop was a great guy with a great personality. I never heard him say anything bad about anyone and was a hard worker.I always appreciated the work he sent me.He was always serious about work but could smile,, laugh and show a very caring and thankful type of attitude. You had to walk fast to keep up with him and I liked that about him.My deep sympathy for the family.May God Bless.

November 8 at 2:40 PM



Kathy Talton posted:

Brenda and family, I just saw this and my heart was broken!! Prayers for you all as you travels these next few days weeks and months!! Love ya!!!

November 8 at 1:29 PM



Katie Coleman lit a candle in honor of CHARLES.



November 8 at 1:14 PM



Robert T Spainhour posted:

Brenda, just saw this and sadly read a really good obituary. Chop was always friendly to anyone he met. I'm sure he'll be missed by a lot of friends. May our God comfort you and your family during the coming days.

November 8 at 1:03 PM



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Pam Ekey posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. 🙏🙏🙏 Pam Ekey

November 8 at 12:49 PM



Mariella Thun Fugger November 11 at 6:54 AM

Dear Brenda ,So sorry for your loss . Please, accept my condolences . In my business dealings with Chop I always found him an honest , sincere and charming gentelman and my prayers are with you and your familyMariella Fugger



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring CHARLES by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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