



Evans Blakely Jr.

February 25, 1951 - March 26, 2020

Evans "Che" Blakely Jr., age 69, of Westerville, Ohio, passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, March 26, 2020. Born on February 25, 1951, in Oberlin, Ohio, he was the son of the late Evans Sr. and Mary Blakely. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Buchanan; brother, Greg McFarland; sister, Garcia McFarland; daughters, Bree Blakely and Jihan Thomas; and three grandchildren. Che was an avid lover of music, sports, civil rights, and his family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Common Ground Foundation, American Diabetes Association, or American Cancer Society. Day Funeral Service is honored to serve the family of Evans "Che" Blakely Jr.

Tribute Wall



“ I am so saddened by the passing of my good childhood buddy...I send my sincerest condolences to family and friends...As an Oberlin Senior High School classmate [1969] and a personable member of the African American community of Oberlin, Ohio, Evans' presence was always felt...He was intelligent, a good athlete, and a personality that would light up a room And the ability to uplift the masses, for he was most definitely of leadership caliber...I remember during our early childhood years attending the same sleep away camp [camp Iseekiss], I believe located somewhere in Lorain County in Ohio...We had a blast, for our parents were always making sure we would take advantage of any and all opportunities that would enrich our lives...Evans, a brilliant warrior and a gifted and compassionate human being, who I will miss dearly as a brother who has shared his light with me and so many others...May God embrace you and use your gifts to help others as you have so aptly done during the years I have known you...RIP, your brother and classmate, Edsel ...

Edsel L Hocker Jr. - February 10, 2021 at 01:45 AM

BM

“ Dear Kate and family,
We are so sorry for your loss of such a fun loving and kind person. Che was a vital part of our neighborhood and a wonderful friend. He loved to plan parties.....especially the food! We really enjoyed sharing those good times with him. He will be missed by all of us.
Take care. Beth and Larry Motter

Beth Motter - May 02, 2020 at 12:03 PM

HW

“ We are so sorry to have lost Che so suddenly. He was a very special fella - full of fun and always ready to share a good laugh and a trip to the ice cream store. He and my husband, Jack, had a wonderful relationship. I will always treasure those memories. We will miss him and send our most sincere sympathy to Kate and family. Huey Walsh

Huey Walsh - May 01, 2020 at 04:02 PM

JW

“ Dear Kate, Jhan and the rest of the family:

We were so sad to hear about Che's passing. He was a good friend and neighbor. We had discussions about sports, especially the New York Yankees, He was fond of Sally's cornbread and called once in a while to see if she was baking. He loved to go get ice cream with his friends and go out to eat. Bob Evans and Smoky Bones were his favorite. He will always be missed. Always remember the good times and his sense of humor.

Love, Jim and Sally

James Williams - May 01, 2020 at 04:00 PM

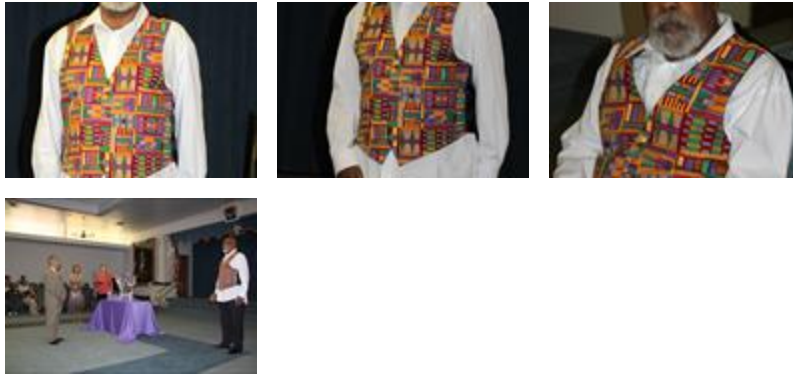
JR

“ My sincere sympathy to Kate and family in their loss of Che. It was such a privilege to know him and I treasure our good humored bantering back & forth. He was a gentleman and loved his family. May your fond memories bring you peace.

Judy Rogers - May 01, 2020 at 03:51 PM

FW

“ Dear Kate, Jihan and family so sorry for the sudden loss of a most wonderful husband, father, brother and grandfather. He was so easy to love as the kindest friend and neighbor a person could ever ask for and the laughter he brought to my life will never be forgotten. I wanted to share the pictures of my most favorite memory when he offered to sing at my wedding. What an honor to have such an amazing presence share his incredible voice that expressed so much Love on our special day. I will really miss him. My deepest sympathies go out to you and your family and may God give you the peace that you seek. Sincerely Joe and Francine



Francine Wismann - May 01, 2020 at 01:39 PM

DG

“ Dear Kate, Jihan, Bree, Greg, and Family, My wife, Susan and I want to express our deepest, heartfelt, sympathies to each of you on Evans' passing. We want to say what a sincere Blessing it's been for Evans and I to reconnect over the past nearly 18 months, (as well as our wives) as lifelong friends from Oberlin (Ohio) and High School Football, Class of '69 Teammates, and classmates growing up. We hadn't seen each other in nearly 50 year's since high school. We didn't even know we lived one town over from each other here in the Columbus area. Evans was a huge help, as the two of us, tracked down all our Class of '69 Football players', other classmates for our Oberlin High School Reunion Committee and got "new" members join the Committee. He was passionate about reconnecting us all for our 50th High School Reunion and was so looking forward to our 70th Birthday's "mini-Reunion" next year. We had a lot of visits, calls, great conversations, including all the big societal issues, sports, music and laughs over these past months. It's amazing how The Lord works! He gave back a lot to this world, and inspired so many people, including his classmates, and teammates, in so many ways, with his humor, passion and higher sense of purpose. We'll really miss him. We ask The Lord bring each of you comfort, peace and His Love during this difficult time. Our Love to you all. Dean and Susan Gibson

Dean Gibson - April 26, 2020 at 04:00 PM