



Ms. Odessa Evans McMillan

September 27, 1951 - May 6, 2026

Lumberton, NC—Odessa Evans McMillan, 74, of Lumberton, NC, died Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at Johns Hopkins Suburban Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland. Odessa was born on September 27, 1951, to the late Mr. George Robert Evans “Papa Cool” and Mrs. Bertha Cade Evans in Lumberton, North Carolina.

Odessa grew in faith at First Baptist Church in Lumberton, where she was a member under the leadership of Dr. E.B. Turner.

Funeral service will be Saturday, May 16, with visitation of viewing at 1:00 p.m. and the funeral procession at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 504 W 2nd Street, Lumberton, NC 28358. Burial/internment will be at Cade Family Cemetery in Lumberton, NC.

She was preceded in death by brothers George Evans, Gary Robert Evans, Larry Eugene Floyd and George Lee Thompson and one son Eric Montreal Evans. She is survived by her daughter Felicia Evans Williams (Russell Williams) of Rockville, MD and Queens, NY; sister Glenda “Dale” Evans Harris of Laurinburg, NC; several nieces and nephews and a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, Odessa’s daughter kindly asks donations to be made to the American Heart and/or Lung Association in memory of Odessa Evans McMillan.

Cemetery Details

Cade Cemetery

Lumberton, NC 28358

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 16. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Odessa Evans McMillan*



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - May 15 at 12:06 PM

SM

What a beautiful tribute to a lovely woman who was so full of life. It was a pleasure to have met her and to have spent time with her and her Maryland family.

Felicia - I'm keeping you in my prayers, Soror. My deepest condolences. Love you, Sherry

Sherry McKinney-Dixon - May 15 at 12:30 PM

FW

Thank you dearly soror. Love you dearly...

Felicia Evans Williams - June 06 at 09:47 PM

FW

“ *1 file added to the album Remembering my dearest mom*



Felicia Evans Williams - June 07 at 10:03 PM

FW

“ Missing you mom so very much. It has been some really tough days without you.

Your Favorite Delta Daughter Felicia
#RememberingDessa #GriefJourney



Felicia Evans Williams - June 07 at 02:07 PM

FW

“ Missing you both, forever pinned to my heart.

Love you mom,
Your Favorite Delta Daughter Felicia
#RememberingDessa



Felicia Evans Williams - June 07 at 02:04 PM

FW

“ 1 file added to the album Remembering Mom, Your Favorite Delta Daughter



Felicia Evans Williams - June 06 at 09:41 PM

NS

“ *Ms. Odessa will truly be missed. She was so sweet and kind and always made me feel like family.*



Natasha Smith - May 16 at 11:33 AM

FW

Thank you dearly sis, love you so much. Many thanks for your words of comfort and consistent kindness from Ohio.

Felicia Evans Williams - June 07 at 02:07 PM

MM

“ *My deepest condolences and prayers going out to Lisa, Evans Family and all family friends and loved ones during this time.*



Monique Yvonne McGilberry - May 16 at 09:27 AM

SF

“ *Soror LaWanda Sanders & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Odessa Evans McMillan.*



Soror LaWanda Sanders & Family - May 15 at 09:13 PM

LB

“ *Extending silence condolences.
Lasenia Barnes*

Lasenia Barnes - May 14 at 08:53 AM

CF

“ Carrington Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Ms. Odessa Evans McMillan.



Carrington Family - May 13 at 06:44 PM

BC

“ Praying that God will strengthen you in this difficult time. Love, Deacon Greg and Ann Davis



Baptist Union Missionary Baptist Church - May 13 at 08:39 AM

FW

Thank you dearly for your words of comfort and support. The loss of mom has been extremely tough. It was nice to see you both on May 16th. Love you

Felicia Evans Williams - June 07 at 01:53 PM

SW

“ My deepest sympathies are extended to the family of Ms. Odessa Evans McMillan during this unfortunate time. May the love and mercy of our Lord be bestowed upon you and help ease the pain of your loss.

Sheriff Burnis Wilkins - May 11 at 10:03 AM

FW

Many thanks for your kindness and words of comfort. With Great Appreciation, Felicia, Russell and the Sweet Candy Cafe Team

Felicia Evans Williams - June 07 at 01:55 PM

LJ

“ FEvans,
I am so sorry for your loss. Dessa was a great friend to me and truly a blessing to all that she encountered. She will truly be missed.

Leon C Staton Jr - May 10 at 02:15 PM

FW

I appreciate your kind words of comfort. Love you much

Felicia Evans Williams - June 07 at 01:58 PM

KE

“ *My sister in law was a very Classylady always loving,kind and gentle and a tremendous cook food always tasted lovely always welcome you at her table always has so much of everything a lot of treats treated me kind at all times she was a wonderful sister-in-law I remember great things about her and always will love*

Kathleen Evans - May 10 at 11:20 AM

KE

“ *Kathleen Evans lit a candle in memory of Odessa McMillan*



Kathleen Evans - May 10 at 11:18 AM

GJ

“ Felicia,

My heart is truly heavy hearing about the passing of your beautiful mom, Ms. Odessa. She was always so warm, gracious, and full of light every time our paths crossed. I still remember visiting Sweet Candy Cafe with my late dad during one of my trips home to North Carolina. Your mother welcomed us with such kindness and joy, making that afternoon feel special in a way that stays with me even more now. She had a spirit that made people feel seen, appreciated, and loved.

Over the years, even through Facebook, she never missed an opportunity to show kindness, encouragement, or support. Whether it was a birthday wish or simply liking photos of my sons, those small gestures reflected the caring woman she truly was.

Felicia, I know this loss cuts deeply. You loved your mother fiercely, and anyone who knows your story understands how much family has meant to you through every season of life. I also know you carried the weight of caring for her with love, dignity, and devotion when she needed you most. That matters. That love matters.

Please know that many people are lifting you and your family in prayer during this difficult time. May God surround you with peace, strength, comfort, and the memories of your mother's beautiful spirit.

Rest peacefully, Ms. Odessa. Your kindness and warmth will not be forgotten.

*With heartfelt condolences,
Geno Johnson*

Geno Johnson - May 10 at 08:29 AM

FW

Geno,

Your comforting words of encouragement truly warms my heart. Love and appreciate you immensely. Thank you for being apart of my extended Maryland and Shaw University family.

*Fondly,
Felicia Russell
#RememberingDessa #GriefJourney*

Felicia Evans Williams - June 07 at 02:01 PM

DA

“ *I have always enjoyed talking to Odessa. She could make you laugh. I will miss her. Diane Ash*

Diane Ash - May 09 at 11:40 PM



“ *My condolences to Dale and Felicia. I am so sorry to hear about your sister and mother. I will be praying for you.*

*God bless you,
Rosa Mae McArn*

Geneva McArn - May 09 at 09:30 PM

MM

May Deepest condolences to Lisa and her family for the loss of her MOM and a Dear friend of mine. Gonna miss u Dessa. May Rest In Eternal Peace. ❤️

Mary E. McCoy - May 10 at 09:48 AM

FW

Thank you dearly Mary, we love and appreciate you.

Felicia Evans Williams - June 06 at 09:48 PM