



Derek Thomas Evans

December 3, 1940 - January 28, 2025

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Derek T. Evans, who passed away peacefully on January 28, 2025, in Ocala, Florida, at the age of 84. Born on December 3, 1940, in Lampeter, Wales, to Thomas and Sarah Evans, Derek's life was one filled with love, dedication, and a deep connection to his family, friends, and animals.

Derek met the love of his life, Marlene Evans, in Sheffield, England, while Derek was attending the University of Sheffield where he earned a Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Derek and Marlene spent many wonderful years together where they shared a bond of love and friendship until Marlene's passing. Derek's love for Marlene remained a constant throughout his life. He was a proud and devoted father to Mark and Simon (deceased), and a beloved grandfather to Ryan (Rose) and Ian (Emilie). Derek also leaves behind his great-grandchildren, Amara and Jackson, who were a source of great joy in his later years.

Derek's love for animals was a defining aspect of his life. He had a special bond with his dog, Buster, and his two cats, Katie and Joey. Derek's deep affection for horses and animals was a constant throughout his life, and his connection to the natural world was something that shaped him as a person.

A successful entrepreneur, Derek founded Simar Industries, a company he led

with passion and dedication. His hard work and vision were key to his success, and he always treasured the relationships he built along the way.

Derek will be remembered for his warmth, kindness, and generosity. He had a heart full of love for his family, animals, and the world around him. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him, but his legacy will live on in the memories and love he leaves behind.

A visitation will be held at Roberts of Ocala West Chapel on January 30th, 2025 from 5:00pm-8:00pm. A burial service will follow at the Good Shepherd Memorial Gardens on Friday January 31st, 2025 at 10:00am. Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations will be handling the funeral arrangements.

Rest in peace, Derek. You will forever be in our hearts

Cemetery Details

Good Shepherd Memorial Gardens

5050 SW 20th Street
Ocala, FL 34474

Previous Events

Visitation & Service

JAN 30. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Roberts of Ocala West Chapel
6241 SW State Rd 200
Ocala, FL 34476
(352) 537-8111
info@robertsfunerals.com
<http://www.robertsfunerals.com>

Burial

JAN 31. 10:00 AM (ET)

Good Shepherd Memorial Gardens
5050 SW 20th St
Ocala, FL 34474
(352) 900-4681

Tribute Wall

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“ My heartfelt condolences to Derek's family and loved ones. He was a good man and his kindness and warmth will be deeply missed. Wishing comfort and strength during this difficult time.
- Jeff Clark

Jeff Clark - January 30, 2025 at 04:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Derek Thomas Evans.

January 30, 2025 at 08:02 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Derek Thomas Evans.



January 30, 2025 at 08:02 AM

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“ We got to know Derek and Marlene through the 20 plus years of doing business at Simar. We enjoyed several Kentucky Derby parties at there home where Derek would always bring us to the barn to see his beautiful horses which he loved so much. Many of our 4th of July parties Marlene always brought or sent even when she was sick a blueberry cobbler which she knew we loved. Please know our hearts and prayers are with the family at this time they will be missed and we are grateful for there friendship and there love of all animals which we shared.

Sue Nassivera - January 30, 2025 at 07:50 AM

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We meet Derek 20 plus years ago. Barbara and I helped him with his thoroughbred interest. His passion was contagious and his kindness was unwavering. We will always remember and miss him. Rest in peace my friend.

Francis and Barbara Vanlangendonck

Vanlangendonck Francis - January 30, 2025 at 10:44 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Derek Thomas Evans.

January 30, 2025 at 07:37 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Derek Thomas Evans.



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