



## EVAN JAY CHAPPLE

February 21, 1964 - June 3, 2022

On Friday, June 3, 2022, Evan Jay Chapple, surrounded by his wife and children, passed away after a year and a half-long battle with lung cancer. Evan was known for his love of his family and community, his passion for his farm and soil, and his sense of humor and compassion.

Evan was born on February 21, 1964, in New Brunswick, New Jersey to Jim and Jean Chapple. He was the middle of three children, an older brother, Alan, and a younger sister, Alison. Following their residence in New Jersey, the family lived in Silver Spring and Germantown, Maryland, and eventually moved to Leesburg, Virginia in 1974.

It was in his time at Loudoun County High School that he excelled academically and graduated after only three years. He was passionate about music, and on the drumline in the marching band. In 1981, he graduated from high school, and soon thereafter met the love of his life, Holly Heider.

Evan and Holly together raised seven children in 35 years of marriage. Along with their remarkable love and partnership, Holly and Evan co-owned a business and a farm that they purchased in 2015, Hope Flower Farm. Even within his year and a half of chemotherapy, Evan built and grew a winery for Hope Flower Farm, and developed and worked on the business until his last breath.

Evan was a fisherman, a lover of football, a talented plumber, electrician and farmer. He easily developed talent in anything he tried, and wore many hats. Evan loved the beach, his farm, and spending time on his tractor in the evenings.

Evan is predeceased by his parents, James Richard Chapple & Helen Jean Chapple, originally from Johnstown, Pennsylvania, his grandparents, Ronald Kissell and Vivian June Kissell of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, his grandparents, Margaret and Charles Chapple of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Albert and Sheila Heider of Leesburg, Virginia.

Evan is survived by his wife, Holly, his children; Alex, Abby, Hannah, Riley, Eli, Sam and Grace, his daughter in law, Mallery, his granddaughter Heider, his stepmother, Helen Chapple, his brother, Alan Chapple, his sister, Alison Chapple, and 14 nieces and nephews.

The service will be Tuesday, June 14th, at 7:30PM, at Hope Flower Farm - 40905 Stumptown Road, Waterford, VA, 20197. Guests are encouraged to join the family at 6PM with their own picnic baskets before the service starts.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the following site, in honor of Evan's final wishes to Hope Flower Farm: [https://www.gofundme.com/f/evan-chapples-vision-for-hope?utm\\_campaign=p\\_cp%20share-sheet&utm\\_medium=copy\\_link\\_all&utm\\_source=customer](https://www.gofundme.com/f/evan-chapples-vision-for-hope?utm_campaign=p_cp%20share-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link_all&utm_source=customer)

Any further tribute to Evan can be seen here: <https://www.hollychappleflowers.com/evan-chapple>

# Cemetery Details

**Cremation/ Interment to be held privately at a later date.**

## Previous Events

### Remembrance Gathering

**JUN 14.** 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Hope Flower Farm  
40905 Stumptown Road,  
Waterford, VA 20197

### Service

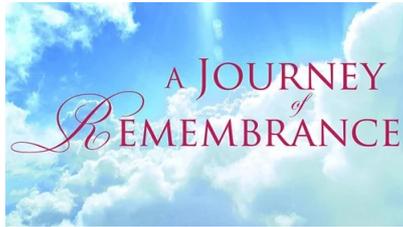
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# Tribute Wall



“ Loudoun Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of EVAN JAY CHAPPLE



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**Loudoun Funeral Chapels** - June 10 at 11:30 AM

FB

*Although I did not have the honor and privilege to meet Mr. Evan Jay Chapple in person, this tribute memorial video certainly captures and shares Evan's wonderful essence and displays the amazing and beautiful soul that has been lost. My prayers and blessings are with you all during this very difficult moment. With sincere and deepest sympathy.*

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**Fau & Pabla Buitron** - June 14 at 02:23 PM

SO

*You don't know me, but I follow your business as I am a small floral business owner. I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved husband. We go through life living day to day with our spouses, never realizing that things can change in a moment. We take for granted the little things in our lives that we assume will be there all the time.*

*Your husband was there for you through out your lives. It made me reflect on my marriage and the wonderful husband i have who is there for me no matter what, and I can take that for granted because you get caught up in life.*

*Thank you for the beautiful reflection you emailed out to those who follow you.*

*That email and this lovely tribute made me realize how wonderful and truly blessed to have an Evan in our lives.*

*I'm sorry Holly for the loss of a wonderful man in your life and the lives of others. But his light will shine in your children's lives and in all the people Evan has touched.*  
*Sophia's Flowers*

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**Sophia** - June 24 at 11:56 AM

TW

“ *Evan is a LEGEND! He will live in my heart forever as a kind, caring, authentic, humorous, genuine, hard working, high expectation kind of a guy. I loved and cherished his smile and his laughter and most of all his depth of conversations.*

*In a personality profile, we were both known as "advancers" and there are not many folks who are advancers - and others have a hard time understanding our drive. Knowing this, we both understood one another -as we were almost possessed with getting tasks done right and efficiently without a lot of fuss. Just do it and do it right and don't complain or whine. He was a rock to so many. Quiet - calm - steady - awesome.*

*I treasure every single moment with Evan but I also treasure every single moment and conversation with Holly and the entire beautiful Chapple family!*

*We are all so blessed. I love each and every one of you! He will continue to live vibrantly through each of us.*

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**Tammy Worcester** - June 20 at 07:10 PM

“ Dear Holly, family and team

*All at David Austin Roses send our thoughts, prayers and support at this difficult time.*

*David and I were fortunate to meet Evan in person following a Chapel Designers event in London, at which I did a little presentation. I can remember clearly Evan's kindness in looking after me - I was nervous about presenting to a room full of people and Evan simply made me feel so welcome. After the event, Evan asked me about arranging a secret and surprise visit for Holly to the David Austin nursery and to meet David Austin. A day later, we were all sitting down for lunch with David and talking all things floral. It was a real privilege for us to host your visit and share our mutual stories. These are two counts where Evan was thinking about others and bringing joy and support at every opportunity. I know this act will have been mirrored so many times during his life; it will have been witnessed and felt by so many and the world is so much richer for it.*

*It was only a few weeks' ago that your book, A Life in Flowers, arrived through the letterbox at home. Yesterday, I was able to sit down quietly and read Evan's words 'Married2Flowers' and I feel privileged to get an insight into the very special life you've built up together at Hope Farm. I also love Evan's honesty - and his quote "I need her to say yes; and she needs me to say no"! Evan's legacy is clear to see in Hope Farm - a wonderful place that has been created for the family, a business and the wider floral world, which I know will continue to flourish in so many ways and be enjoyed by so many.*

*We send our very best wishes, support and strength to you all now and in the future.*

*With love from  
Jo and all at David Austin Roses*



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**Jo Bird** - June 19 at 08:06 AM

SS

“ My first encounter with Evan was Freshman Football at Tuskie during the first year of covid. He was always at the games and was always encouraging Eli, supporting Eli and sometimes he may have gotten a little frustrated with some of the refs' calls (I was pretty sure you didn't want to get on his bad side...LOL!). What I saw was the love and pride he had for Eli. At that time, I had no idea that he had 6 other children. However, after attending his beautiful memorial and celebration of life this evening, I realized he was a father who was proud of all his children, he was proud of his wife, he was proud to have an amazing group of friends and family and he was proud of his faith. He cherished the blessings he had and the accomplishments you all made as a family.

*If there was anyone that attended the service tonight that was not a believer, I am pretty sure you walked a way a believer. From the blue sky to the lower heat and humidity, to the hawk, to the amazing sunset, to the birds singing and to the fireflies that lit up the field, there is not a doubt in my mind that Evan was there and he was telling all of us to live life to the fullest and to love with all your heart, to believe and have faith.*

*He will be missed when Eli takes that field this fall, but Eli, he will be that angel watching over you, that hawk who will fight for you.*

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**Stacey Scott** - June 14 at 10:50 PM

NW

“ Praying for peace for you Holly and your entire family. Evan was a wonderful soul. Sending hugs to you.

Nancy

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**Nancy Hill Wyatt** - June 14 at 12:40 PM

BG

“ Holly, I am so, so sorry to hear of Evan's passing. He was always so gracious to my mother when you folks would visit. Mom often said Holly married a "fine young man". A life taken much too soon! My mother always said "Be sad, but then be happy and celebrate his life well lived. That I will do and I hope you all do also. Evan has now found the peace and comfort we all long for. He is now free! God is good!

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**Bill George** - June 14 at 12:37 PM

LM

“ Hi Holly and Family,

*Sending you all love and prayers during a difficult time. Evan was a wonderful man and had talents beyond anyone I know. I remember when Evan became part of the business and we worked hard to understand each other in the flower buying process. We agreed to disagree sometimes, but it was always a great pleasure to work with him. The team of Holly and Evan worked on more than just business, but love and passion for flowers. Wish I had words that could comfort you more, but just know Evan's legacy will live on through each and every one of you. HOPE will always be the Chapple Legacy. Dahlia and Peony blooms will always remind me of Evan. Love to you all, Laurie McGregor @DVFLORA*

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**Laurie McGregor** - June 14 at 12:29 PM

KP

“ *I had the privilege of meeting Evan at the NYC Chapel Designers conference in 2013. That trip was such a gift to me, not only because I learned more about flowers, but because of the sweet relationships that continue to this day, even though I left the industry. Watching the way Evan and Holly work together to accomplish big dreams was absolutely inspiring, and it has been a privilege to keep up from afar as HOPE continues to grow.*

*My prayer for you in the days ahead is that you will rejoice and have hope each day, as you see the countless seeds of Evan's legacy bloom. Much love to you and your family.*

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**Katie Pollard** - June 14 at 11:19 AM

RL

“ *Ellen and I send our deepest sympathy to Holly and family. Eighteen years ago when we moved to our home just a few houses away from Holly and Evan, there was a big snow storm. As I stood feeling foolish that I was caught unprepared to deal with the foot and a half of snow on our driveway, Evan pulled up on his tractor and cleared it for us. He helped us out without being asked and we were truly grateful for his help. It's a fond memory we have of Evan and we are saddened by his passing.*

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**Roger and Ellen LaPlante** - June 13 at 07:58 PM

MD

“ *Holly, I didn't know Evan, and I only know you through following you on Instagram. But I wanted to express my heartfelt sympathy at this huge loss. Your husband was so loved by you and your family. - Maureen Davidson*

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**Maureen Davidson** - June 13 at 06:36 PM

“ *The day Evan died, my daughter's homework was to ask an adult about a letter that changed their life. First I thought of the letter I received stating I did not get into my dream MPA program. Had the news been otherwise I may not be a part of the floral world. And then I thought of a letter I wrote over the course of five months, hired a coach for help and edits, that I sent to the people who brought me back to the floral world after my leukemia. That letter was an attempt at expressing my appreciation to Holly and Evan for bringing me to NYC and into the Chapel Designers Family.*

*I was struggling to connect with the life I had before my diagnosis. The Chapples (led by Holly's impulsive generosity and ingenuity, and backed by the unwavering support of Evan) brought me to the New York Chapel Designers' Conference, and by doing so, they brought me back to flowers.*

*The notes I took in NYC have little to do with floral design, and everything to do with living. Holly + Evan showed me how to be generous with knowledge and love. That life is better when you assume the best of people. They helped me figure out how to carry my experience rather than disregard it, and that integration brought me back to living my life.*

*At the opening of the event Evan spoke of his wife, Holly, saying that she lives under a star and is constantly bringing others under it to share in the light. I know I'm not the only one that knows the truth, Evan is always under that star too. They found each other under that star and spent each day spreading the light. So much that they build a constellation.*

*Evan left a world of light and love in which he will remain. I will continue to live my life whole-heartedly, full of compassion, assuming the best of people and I will find others to bring under the stars.*

*Too often life's challenges are framed as win or lose, as if death is a failing. But no matter what brings our life to an end, it is how we go about living during our days that is our success. Stuart Scott once said "we beat cancer by how we live, why we live and the manner in which we live." We do not win by surviving, we win by how we live.*

*Evan for the win. Rest in Peace. You live on in Love and Light. And Each time I listen to Eye of the Tiger I will think of you, my friend.*



LO

“ My memory of Evan from high school days is that although he was always incredibly kind, we were never too happy to find him in one of our classes because he was simply brilliant and destroyed any chance of a curve in grading. I regret that I didn't have the opportunity to know him as an adult except through stories so I hope Holly and the children will keep sharing their memories

Lisa ODonnell - June 13 at 01:09 PM

LR

“ Dear Chapples,  
I am so sorry to hear about Evan's passing. I am sending you all love in this difficult time, I know how hard of a journey it has been. Evan was a great man who showed so much strength and perseverance as you all navigated the difficulties of the past few years. He was an amazing farmer and teacher and his legacy will live on forever through Hope and the love your family has for him. You are all in my thoughts and heart.

Libby Russell - June 12 at 06:16 PM

ME

“ Evan Chapple was a Renaissance Man in a class of his own. I met Evan and Holly when I joined the Chapel Designers and attended the conferences they hosted in NYC. Evan's sense of humor, his calm and friendly personality was so welcoming. Over the years, at each new phase of their ever evolving journey to Hope, Evan was an endlessly supportive husband, father and business partner. Who knew one man could master so many skills?! Evan was an exceptional human being and I know that his spirit lives on in all of the Chapple kids and grandkids. My heart is with you, Holly.

madeleine Elmer - June 11 at 11:56 PM

TE

“ Dear Holly,  
My heart is feels for you and your family deeply during this time. I'm so honored to have had the opportunity in spending a short; but, very special time with both of you! The love of marriage and family was so evident through both of you. You and your beautiful family are on our hearts, and in our prayers. Love, Tee and Phil

Tee - June 11 at 01:19 PM

KC

“ *My heart aches for all of you. I only met Evan once, but he left an indelible impression with me as a solid, strong, calm, thoughtful, hard working, funny, peaceful, caring, and extremely hard working genius of a man. I know how much you loved each other and how much he loves his family and the farm. God bless your family and I pray you find peace in knowing that so many people, regardless of how long or well they knew him, were left with such a wonderful memory. Love you, Kim Cheney*

Kim “August” Cheney - June 10 at 12:00 PM



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Loudoun Funeral Chapels - June 10 at 11:31 AM

AE

“ *Sending love and deepest condolences to the entire Chapple family. I know Evan was your family's rock and the foundation he worked so hard to build lives in all of you. He accomplished so much in his time on this earth--he built and planted beautiful things we can all see and touch and he leaves behind a legacy of Hope for all of you. As your hearts are hurting, I wish for peace for each of you.*

Alison Ellis - June 10 at 09:31 AM

HM

“ *Thinking of you Holly and your family with so much love. I'm not sure what to say in the face of such a difficult loss. I share in your sadness at the passing of Evan and still can't believe it's true. My heart goes out to you Holly. Just want you to know I care and will help anyway I can. Evan was so Proud of you and his family and his Dreams and Legacy will live on. Hugs my friend*

Helen Miller - June 09 at 06:58 PM

PK

“ I don't remember when I first met Evan. It may have been at Albert and Shelia's Christmas party years ago. Over the years we talked several times about random topics. I remember reading online post about him leaving his job to work with Holly full time and ,knowing the trials and tribulations of small business, I thought man that takes guts!! It wasn't until my wife and I dropped into Hope farm one day and found Evan on the barn putting together a project for an event that I fully realized the scope of his skills as he explained what he was doing. The last time I spoke with Evan was about a year ago in Point of Rocks as we discussed some “ life stuff.” Much respect for the man and our most sincere condolences.

paul kerr - June 09 at 06:56 PM

DG

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David Gibson - June 09 at 05:56 PM

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**David Gibson** - June 09 at 05:52 PM

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**David Gibson** - June 09 at 05:47 PM

SD

“ I remember all the love and guidance both Evan and Holly offered the teens I worked with. I'm so sorry for you loss, and the loss to the community of such a wonderful person.

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**sandi Dettra** - June 09 at 05:11 PM

CB

“ What a gift it has been to be in the Chapple family orbit. Holly and Evan's light shines so brightly on everyone they meet and it's impossible not to fall in love with their joy, energy and contagious enthusiasm. As I've watched your family grow over the past 20 years, I've been in awe of what you've created. The beautiful flowers and farm are impressive... but what is most magical is your family. Your home always felt like the happiest kind of chaos to me. Always something going on, people (and pets!) coming and going, a project started, something yummy in the oven, and just the warmth and comfort everyone wishes they had. Holly always told me she wished she'd had more time to spend with the kids and is gracious to say Evan was the primary parent. It occurred to me that perhaps it worked out that way because he only had a limited time to be here. And no one could have made use of that time more! We all know Evan was a powerhouse... wise, hard working, ridiculously talented, always willing to lend a hand and never one to take himself too seriously. He created so much... but the biggest legacy of all is the magic he created at home. He will live on forever in SO many ways but most of all in those he left behind. He put his best into each of you and, in that sense, he will live forever.

I also want to add that Evan was so supportive and kind to us when Patrick was diagnosed with his own cancer last fall. Even with all he was going through, Evan took the time to check in, share his hard-earned and always heartfelt wisdom, and just express his genuine support and concern. He was a gem and a friend to all. We will strive to pass it forward in his honor.

Love, Cara Berger

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**Cara Berger** - June 09 at 02:49 PM



“ Sending huge hugs to Holly and family at this very sad time. Evan will be a sad loss to his family, friends and the floral industry.

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**Karen Barnes** - June 09 at 12:26 PM

MB

“ Our family is so sad to hear about Evan's passing. Mike and I have known Evan and Holly since high school. Mike always talked about how smart and talented Evan was from the time he met him. He was always impressed that Evan graduated high school in 3 years. Since then, we've been amazed to follow their family and their business - each growing into something so special. We will continue to keep you all in our prayers as you navigate such a huge loss. Sending lots of love your way! Mike and Laurie Burke

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**Mike and Laurie Burke** - June 09 at 11:59 AM

DG

“ Here goes, I met Evan through dating his sister Alison in High school at that time his family was in the middle of building their dream house off Rt 704 here in Loudoun Co.

The down stairs of the house was finished and where the family was living the upstairs was still under construction and almost each day after school Evan was working on something to complete the building, as time went on we became pretty good friends and found the we both loved to fish and hunt, we hunted with guns and with bow and arrow, at this house I harvested one of the bigger Bucks I've harvested over the years, at this same time Evans Mom was in a fight for her life battling Cancer.

Over the years as time went on we still talked everytime we would see each other in or around Leesburg. The last time I saw Evan was at Home Depot in line buying some plumbing stuff as we were talking Evan brought up that he had just been diagnosed with stage 4 lung Cancer, I was shocked and didn't really know what to say it was mid COVID-19 with masks and all but I said the hell with it and gave him a big hug and told him I'd keep him in my prayers.

So now here we are left with only the memories of Evan and who he was as a person.

Evan was a good friend and I have not one bad thing I could say about him in the 40 some years that we knew each other.

I have some pictures of Evan that I will post for you guys (he has hair in them) May God continue to bless you and your family Holly.

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**David Gibson** - June 09 at 10:05 AM

BE

“ I met Evan once and he interacted with our group at Holly's first "It Could Be You" event for about 10 minutes. Since that time, through social media and a few very random texts and calls with Holly, I got to know the power of Evan. I've been praying for him and the entire Chapple family for well over a year and will continue to pray for you all for the Peace that Passes all Understanding. Evan was the breathing epitome of the 1Peter 4:10 man. -So much love from South Georgia, Beka Shiver



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**Beka** - June 09 at 09:12 AM



“ *Holly and the Chapple Family- I am so very sorry for your loss. My first encounter with the Chapple family was when Holly did the flowers for my 1999 wedding at Selma. The place was LOADED with flowers and just gorgeous! I remember Evan, quietly unloading flowers and patiently waiting for instruction from Holly as to where things went. Another occasion, I was having an event at my house. Evan, with one of the Chapple kids, delivered the flowers. When he was done, he asked me if there was anything else he could lend a hand to- he was just that kind! Then there was the time Holly had a Christmas open house. Evan was there, helping load items etc. and just being his usual nice and sweet self. The kids were floating around too- I think Grace had just been born. My take away from all of these events were 1. How proud he was of Holly and her beautiful creations and 2. How much his family meant to him. It was clear how happy he was to be working with his wife and have his beautiful family around. He had a quiet calm that spoke volumes, it was so obvious how much he loved you all- no words were needed. I pray that God's grace is with each of you as you begin to navigate life without him. I know he was your rock. I know he will live in each of your hearts and that will help carry you forward too. Love, Wendy Mason Heuer*

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**Wendy Heuer** - June 09 at 08:31 AM

KP

“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Evan at Flowerstock in 2018. I was fascinated by Evan and Holly's plans for Hope Flower Farm and in between a couple of the classes I spoke with Evan about the family's plans for the place. I was just so struck by the matter-of-fact way in which he talked about all of the projects he had lined up - and while it was clear that he relished the projects he seemed most excited about growing - being part of the cycle of planting, harvesting and especially enjoying the land. He was calm, kind, generous with his time and had a deep, deep pride in his family. He was Holly's rock - Holly was the WOW and Evan was the HOW. What a couple. What a family. What a man. My heart goes out to you all - It was an honor to meet him.*

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**Karen Pritchard** - June 09 at 07:46 AM

TH

“ Hi Holly and Family,

*I read the message about your husband, father....*

*I feel for you and your family. I Hope next message can bring some comfort although words can not describe.*

*When your dear beloved one that touched your heart and soul leaves his physical body. His essence becomes more present than ever before. The contradiction of what you can observe physically on the outside and what you can observe on your inside is causing a feeling of deep grief. A letting go of that what became a part of you. Holly, Remember, or probably I should say you know, you are surrounded by a wonderful family each member carrying a part of the essence of who your husband is with them. I say “is” not “was” his essence still “is”. You can feel it deep inside of you. I wish you and your family all you need to find peace in your hearts in dealing with letting go. I cannot say loss, because I believe a beautiful soul is never lost. It’s carried and found in the hearts of many, you will definitely experience that the coming time and I hope you can find comfort in it. My deep condolences and humble greetings,*

*Tom De Houwer (Belgium)*

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**Tom De Houwer** - June 09 at 02:25 AM

BO

“ I met Evan in Washington DC in 2018 at AIFD Symposium when Holly presented. I was anticipating meeting Holly in person for the first time and making a special trip to visit the farm which I passionately followed the journey through social media from the beginning. I was thrilled when I ran in to Evan and a few of the kids at an eatery near the symposium hotel and I actually got to meet Evan before I met Holly in person. Evan didn't know me but I recognized him right away. I approached him asking if he was “Married 2 Flowers”. He beamed back with a warm smile and I instantly knew that he was a special man, a true family man, who would stop at nothing to support the journey that Holly and his family were building. He exuded an all around down to earth, family first, #1 Dad & Husband vibe. A few days later on July 4th, I have a really special memory of sharing the holiday in their home after a day of flowering at Symposium. Evan prepared a meal in the kitchen and I remember thinking that he embodied the true meaning of a Renaissance Man with so many talents and gifts he shared freely with “strangers” like me who felt like they knew him already. He cooked while Holly entertained and then we all sparked some fireworks in the front yard. A simple yet indelible memory for me- Evan smiling and singing in the kitchen, just cooking away for Holly and her friends, and a wonderful glimpse at how he cared for his family and the woman that he loved. What an incredible man. That day was such a privilege for me and a day I will always remember. Evan had an impact on so many people that admired him from afar, and I am not sure he knew just how many people like me he inspired. I am just one of those people. I know there are many many more. My sincere condolences to Holly and his children. Take comfort in your best memories and may his gifts surround you with warmth, fill your heart, bring you peace and let you know that his love and light is all around you, all of the time.

Beth O'Reilly - June 09 at 01:03 AM

RF

“ 5 years ago- I was a new florist and in awe of Holly and Evan! When I saw how they interacted and Evan's business sense - I was sold by Evan when he spoke about the business side of floristry.  
Fast forward 4 years- I am at Hope with Holly for a wedding workshop. I saw Evan and told him how much he had helped me. He said Give me a hug! My fellow florist, told me I should be grateful for my gratitude moment with Evan and I was and I am.  
There is not another Evan and Holly. But I am grateful and blessed to have seen them together and witness all the love and hope..  
Holly I mourn with you - but celebrate the love n family you are! We as florist- rise and love as you have done so unconditionally-🥹🥹🥹🥹  
No words just ❤️

robin feinglas - June 08 at 11:57 PM

MH

“ one day when i was little, probably around eight or nine, i was over playing hide and seek with eli and probably sam. i always hated having to be the seeker because it stressed me out too much and the whole time we were playing, evan had been on the couch. i think he could probably tell how anxious i was when i finally became the seeker because he kept trying to give me quiet hints for where eli was without being too obvious. i remember trying not to laugh too loudly when i figured out where the hiding spot was. that was one of the only times i remember actually enjoying hide and seek

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**mia hattaway** - June 08 at 09:45 PM

HD

“ Evan used to make me laugh so much as a child, he was a funny light hearted man. I have fond memories of being at their home enjoying all the fun. He will be missed by many.

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**Hanah Desherow** - June 08 at 09:36 PM

MD

“ I first met Evan and Holly in New York City in 2016 at a Chapel Designer conference and I was a bit of a fish out of water. Travelling to a different country by myself and meeting wonderful people for the first time. I was struck with how Evan was so welcoming to me, and how supportive and proud of the group of designers that were there. What a wonderful man, supportive of his wife and being there so proud of everything that was Chapel Designers. I quickly sensed that he was the foundation that Holly had, to grow such a wonderful group of creatives. He will be deeply missed. My love and condolences to Holly and her family ❤️

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**Mary. Dann** - June 08 at 09:26 PM

KM

“ When I met Holly and Evan in 2012 they were larger than life to me. Then I got to know them and found they were the kindest and most real people ever. Evan was making things happen at the conferences I attended to learn from Holly and others, but one day we both rested for a while on the same bench and started to talk. I found him thoughtful, really funny and delightful. I am so grateful he shared Holly with us so generously and that he was her backbone for so much, not the least of which was building Holly Chapple Flowers and Hope Flower Farm. I loved watching all the videos of him creating buildings and fields and harvests— and the odd vacation now and then! How lucky the Chapple children are to have had a true father. My love goes out to all of you under his roof 💜

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**Kate Minelian** - June 08 at 08:14 PM

JG

“ I wish I had a photo as I have so many in my mind of Evan, Holly, the Heider family. Blessed to visit the Heider home on occasion & get to see the early days of the flower studio, I am blown away by what ALL of you have dreamed & created. I have read along over the years & know what an integral part of all the working pieces Evan has been & how his legacy will forever live on. Holly, I'm heartbroken for your & your children & grandchildren's loss, but I also have GREAT faith in the spirit you & your family bring to everything you dream & do. I KNOW Evan will be watching over you, and I KNOW you're going to be okay. Still....this is no easy time. We'll be watching to see what we might do to lend support. Sending Love from the Blueridge.... Janet Emma & Family

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Janet Emma Garbe - June 08 at 08:10 PM

CT

“ There was never a moment when we were with Holly that Evan wasn't on the move. On a tractor, in a truck, hauling fence posts, adjusting netting... Evan was a doer and always made sure the utilitarian things were handled no matter how focused on "the pretty" everyone around him was.



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Chris and Carlene Thomas - June 08 at 07:02 PM

JG

Fantastic. Even after knowing Evan for years, I feel like he kept growing & "Becoming" more....the thing we all wish for & Evan accomplished, both as a Father, husband & renaissance man! Inspiring!

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Janet Emma Garbe - June 08 at 08:11 PM

SF

“ A few years ago I took a large installation class at Hope. We spent a significant amount of time with Evan. With a decent size group of women-he was very patient and funny with the power tools! Some ladies were petrified of the saw and welding-his humor set them at ease. It's such a funny and vivid memory. I was really excited to smelt copper, Evan taught us all some serious mechanics. I remember telling him "I seriously need and Evan in my life!" He laughed and said to bring my husband next time. I genuinely loved his knowledge, teaching abilities and he was truly a wonderful soul. My deepest condolences to Holly and her family.



Samantha Fitzgerald - June 08 at 04:10 PM

BW

“ We met Evan and Holly when we lived in Lucketts back when our children were growing up. His oldest son went to elementary and high school with our daughters. We used to have cookouts together and enjoyed spending time with our children and each other. Holly and Evan had the most awesome garden at their house, and we spent many a night enjoying the beautiful flowers. He was always so happy and had the greatest smile. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Take Care, Bob and Beth Woodruff

Bob and Beth Woodruff - June 08 at 02:54 PM



“ Evan was a kind and gentle man. He and his family have always been there for us - when we moved from our old location off of Fairfax St., when Janet got sick, they always cared. The Monday before my first Valentine's Day as the new owner of Jerry's, we were hit by a tornado. Evan saw my post and pictures and called Heidi to reach out to us to see if we needed any help. She called from overseas to check on us! They were the only people to reach out to us at that scary time. What a wonderful family. The world has lost what heaven has gained. May God grant Evan rest and peace and grant the grace to the family that they especially need at this time.

If there is ANYTHING we can do for your family, please reach out.

You have been and continue to be in our prayers.

Sheila and the Staff at Jerry's Flowers

"Well done, Good and Faithful Servant."

Sheila Cowling - June 08 at 02:44 PM

KQ

“ I can't imagine how much Evan will be missed by his family and friends and I am so sorry for your loss. We first met in 6th grade. Later, middle and high school, Bill and I would trudge across the fields and up the hill to go hang out with Evan and Allison. We'd play basketball, games, whatever. Evan even set up a mini golf course downstairs. He was such a fun, talented, intelligent guy and I am glad to have known him. KellyQ

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**Kelly Quertermous** - June 07 at 01:23 PM