Daniel E. Evans, age 74, of Scottsdale, Arizona and Canal Winchester, Ohio, died Friday, December 24, 2010 at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. Born August 24, 1936 in Gallipolis, Ohio to the late Emerson E. & Evelyn T. Evans, he was a graduate of Gallia Academy High School and attended Ohio Wesleyan University and The Ohio State University. He attended Highland Church in Scottsdale, Arizona and The Meadow Park Church of God in Columbus, Ohio. He started with Bob Evans Farms in 1956, working the company’s sausage production plant in Xenia, Ohio. In 1959, he became manager of the Bob Evans Farms sausage production plant in Bidwell, Ohio. Five years later, he moved to the corporate headquarters, as executive vice president of Bob Evans Farms. Dan was elected to chairman of the board and chief executive officer in 1971, succeeding his father, Emerson Evans, the company’s founding board chairman and chief executive officer. Dan retired as chief executive officer in 2000, from chairman of the board in 2001, and from the board in 2006, with 50 years of service to Bob Evans’ stockholders, customers, and employees. He also served on the board of directors of several other companies, among them Sherwin-Williams, Motorists Mutual Insurance Company, National City Bank, and National City Corporation. He was a member of the National Guard, he contributed countless hours to the community, and received an honorary degree from the University of Rio Grande. Dan is survived by his wife, Temmy Evans; children, Larry (Anita) Evans, Lancaster, Janie (John) Kantner, Canal Winchester, Stacy (Joel) Lilly, Upper Arlington, Ryan Pressel-Evans, Cincinnati, Lynn (Michael) Steinberg, Chapel Hill, NC, Erica (Michael) Wendt, Chandler, AZ, Tyler Mossor, Scottsdale, AZ; grandchildren, Daniel Evans, Brendan & Bailey Kantner, Anna-Grace & Caroline Lilly, Chandra & Taylor Pressel-Evans, Izzy, Kiki, & Sadie Steinberg, and Jeffrey Mossor; brother Larry (Patti) Evans, Florida; mother-in-law, Joycelyn (Cliff) Cheugh-Everett; sister-in-law Charla Evans; nieces, nephews, and cousins. Preceded in death by son, Jerry Evans; and brother, Merrill Evans. A public memorial service will be held at 2pm on Thursday, December 30, 2010 at Meadow Park Church of God, 2425 Bethel Road, Columbus, Ohio 43220 with the Rev. Dr. Robert I. Mathis officiating. In lieu of flowers, friends may contribute to the Arizona Cutting Horse Association (AZCHA) Youth Fund, PO Box 2730, Chino Valley, AZ 86323, or CS Cutters (Dan Evans Fund), PO Box 23, Canal Winchester, OH 43110, in Dan’s memory. Arrangements by Dwayne R. Spence Funeral Home, Canal Winchester. Online condolences can be made at www.spencefuneralhome.com.