



Virgil E. Beam

January 5, 1937 - March 11, 2013

Virgil E. Beam, 76, of Wapakoneta, died 1:13 a.m., Mon. March 11, 2013, at his residence surrounded by his family. He was born Jan. 5, 1937, in Belmore, OH, the son of Fred W. & Doris (Newell) Beam, who preceded him in death. On Oct. 22, 1960, he married Joyce B. Fortman, and she survives. Other survivors include, 4 children, Douglas W. Beam, Wapakoneta, Laurie A. (Michael) Byer, St. Marys, Debra J. (Frank) Oen, Cridersville, Michael A. Beam, Wapakoneta, 8 grandchildren, Jenifer (Gary) Beebe, Jessica Oen, Kelly Byer, Nathan Oen, Jonathon Beam, Sarah Byer, Randall Oen, & Dinah Oen, a sister, Betty (William) Griffith, Leipsic, OH, a sister-in-law, Nancy Beam, Avon Lake, OH. He was preceded in death by a grandchild, Carrie Oen, and a brother, Arthur Beam. Virgil retired as foreman of the truss department at Hoge Lumber, New Knoxville, OH. Prior to that, he had worked at Auglaize Lumber Co. He was a member of Salem United Methodist Church, where he was a lay speaker, a former Sunday school teacher, and sang in the church choir for 52 years. A 1955 graduate of Leipsic High School, he was salutatorian of his class, played football and was a member of the track team. He attended Bowling Green State University & the University of Toledo and studied electrical engineering. He was a member of the Ohio Alpha Chapter of the Kappa Mu Epsilon Fraternity, an honorary mathematics society. Virgil was a member of Gideons International and a U.S. Army veteran. He loved music, and his hobbies included singing, fishing, gardening, and playing the piano and harmonica. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Thurs. March 14, 2013, at

the Salem United Methodist Church, Wapakoneta, Pastor Becky Gray officiating. Burial is to follow in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. The family will receive friends 4-8 p.m., Wed. at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, and 1 hr. prior to the service, Thurs. at the church. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Gideons International.

Tribute Wall

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“ Was sadden to hear of Uncle Virgil's passing. He was so funny in his little jibs he would throw out in a conversation. Such a good Father, Grandfather, Uncle and Friend to so many. He loved his family so much. He is at rest and in no more pain Love you Uncle Virgil

Charol Fortman Stechschulte - July 10, 2015 at 03:54 PM

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“ My Deepest Sympathy's go out to the Virgil Beam family. Virgil was very special and he will be missed. He now walks beside God. He's in a place of glory. May God Bless all of you.

Kim Andrew - July 10, 2015 at 03:54 PM

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“ To heaven , but you will never leave my heart an may my soul catch up to you in future. God Speed

Douglas - July 10, 2015 at 03:54 PM

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“ Love ya Dad!

Your Daughter, Deb - July 10, 2015 at 03:54 PM

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“ I extend my sympathy to the Beam family on the passing of Virgil. He had a beautiful voice and sang for over 50 years in the choir of his church that he loved so much. Now he is singing with the angels in heaven. What a beautiful sound! Nancy Alt

Nancy Alt - July 10, 2015 at 03:54 PM