



Mr. Donald S. Beaty

August 13, 1929 - September 21, 2020

Donald "Pete" S. Beaty, 91, of Lake Wales, Florida, born on August 13, 1929 in Plant City, entered into eternal rest on September 21, 2020. He was a lifetime farmer, rancher, and philanthropist - including sole financier of the surgical wing at South Florida Baptist Hospital, thus named the Pete Beaty Surgical Center. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and flying airplanes. He was preceded in death by wife, Jean Ann Beaty; daughter, Donna Jean Beaty Muller; parents, James and Lou Beaty; and siblings, James Wallace Beaty, and Mary Francis Lents. He is survived by sons, Jimmy Beaty, Sr. (Susan), and Stephen Beaty (Lissa), both of Okeechobee; 7 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and many other family, and friends. The family will receive friends on Thursday, October 1 from 9:30-10:30 A.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City, followed by a graveside service at 11:00 A.M. at Memorial Park Cemetery, 2401 North Wheeler Street, Plant City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at stjude.org. Expressions of condolence at HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

2401 North Paul Buchman Hwy
Plant City, FL 33563

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home
6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
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Graveside Service

OCT 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RC

“Pete hunted several years with my father Earl Connor and me at our house in Saskatchewan. Even after my father’s death, Pete continued to come. One cold day, Pete and I were hunting side by side at the hay flats. He asked me if I believed in God, I said yes of course. He said my father did too. So I asked him if he believed, he said he didn’t know. So I asked him to look around. We were staring into a beautiful sunrise, hundreds of thousands of geese were honking on the river, cold breeze in our faces. I asked him if he thought all this was just a cosmic accident? I told him it was all a creation by God’s hand. I pray I had some influence in getting him to believe. I told him all his money and generosity would not get him into heaven, only his acceptance of Jesus Christ as his savior could do that. I hope to see you again in heaven buddy!

Rodger Connor - April 20, 2025 at 12:42 AM

RD

“We went fishing in Lake Kissimmee and I was listening to Pete tell a story about the area and we were barely moving along in his body and he laughed so hard because I realized I had a fish on,,,,,A Catfish!!! He laughed every time.

Roger Dyess - May 08, 2024 at 12:08 AM

DD

“ I first met Pete in the late 50s when he and his family arrived in North West Broward County Florida. They moved out of there converted School us and into a small house on Holmeberg Rd, before Parkland existed.

Pete sharecropped for a few years then started his legacy.

When he farmed in SW Palm Bch. County his family seemed like the Waltons to me. Always High Risk crops!!

Over the years, Pete, Jean Ann and the family prospered by working 7 days a week in several industries.

Pete Beaty always showed a kind heart and my example of that was when he would ask Grandson Ronnie to fly me round trip from Coral Springs to Palatka Florida every week to spend as much time with my ailing father as possible.

Pete owned and Farmed lands that are cities now.

Pete still rides his farm boundaries every day.

David R Dyess - December 27, 2023 at 07:39 AM

JA

I knew pete around turkey Creek in the early 1960s when I was a kid hung around with his 2 sons Jimmy and Stevie knew his daughter donna Jean knew his father big jim beaty knew his brother Wallace knew his sister Mary Francis Pete farmed around plant City him and his family moved to pompano Beach up up in 1963

jerry akers - April 21 at 10:47 PM

DO

“ 60 files added to the album Doris Beaty



Doris - September 16, 2022 at 03:55 PM

KT

“ *Peter , I miss you!*



Kibaa Tubbs - December 12, 2020 at 07:31 AM

EJ

“ *Emily Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald S. Beaty*



Emily Johnson - October 31, 2020 at 12:48 PM

PC

“ *Patsy Craven lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald S. Beaty*



Patsy Craven - October 22, 2020 at 04:27 PM

LB

“ *Linda Chivari Beaty lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald S. Beaty*



Linda Chivari Beaty - October 03, 2020 at 09:23 PM

KA

“ *Katelyn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald S. Beaty*



Katelyn - September 30, 2020 at 09:19 PM

CE

“ *Rest In Peace Pete, sending prayers to your family for comfort.*



Cece - September 30, 2020 at 03:08 PM

TG

“ I am very sorry for your loss. I have many memories floating and hunting with Pete. Rest In Peace my friend. Tom and Janice Goody



tom goody - September 30, 2020 at 11:34 AM

CA

“ Cari lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald S. Beaty



Cari - September 30, 2020 at 10:11 AM

CB

“ As 15 year olds, Pete and I joined the Army together and were sent to Ft. Lee Va. for basic training. Given the task of picking up cigarette butts and trash we decided to quit, tossed our birth certificates on the first sergeant's desk and announced : “we quit.” The sergeant said; “it doesn't work that way boys,” called the MPs and marched us to the guard house. But our stay in the guard house didn't last long; the Army booted us out and sent us on our way home. -Charles Beaty

Charles Beaty - September 29, 2020 at 06:13 PM

LA

“ *Lavonne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald S. Beaty*



Lavonne - September 29, 2020 at 05:41 PM

DB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Doris Beaty - September 29, 2020 at 04:26 PM

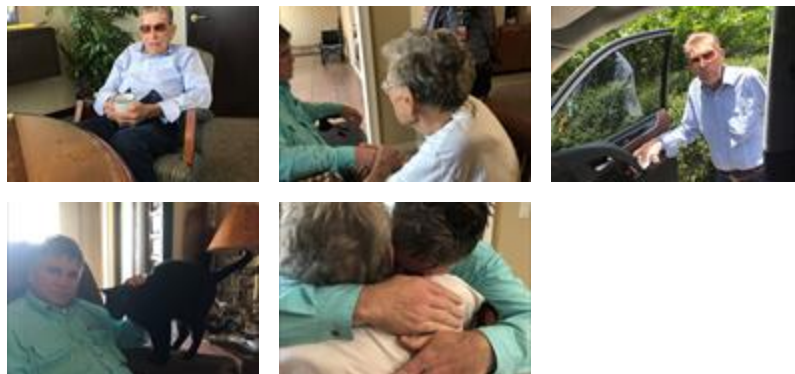
DB

“ *Thank GOD you are finally back HOME. I love you! DORIS*

Doris Beaty - September 29, 2020 at 04:25 PM

DB

“ *8 files added to the album Doris Beaty*



Doris Beaty - September 29, 2020 at 04:24 PM

LB

“ We love you. Rest In Peace. Love, Stevie and Lissa



Lissa Beaty - September 29, 2020 at 01:15 PM

Terri Deluliis

“ Sharing in your sadness as you remember Pete. I have many fond memories growing up... Sending love and prayers to you all during this difficult time.
Love you all!
Terri Deluliis



Terri Deluliis - September 29, 2020 at 10:57 AM



“ 48 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - September 29, 2020 at 10:54 AM

MD

“ *Much love, Terri and Mike Deluliis purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Donald S. Beaty.*



Much love, Terri and Mike Deluliis - September 29, 2020 at 10:52 AM

NS

“ *Fly high Sir!!! Job well done!!! Godspeed!!!*

Noel Stephen - September 28, 2020 at 09:21 PM

PA

“ *So sorry for your loss. Pete was a great man to me I meet him and your mom at the lake we fished all weekend the house happened to also flood that weekend. He was a great fisherman he was the last of the old timers on shady lane. He will always have a special place in my heart. Phyllis Avery*

Phyllis Avery - September 28, 2020 at 07:19 PM



“ *Kathy Oliver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald S. Beaty*



Kathy Oliver - September 28, 2020 at 12:54 PM

CK

I also lit a 24 hour candle for Mr. Donald. S. Beaty's. Honor. AMEN.

Craig Kreisler - September 29, 2020 at 10:41 AM

JS

“ *My heart is saddened by the loss of Pete. My thoughts and prayers will be with you all.
He will be missed.*

Joe Selph

Joe Selph - September 28, 2020 at 10:55 AM

DH

He sure was a great man always kind to me .sorry for all of your loss of pete fly high pete see ya on the other side. Ox Debbie Hogg n family

Debbie Hogg - September 28, 2020 at 11:59 AM



So sorry for your loss.

Kathy Oliver - September 28, 2020 at 12:55 PM

LA

Joe Selph sorry for the loss of your cousin Pete .I heard a lot of good things about you ,I was his caregiver for a while.Be encourage ,he's with the Lord now.

Lavonne - September 29, 2020 at 05:36 PM

RD

*Still thinking of you every day.
Thank you for your kind heart!*

Roger Dyess - May 08, 2024 at 12:02 AM