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David Beam

Nov. 1, 1942 - Feb. 23, 2024

David Beam, 81, of Morganton, NC, died Friday, February 23, 2024.

Born in Avery County, NC on November 1, 1942, he is the son of the late Samuel David Beam and Verna Hughes Beam.

David was a member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. He was the definition of what a real man is supposed to be. He was the ultimate jokester and loved to fish, join in the breakfast club at Burger King, and was the most meat-loving vegetarian.

David is survived by his wife of 60 years and childhood sweetheart, Dorothy Trivette Beam; children, Robin Beam Surratt (Kevin), Jennifer Beam Cook (Brian), and Brandon Beam (Megan); grandchildren, Cierra Boughman (BJ), Olivia Surratt, Skyler Smith, Clarie Cook, Chloe Cook, Riley Beam, Aaliyah Beam, Keegan Beam, and Oaklynn Beam; great-grandchildren, Kylie Corpening and Jonah Boughman; siblings, Lee Estes Beam (Sue) and Carolyn Smith; brother-in-law, Gene Trivett; and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m., Monday, February 26, 2024 at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. The memorial service will follow at 2 p.m. in the church with Rev. Keith Burkhart officiating. Honors will be provided by the Morganton Department of Public Safety Honor Guard.

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Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



—Edna Suttles



Dottie I am so sorry for your passing of your husband David beam he was a good friend of my mine the city of Morganton Lost a good police officer

—Jonathan Kirk

—Regina Morris



Dot and Robin I am so sorry. I just talked to you other week at hospital Dot and I'm so sorry to hear about David. So sorry. I found out because mom passed yesterday and sossomans is handling hers and I saw David. Please tell Robin I'm so sorry and I love her.

—Sherry Goss Cunningham

I have just heard of Mr. Beam's death today. My heart is broken for you. Mr. Beam was such a fixture here at the hospital and we appreciate all he contributed to our

was such a fixture here at the hospital and we appreciate all he contributed to our system. He was always full of humor and a joy to be around. I enjoyed joking around with him. I will miss that. Dot, you and your family will be in my continued prayers as you process and live through this loss. My God hold you close. I would have been at the funeral if I had known. Much love, Jacque 2/27/24

–Jacque Garner

David was a great man - who had a life that was well lived. We were proud to have known him. Our prayers are with his family.

–Bruce and Grethel Elder



Dot, My thoughts are with you and your family. Working with you two and getting to know you both the last 14 years has meant a great to me,. DA was such a good man. Always there to lend a hand or have a laugh. He will be missed by all

–Ed Pickert



Dot and family, I was in Shock when I read about David's (DA) transition. One thing for certain and two things for sure that I knew about David was that he loved him some Dot, his children and grandchildren with a passion. I am heartened to know that he's no longer suffering and has moved on to his reward. Dot and family please accept my sincere condolences and may GOD keep you all during these trying days ahead.

–Ruth Roseboro



Dot, Molasses and I love you. We need to come visit you. DA was such a a wonderful Christian blessing to everyone he met. I am praying for you. Susan



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—Susan Jones

Dot and family so sorry to hear about D.A. passing! May God's peace be with you during this time of grieve. Love and prayers! Ann

—Ann Smith



Dearest Dot, I just now learned about DA! My heart hurts for you and your family. He was certainly a fine gentleman, respected by many! I am so sorry I didn't know sooner; I would have attended his service. Please know you & the family are in my thoughts and prayers for comfort only God can give. My email is rose.robinson60@yahoo.com My cell —704-418-4589 I would really like to see you when you are available and up to a visit/lunch or dinner. I love you!

—Frances Robinson

DA was so many things to so many people. He was a wonderful example of a father, husband to Dot, man of faith, kindness. He and Dot were the best father/ mother figure I could've ever imagined growing up and spending time with Jennifer's family. Thank you for always sharing your family with me. Love and many prayers .

—Grethel & Bruce Elder

Dot and family, I am so sorry for your loss. May God give you and your family comfort and peace during this difficult time. In my thoughts and prayers, Joyce McCall

—Joyce McCall



To the Beam family, I am very sorry to hear of David's



passing. He will be missed dearly. We use to talk at the ball games. When he worked at the Morganton public safety, I would see him all the time, he treated everybody fairly. He always had a joke to tell. I always looked foreword to talk with him. He now is at peace and in his heavenly home, and

I know he will get along good with the angels. My prayers are with all of you, and may God bless.

—Gary Rich

Dot, I am so sorry to hear about DA. I'm thinking about you with prayers and lots of love.

—Debbie Wilson

Robin, Jennifer, and the Beam Family, My colodense on the passing of your dad. Enjoyed working with him. He was always pleasant and easy going to work with. I will keep your family in my prayers. Cordially, Martin K. Saulman

—Martin "Kevin" Saulman

We are so sorry for the loss in your family. He was such a great man and dedicated to his family. We are praying for you all! He will be missed! Abernathy family

—Karen Abernathy

Dot: You are in my prayers as well as your family. DB was a great man. You will be reunited again one day but until then know that you are admired, loved, and prayed for. I praise God for letting me get to know you!!!

—Reba W, Berry

Ms. Dot and family my heart is broken as I read where Mr. DA took his journey to his heavenly home. He was such a man of the Lord's and his live and caring ways

his heavenly home. He was such a man of the Lord's and his live and caring ways for others. I met the family when I became friends with their daughter Robin and they were all just so sweet and nice to me even now when I would run into either one of them we would have to stop and catch up. My prayers and thoughts are with each of you . So fly high DA and dance among the angels you are home now. Prayers to all.

—Rhonda Barus

DA(David) was one of the kindest and most humble men I ever met! We volunteered together for many years at UNC Blue Ridge. I never saw him without a big smile and funny joke to share! Most of all, I remember DA as a strong Christian role model who loved his family and fellow man. With Dot, his wife, by his side, they could accomplish anything! What a privilege to have known and been inspired by such a terrific gentleman.

—Susan Pollpeter



I recall D. A. was a faithful friend and dedicated employee of Morganton Public Safety. Although I last spoke to David forty years ago, I know he was the same person until his passing. Thank you for your service.

—Stephen Miller

Dot and family so sorry to hear about DA passing. You guys are in my thoughts and prayers

—Janet Anthony

“OD”….as I always called him made him smile .. he will always be remembered the one who wanted to get you first ! We loved him and will miss his smiles and his stop off every Sunday at our Ladies class Know we love you and prayers for Gods Comfort during the long days ahead .. what a way to meet God .. wake up in Heaven! May Gods loving arms wrap you tight .. we love you and so so sorry ..

DA....was a special man in many ways .. and will be missed ..

—Diane Rhodes

One of the finest friends I had. A joy to be around. He would crack you up in a

heartbeat. I worked with him at MDPS for several years. Will miss him tremendous. Gods speed to Dot and the rest of the family.

—Dobie Kelly

I was so sad to learn of DA's sudden passing. But I know he had his homecoming and is with Jesus. I know you all will be with him again. Dot, I am holding you and the family all close in my thoughts, prayers and love.

—Connie L Barnette



Awww, Dotty! I am sorry for your loss. He was a sweet man. Please know I am thinking of you during your sad time. Hugs, Barbara Palmento

—Barbara C Palmento

Oh Dot, family and friends I offer my deepest condolences on this season in life. I was just getting to know David when visiting the Grace Hospital gift shop and then Burger King later. I enjoyed his sense of humor and his dedication to helping Dot out at the gift shop. I pray for you Dot, family, and others as you navigate the grief. You are loved and I come to the Father for his love and peace, Heaven awaits!

—Wayne and Leslie Giese

Dear family, we were so very sorry to hear of D.A.'s sudden death. He was always friendly and fun to talk to. He will be deeply missed by so many at church and by many others I am sure. You have our love and sympathy. We are praying for you

Dot and the family. Love you all. Ray and Norine

—Ray and Norine Miller

Family, you are in my thoughts and prayers in the earthly loss of Mr. Beam. Thank

God for sharing him with us to be able to share his love for others in the work that he did.

—Jacqueline C. Kanipe

Dear Dot and family, I am so sorry for your loss. He is in the arms of Jesus watching over all of you.

—Jacquelyn Ward