



Jerry Dean Beck

Feb. 16, 1936 - May 6, 2025

Jerry Dean Beck, 89, of Morganton, NC, went to his heavenly home to be reunited with his family on Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

Born in Burke County, NC on February 16, 1936, he was the son of the late James Loy Beck and Alta Mae Carpenter Beck.

Jerry retired from General Electric in Hickory and owned and operated Beck Grading and Landscaping. He was a master woodworker and exceptional gardener. He loved to travel with his companion, Shirley, and had visited every national park in North America. Jerry considered himself fortunate to see his and his son's dream of Beck Ranch become a reality.

Those left to cherish his memory include his son, Dean Beck (Paula); granddaughter, Ashley Koerner (Brody); great-grandson, Presston Koerner; Paula's Children, Ali Ford, Jake Ford, and Brodie Ford; companion of fifty years, Shirley Owens; Shirley's children, Richard and Randy Owens.; and brother, James Beck (Dottie).

In addition to his parents, Jerry was preceded in death by a daughter, Sharon Sue Beck; and a brother, Marvin Leroy Beck.

The graveside service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 10, 2025 at Mountain

Grove United Methodist Church Cemetery with Rev. Kevin Crawford officiating. The family will greet friends following the service.

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

Tribute Wall



So sorry for your families loss I will be praying for your family

–Sheila Carpenter Norville



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Jerry was a wonderful person,showed me many things that I will cherish for rest of my life so sorry for your loss

–Gary Hicks

So sorry to hear the news of this. He was such a special man!! My prayers are with you Dean and your family. I know what a special bond you and your Dad had and it was very special. Love Jodi, Scott, & Tray Powell

–Jodi Powell

Jerry was such a wonderful man. He treated me like family since the first time

we met. He always had great advice for Randy and I. Always telling jokes and funny stories, he was quite a character. You could always count on him to tell the truth. He loved Shirley [Mom] with all his heart for almost 50 years. He valued his family above all and saw many of his dreams come true over the years. We will

miss him every day and feel blessed to have had him in our lives. Randy and Earleen Owens



I am so very very sorry that Papaw Jerry has passed away. I absolutely loved his handle bar mustache :) and how he loved his family, my sister and her kids. Burke County has truly lost a great man. I was honored to know him. I love yall! Pammie

–Pamela McLellan

Prayers for you and family God will guide you thru this.

–Douglas Duckworth