



Kermit Beach Tibbs

August 3, 1938 - July 17, 2015

Bluefield, WV- Kermit Beach Tibbs, Sr., 76, of Harper Mills Nursing Home, Beckley, WV, passed away Friday July 17, 2015.

Born August 3, 1938 in Bluefield, WV, he was the youngest child of ten children who were born to Fred H. Tibbs and Hattie Mae Ratcliffe Tibbs.

Beach lived in Bluefield for most of his life and attended Wade Junior High and Beaver High Schools where he received many basketball awards. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a Vietnam veteran. After his military service, he worked at Flowers Bakery.

Beach was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Gladys Johnston; five sisters, Louise DeLuke, Anna Jean Leonard, Alice Pearl Miller, Mary Amolia Siegle, and Virginia Ruth Harless; and four brothers, Frazier, Fred, Jr. "Fuzzy", Joe Bill, and Richard "Flop" Tibbs.

He is survived by his two sons, Beach Tibbs, Jr. of Bluewell, WV, and Mike Tibbs of Princeton, WV; two grandsons, Jake and Ben Tibbs; dear friends, David and Pinkie Johnston; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Beach will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday July 25, 2015 from the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel at 2:00 p.m. Military honors will be provided by the Mercer County Veteran's Council.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mr. Kermit Beach Tibbs, Sr.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **25**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Tribute Wall



“ *Kermit Beach Tibbs*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Kermit Beach Tibbs was a friend of mine during and after our Beaver High School years. He was an exceptional athlete and a loyal friend that one could always count on. He was a unique person and won that I was proud to know. His parents were very good people as were his brothers and sisters.*

It was a pleasure to be a part of his life.

Wayne Booth

Wayne Booth - July 24, 2015 at 08:06 AM



I knew Beechie in our high school Years and always appreciated his exceptional athletic skill and his wonderful sense of humor. We went our separate ways after high school but I never forgot him. Rest In Peace my friend.

Linda Whitehead Carter - December 02, 2022 at 09:48 AM



“ *Terri Stewart Punturi sent a virtual gift in memory of Kermit Beach Tibbs*



Terri Stewart Punturi - July 24, 2015 at 07:41 AM

VH

“ Always a Smile...Always a Laugh... You will be missed by many... Vickie

Vickie Hart - July 22, 2015 at 07:14 AM

TS

Remembering growing up around 'Beechie'. Always so genuine and kind.

Tammy Francisco Simmons - July 23, 2015 at 06:43 AM

DS

Worked with "Beechie" since 1976. My wife @ his were in the hospital at the same time. He was a true friend during a difficult time. I'll never forget his friendship! R.I.P. Dave(Redneck) Smith

David P. Smith - July 24, 2015 at 07:04 AM

SH

It was never hard to find Beechie in the west end. Just look on a basketball court. Good times with Beechie and his brothers. He will be remembered. Scott Honaker.

Scott Honaker - July 24, 2015 at 08:19 AM

BD

We love Uncle Beech, spending time with him every summer. He is the last sibling of a wonderful family. He, along with his brothers and sisters, had a great sense of humor and a zest for life. Beech will be greatly missed. Sending love and prayers for all. Love the DeLuke Family, Frank, Betty, Vic and Macie.

Betty DeLuke - July 24, 2015 at 08:10 PM

GF

Beechie was a good friend and an excellent employee at the bakery. He never had anything to say bad about anyone. Both my wife and myself worked with Beechie both at Betsy Ross Bakery and at Flowers Baking Co. There were many years of friendship. God bless Beechie and his family.

Gary & Sue Furches

Gary & Sue Furches - July 25, 2015 at 11:47 AM