



James Hersal Beal

June 1, 1926 - July 10, 2017

Hersal was born in Wake County to the late Joseph M. and Ollie Horton Beal. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Hilda Howell Beal, his brother Melvin Beal, sister Gaynelle Shaw, and sons Duane (Betsy) and David. Also surviving are; granddaughters Megan Carmona (Justin), Melissa Mallard (James), great-grand-daughter Mya Mallard, and great-grandson Silas Carmona, and several wonderful, loving nieces and nephews.

His childhood was spent in the farming community of Carpenter. He graduated from Green Hope High School at age 16, returning to do post graduate studies because he knew he would soon be drafted to serve in the war effort. He served in the U.S. Army with the 106th Reconnaissance Troop in Europe and attended Central Intelligence Command Division and the Central Intelligence Division school.

After returning home from Europe he started his career with Piedmont Airlines in New Bern, NC as a station manager. Hersal later returned to the farming he loved where he grew tobacco, grain, and beef cattle. His career followed to employment with the U.S Postal Service in Apex, NC., retiring after twenty years of service. After Hersal and Hilda retired they moved to the mountains which they loved, and they spent time in Sparta, NC and Sebring, FL playing golf with friends.

He was a person with a keen, inquisitive mind and pursued many interests throughout his life including history, true and old West collections, and poetry. An avid reader and lover of all types of music, he leaves an extensive

collection of books and music to be treasured by future generations of his family.

Hersal loved sports of all kinds including golf, football and baseball, and was a NC State Wolfpack and St. Louis Cardinals sports teams fan. He and a friend discussed the idea of starting a program for pee wee and midget football and Pony baseball in Apex. With the help of the Apex Jaycees and physicians this was accomplished.

He had an easy-going nature and was a good listener which earned him the respect and love of those who knew him. He was a faithful member of Salem Baptist Church in Apex and served in many capacities including teaching Sunday School, working with the Royal Ambassadors, and singing in the choir.

A memorial service to celebrate Hersal's life will be held at 2pm Friday, July 14, 2017 at Salem Baptist Church, 1821 N Salem St, Apex, NC 27523 in the church chapel with a visitation and reception to follow in the fellowship hall. In lieu of flowers the family request memorial be made to the Prayer Garden or Building Fund at Salem Baptist Church.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JUL 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

Salem Baptist Church
1200 Salem Church Rd.
Apex, NC 27523

Reception

JUL 14. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ *The Beal Family,
Condolences in the passing of Hersal. I never met him, but Ara
spoke of him. My prayers are with you all.*

Joyce Davis - July 15, 2017 at 11:24 AM

DB

“ *May the peace of the Lord forever be with you, Uncle Hersal. You
remain alive in the hearts and minds of your loved ones. Peace!*

Don Beal - July 14, 2017 at 08:44 AM



“ *I too worked hanging tobacco for him along with David Hooks, and
enjoyed his playing his guitar and singing Uncle Fud and the Dress
Made Out of a Map, a song which I still sing for people even now.
He will be truly missed, and I give my condolences to Hilda,
Dwayne, David, all the grandkids and the many friends he left
behind.*

Philip Austin - July 12, 2017 at 10:24 PM

JH

“ *So sorry to read about Hersal's death. I enjoyed working with him at
the post office. So sorry, we will not be able to attend the service.
We have a dear friend in ICU at Chesapeake General and are going
to go there to help his wife. Our thoughts and prayers are with the
entire Beale family. Judy and Rocky Hux*

Judy Hux - July 12, 2017 at 04:22 PM

ER

“ *What a sweet man! He will be remembered by all that knew him. He will be missed.*
Elizabeth Rich



Elizabeth Rich - July 12, 2017 at 02:26 PM

SS

“ *Rest in peace Uncle Hersal. Such a sweet soul. Our favorite Uncle (that's what he said) Love them to pieces!!*



Sharon Shaw - July 12, 2017 at 02:22 PM

LJ

“ *Pat and I want to send our Love and Sympathy to Hilda and her family. This has come as such a blow and I know that Hilda is having a hard time dealing with the loss of Hersal. We will keep her in our prayers and thoughts. I lived across the street from them in Cary and learned to love and respect these two wonderful people. Great neighbors and friends. The memories will be with me forever and their caring love has meant so much to us.*

With all our Love, Louis and Pat Johnson

LOUIS JOHNSON - July 11, 2017 at 04:14 PM