



Mr. Clarence B. Beaver Jr.

December 1, 1929 - August 14, 2015

Clarence B. Beaver, Jr., 85, of Salisbury, passed away unexpectedly, Friday, August 14, 2015 in Denver, Colorado while he and his family were attending the graduation of a grandson.

Born December 1, 1929 in Salisbury, NC, Clarence was the son of the late Cecelia Bradley Beaver and Clarence B. Beaver, Sr.

Mr. Beaver was a graduate of Boyden High School, class of 1948. He attended North Carolina State College.

Mr. Beaver served as long time president of Beaver Brothers Inc., an old Salisbury business founded in 1919 by his father and uncle. Beaver Brothers was started as a plumbing and heating firm. Clarence led the way to change the firm to a heating, air conditioning and solar thermal systems company that specializes in energy efficient environmental systems. During his career he was one of the four founders of the North Carolina Sustainable Energy association where he served as chairman in the early years of the organization. He received a Legacy Award as a founding member and Visionary Leader for Sustainable Energy in North Carolina at the organization's 30th anniversary celebration. Clarence constructed his first solar thermal collector in the late 1950's and had one of the first working solar domestic hot water systems in North Carolina on his home. He was an active member of the North Carolina Plumbing Heating and Cooling Contractors

association. He was a member of the Radiant Panel Association and was a local leader of radiant and in-floor heating systems since the company's first installations in the late 1940's. Clarence was nominated as a Radiant All Star by the Radiant Panel Association. His home and office building both reflect his passion for sustainable energy.

Clarence was a long time member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church where he was an usher for many years. He was a long time member of the Kiwanis Club for over 35 years. He was a long time Amateur Radio Operator (Ham radio operator) and a member of the local Amateur Radio Operator Club. He was a long time radio controlled airplane enthusiast and a member of the local RCNC club and traveled with his family to many regional meets. Clarence was a member of the Harold B Jarrett American Legion Post 342 and regularly attended its meetings. Clarence served on the board of directors of the Rufty Holmes Senior Center and participated in many of its activities. He was a Boy Scout Assistant Scout Master for Sacred Heart Church Local Troop 401 where he helped both of his sons achieve scouting's highest award of Eagle Scout. While a student at NC State College he developed a love of Wolf Pack Football and Basketball where he had season football tickets for over 26 years. He and his wife Barbara were avid world travelers where they visited every continent except for Antarctica.

Clarence served his country in the Korean War conflict. After he entered the Army in 1951 he was assigned to the Army Corps of Engineers where he worked as a draftsman in a company that built and maintained roads and bridges. He has also authored a book about his experiences while serving in the Corp. He was honorably discharged in 1953. In 2013 he received a medal and certificate of appreciation for serving in the Korean War at a 60th Anniversary celebration.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 62 years, Barbara Mills Beaver; sister, Genevra Kelly of Rockingham; son, Mike Beaver and wife

Sherri of Charlotte, and their children, Adam Beaver of Charleston, SC, John Beaver student of Appalachian State University; son, Trip Beaver and wife Carol of Salisbury, and their children, Sara Legler and husband Ben of Seattle, WA, Tom Beaver of Salisbury, and Robert Beaver of Raleigh.

Visitation will be held from 6-7:30PM, Friday, August 21, 2015 at Summersett Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 9:30AM, Saturday, August 22, 2015 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. A private burial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Rowan Helping Ministries, 226 N Long St, Salisbury, NC 28144.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Beaver family. Online condolences and memorial tributes may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **21**. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 633-2111
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

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“ As a former employee, everyday on the job was a great learning experience. He instructed all the guys in the shop with a gentle and confident manner and he nurtured the skills he saw in each one of us; making us better technicians and proud of the jobs we installed. His passion for solar energy was contagious and I still go on and on with anybody that will listen about the systems I installed at Beaver Bros. I'm sure right now he is probably discussing with St. Peter on the merits of switching his solar system over to a drainback system. He will be truly missed.

Jeff Emmons, former employee

Jeff Emmons - August 28, 2015 at 11:06 AM

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“ Barbara and family. my sympathy and prayers are with you as you try to deal with God's promises during this difficult time. I always enjoyed hearing about yours and Clarence's travel. Keep those times in your memory as you had a good long life together .I pray that I will continue to see you at the pool in the near future.

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“ We are sorry to hear Clarence has passed. He befriended our family when we moved to Salisbury and we appreciated and valued his friendship. Our sympathy, prayers and best wishes are with you and your family during this difficult time.

*Bowers Consulting
Mike, Fred and Jean Bowers*

Jean Bowers - August 21, 2015 at 08:43 AM

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“ I have had the pleasure of knowing Clarence for many years, both personal and business.

He was always willing to share his vast knowledge of the HVAC business and taught me much through our conversations. He would even show up at our store with helpful teaching articles for me to read about our business. We certainly will miss him, but his goodness lives strong through his family!!! Love and prayers to the Beavers from Scott Maphis and family, and Virginia Air Distributors!

Scott Maphis - August 20, 2015 at 08:43 AM