



Everett Wayne Beal

December 12, 1928 - August 25, 2022

Everett Wayne Beal, 93, of Dix, passed away Thursday, August 25, 2022, at his home.

He was born December 12, 1928, in Mt. Vernon, the son of Roy and Ruby (Tinsley) Beal. On June 10, 1950, he married Viola Bandy, and she preceded him in death on February 15, 2000. He later married Mary Ann Riley Sanders on December 1, 2002, and she survives in Dix.

Mr. Beal was a farmer, and was a bus driver for 38 and a half years. He attended Forest Hill School, and Mt. Vernon Township High School, and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a member of Kell Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon.

In addition to his wife, Mary Ann Beal of Dix, he is survived by three sons, David Beal and wife Elizabeth of Centralia, Gary Lee Beal of Texico, Mark Beal of Mt. Vernon; four step-children, Peggy Wilson, Donna Myers, Nancy Gilliams, and Dwayne Sanders; grandchildren, Jonathan Beal and wife Kerri of Hoffman, Joshua Beal of Mt. Vernon, Esther Taylor and husband Jim of Hoyleton, Sarah Newbury of Dix, Andy Beal and wife Kristy of Mulvane, Kansas, Heather Stukenbroeker and husband Robert of Collinsville, Tyler Beal and wife Mindy of Centralia, Jacob Beal and wife Andrea of Key West, Florida, and Matthew Beal of Centralia; twenty great-grandchildren; several great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Effie Mae Austin and husband Chalon of Texico; and sister-in-law, Phyllis Beal of Mt. Vernon.

In addition to his first wife, Viola Beal, he was preceded in death by his

parents; brother, Charles Beal; and infant brother, Edwin Beal.

Funeral services for Mr. Beal will be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, August 29, 2022, at Osborn Funeral Home in Dix, with Rev. Jerry Montgomery and Rev. Henry Hall officiating. Burial will follow at East Salem Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., Sunday, August 28, 2022, at the funeral home. Memorial gifts may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or the Alzheimer's Association, and will be accepted at the service, or by mail to the Osborn Funeral Home, P.O. Box 130, Dix, Illinois 62830. Online condolences may be made at www.osbornfuneral.com, or on the Osborn Funeral Home Facebook page.

Cemetery Details

East Salem Cemetery

Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 28. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Osborn Funeral Home
322 North Main Street
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

JG

“ I'm proud to say I knew Wayne Beal. He was my bus driver from 1977-1985. Granted, I was looking thru a kid's eyes: but he was a fine example of an honest, hard-working, kind, patient, skilled, reliable, and very capable man. Each of those characteristics I just mentioned has a story (or stories) to back it up.

Here's just a few:

I can recall more than one time being on the icy back roads @Boyd and Wayne stopping to help pull someone out of the ditch with the school bus. I distinctly remember him making sure all us kids were calm and aware of the situation, then him grabbing his big gloves and a length of chain and watching him from the bus windows as he got to helping.

Wayne was kind and calm in speaking, but when he needed to handle professional business, he wouldn't take short cuts. Even in seemingly small things, like approaching train tracks: every railroad track was stopped at/creaky folding door opened. If we were goofing off, Wayne would let us know we weren't going across those tracks until it was quiet and he could hear (for our own safety). He was also balanced: he knew we were kids and wanted to have fun, but we had to be respectful to each other.

More than once we'd have to cross moving water, or the grade of an icy turn or hill had to be overcome. We never got stuck. We never slid off the road. We always got to and from school safely--for over 8 years that I can speak of.

You always felt safe with Wayne.

If he ever missed a day of work or was sick, I don't recall when. I can't remember a "substitute" bus driver filling in. He was so reliable and consistent that as a young boy I took him for granted. It wasn't until years later it dawned on me that he was farming the whole time and that he was much more than a good man and bus driver.

And part of my love of big trucks and manual transmissions came from miles of looking up the isle at Wayne shifting those gears and using the diff splitter. He could really drive.

Often when it was my turn to be dropped off, I would hang out up front next to him and chat. He always had something encouraging or fun to talk about.

I look forward to seeing him again and thanking him for taking such good care of us.

So my little window into his life wasn't much, but please know if you're reading this, that I'm very happy for you if Wayne was part of your life. You are surely better for it.

-John Galambos

John Galambos - August 28, 2022 at 06:40 PM

TT

Completely accurate. Well said John .

Ty Tinsley - August 28, 2022 at 07:47 PM

CC

Wayne was my bus driver 3rd thru 8th grade at Rome when all the 1 room schools were consolidated and Rome opened as a new school. Not sure of the year Rome opened

Cheryll Campbell - August 29, 2022 at 10:27 PM

RM

“ Wayne was a good man. He was my school bus driver for the entire time (K-8) I was in grade school at Rome. I greeted him every morning when I got on the bus with, "Mornin' Wayne" and every afternoon when he dropped me back off at home with "See ya Wayne."

I remember a couple times, after school in the afternoons, before we left the school, he had to get off the bus for a few mins to go talk to a fellow bus driver or other school staff. He told me he was leaving me in charge until he came back. There was no such thing as bus monitors (or need for them) way back then, kids on the bus were respectful & well behaved in those days.

Wayne got me & my schoolmates to school in the mornings & home again in the afternoons safely in the worst weather conditions for many years. They didn't cancel school at the first sign of snowflake or flood back then like they do these days... and I lived, like most of my schoolmates, out in the sticks.

I have thought of him from time to time throughout the years since the last time he dropped me off at home way back in probably May of '85 & thought I should go visit him & thank him for getting me to school & back home safe every school day for 9yrs, but just never got around to doing it 😞.

I don't normally do visitations/funerals, but I think I may just have to make an exception... to tell Wayne Beal thanks & see ya Wayne one last time.

Robbie Modglin - August 27, 2022 at 08:05 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Everett Wayne Beal.*



August 27, 2022 at 08:43 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Everett Wayne Beal.*



August 26, 2022 at 09:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Everett Wayne Beal.*



August 26, 2022 at 04:44 PM



“ *The Taylor Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Everett Wayne Beal.*



The Taylor Family - August 26, 2022 at 02:42 PM

YF

“ *Your ChadNic Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Everett Wayne Beal.*



Your ChadNic Family - August 26, 2022 at 11:38 AM

JD

“ *When I was the youth pastor at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, I drove a school bus at Rome. Wayne was the guy that was in charge of the busses. He took me under his wing, and showed me the ropes of bus driving. He was a good man. He always had a smile on his face, and he was a good witness for Christ.*

Jim Duncan - August 26, 2022 at 10:24 AM