



A.M. "Ike" Beem

November 12, 1925 - December 4, 2013

A.M. "Ike" Beem of Cadillac passed away Wednesday morning, December 4, 2013 at his home. He was 88. Ike was born November 12, 1925 in Big Rapids to John M. & Winona (Foster) Beem. He grew up in Gould City and Mesick and graduated from Mesick High School.

In 1943 Ike joined the United States Army and served until 1948 doing two tours during World War II. He was at Randolph Air Force Base in Texas as well as being stationed overseas in Germany. He returned from the war to Manton and began his truck driving career in 1949 with ATL and retired from ANR in 1986. He was known on the "CB" radio as "Pinecone" which carries on with him until this day.

In 1953 Ike bought his home on Berry Lake where he was always known as the "Mayor of Berry Lake". He enjoyed fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, boating, gardening, wine making, and music with his harmonica, and card playing. After his retirement he enjoyed selling Christmas trees in Louisiana with his son, Mark for 16 years. And he loved spending time with his wife Deanna, his five children, six grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

On April 30, 1966 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Cadillac (where he was a member) he married the former Deanna D. Williams and she survives him along with his children: Randy (Shawn) Beem of Charlotte, Dianna (Beem)

Helsel, Mark (Heather) Beem all of Lake City, Wade Beem and Bethany (Dennis) Hook all of Cadillac; grandchildren: Mimi Brennen, Heidi Beem (Brett), Heather (Tom) Julson, Troy (Stacy) Helsel, Jesse Gandy and Lauren Horan; great grandchildren: Erica, Julia, Ally, Erin, Colton, Chase, Reegan and Rylee; many nieces and nephews. As Ike went to his heavenly home he was embraced by his parents, a brother, Arlo, a sister, Moyna, son-in-law, Joe Helsel, grandson, Adam Helsel and his mother-in-law and father-in-law.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Monday, December 9, 2013 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Cadillac with Reverend Joel Hess officiating. His final resting place will be Soper Cemetery in Wexford County. Friends may meet the family from 4-7 PM Sunday at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac. Memorial contributions may be made to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church or to Hospice of Michigan. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ *Extending our sympathy on your loss.*

Jerry and Peg Jackson - January 07, 2014 at 10:17 AM

SN

“ *We are thinking of you, so sorry for your loss. Hope to get with you in the spring/summer. If we can do anything please call us.*

Sarah and Robyn Niles - December 24, 2013 at 03:52 PM

CF

“ *Beem family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Ike. He was a great friend and a devoted church family member. He wil be greatly missed.*

Carolyn Mulder and family - December 11, 2013 at 05:25 PM

DA

“ *So sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

Doris (Kibbe) Ayres - December 10, 2013 at 07:30 AM

TH

“ *going to miss Ike alot. after all those years of working for him he became family. rest in peace*

Tim & Lisa Hebert - December 09, 2013 at 05:26 PM

AL

“ It was truly an honor to know Mr. Ike. The memories of him and his Christmas trees will always be cherished. We are so sorry for your loss. God bless.

Andrew & Mallory Langlois - December 08, 2013 at 08:59 PM

MB

“ We have lost an honorary Louisiana family member. We will carry Ike in our hearts always.

Mark & Penny Baudoin - December 08, 2013 at 08:15 PM

PH

“ Our hearts here in Louisiana are heavy. We are going to miss Ike so much. Our prayers go out to you at this time.

Phil & Laura Hebert - December 08, 2013 at 08:12 PM

PL

“ The world is such a dimmer place without our beloved Ike in it. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless you all.

Pam & Bucky Odom, Lafayette, La - December 08, 2013 at 05:41 PM

RB

“ You will be missed, Ike. You were always such a happy and smiling person with a good story to share.

Rich & Susan Baldwin - December 08, 2013 at 03:12 PM

BF

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What a guy"

We both enjoyed the time spent with Ike on the tree lot and the fence company. Wishing the family peace.

Bob and Pam Flint - December 08, 2013 at 02:52 PM

BG

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We are so sorry for your loss. May God bless the family at this time and through out the year.

Bettyjo Witosynski & Jerel Grant - December 06, 2013 at 09:04 AM

JS

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A truely wonderful guy. I'

ll have to wait my turn to see Ike in heaven. I'

m sure he has at least one more funny story to tell me. God bless Ike and his family.

Jack Speelman - December 05, 2013 at 04:55 PM