



Larry B. Beans

May 18, 1936 - December 21, 2023

"Together Again"

Larry B. Beans, age 87 formerly of Mentor, OH, passed away December 21, 2023 at Maple Ridge Senior Living in Willoughby, OH. He was born on May 18, 1936 in Chester County, PA.

He graduated from West Chester (PA) High School in 1954. He then enlisted and served in the U.S. Air Force for the next four years, including an intensive 7 month Chinese language course at Yale University, followed by an 18 month duty tour on the Japanese Island of Okinawa.

He attended and graduated from Penn State University, in 1962, with a BS degree in Forest Management. He was then employed by Caterpillar, Inc., Peoria, IL, where he completed field sales administrative assignments in Mississippi and then in Missouri. He and his family transferred to the former Caterpillar Lift Truck operation in Mentor in 1974 where he worked the remainder of his 30-year career in various product development, marketing and sales positions.

Upon retirement from Caterpillar in 1992, he was employed by Taylor Machine Works Inc., in Louisville, Mississippi as Director of Sales for Europe, Australia and Asia. He spent the next eight years marketing internationally, Taylors

large lift trucks and container handlers, visiting a total of 23 different countries around the world before his final retirement in 2000.

Mr. Beans had been a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Mentor. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. In retirement, he nurtured the skills to build museum quality wood sailing ship models and also enjoyed model trains, reading, gardening and exercise walking.

Survivors include his daughter Janice (Tom) Despenes of Rome, OH; brother, Bruce (Kathy) of Norfolk, MA; Sister-in-Law, Bea of PA; five beloved grandchildren, Tom (Sue), Dan (Kathi) and Chris (Kayla) Despenes and David (Erin) and Sarah Beans and ten great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Irene, whom he married on Sept. 3, 1960 in West Chester, PA, his son David and his brother, Ken.

A private family graveside service will be held at a later date in Mentor Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Hospice of the Western Reserve, P.O. Box 72101, Cleveland 44192; donate online at www.hospicewr.org/

Arrangements entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Mentor, OH. Offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

Mentor Cemetery

6881 Hopkins Rd.
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 974-5733

Tribute Wall

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Larry for many years at Mitsubishi/Caterpillar in Mentor. He was a pleasure to work alongside and his many contributions both at work and to the community will be greatly missed. Condolences to his family.
Ken Rosenberg

Kenneth Rosenberg - December 31, 2023 at 10:54 AM

JS

“ My deepest sympathy on the loss of a wonderful man. I had the pleasure of being his dental hygienist for most of his years in the Mentor area. Always enjoyed talking with Larry and know he will be missed by all who knew him. Janet Short

Janet Short - December 28, 2023 at 08:42 AM

JD

Thank you Janet for your kind words.
Janice Despenes (Daughter)

Janice Despenes - December 29, 2023 at 10:05 PM

OA

Our condolences to the Beans Family. Larry and I covered some of the same territory for CAT starting over 50 years ago, when he and his family lived in Jackson, MS and we lived in Memphis. He was a great guy and friend of many. May God bless his soul and family. Orley Aten

Orley Aten - December 31, 2023 at 01:04 PM

MB

I just happened to see this post today and I am so sorry to see that Larry passed away. I called him, when my husband, Bob, seen their picture in the St. Mary's Directory book several years ago, as we were members there too. I called to see if we may be related but was never able to get together, as so many things happened after that. My deepest sympathy to the family!

Mary Beans Blankschaen 440-221-1115

Mary Blankschaen - January 08, 2024 at 09:01 AM