



William Morris Beck

October 12, 1936 - April 12, 2009

William Morris “Moose” Beck, Jr., 72, of Fort Payne passed away April 12, 2009. He was born October 12, 1936 to the late William M. Beck, Sr. and Vera Inez Isbell. Mr. Beck was raised in the First Baptist Church of Fort Payne and was a life-long member there. He graduated DeKalb County High School in 1955 where he was named to the All-State football team and played basketball in the 1954 state championship game. He attended Auburn University for one year before transferring to the University of Alabama in 1956 to accomplish a pre-law/business degree with an undergraduate in economics. While in college he was an R.O.T.C. cadet, and member of the business school fraternity, legal fraternity, and greek fraternity. Mr. Beck graduated law school at the University of Alabama in 1961 and began his legal practice which he maintained until his time of death. During his practice, he and his father the late W.M. Beck, Sr., handled the first federal civil rights landmark case, known as the “Freedom Walker Case”. Mr. Beck served in the Alabama Legislature from 1966 until 1970, and also served as City Judge for various Dekalb County municipalities. He later collaborated with a local banker, Mr. Harry Brock, to develop the corporate structure for what became Central Bank of the South, now known as BBVA Compass, and in 1978 began his own banking career. He was a board member of Tri-State Bancshares that owns and operates the Bank of Dade in Trenton, GA. He was a former board member of Dekalb Bank from 1980 until 2005, during which he became active in the Federal Legislative Banking Committee. He was also a member of the Fort Payne Masonic Lodge. Mr. Beck considered his greatest accomplishment as being a grand dad to his two grandchildren. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 14 at First Baptist Church with Dr. Pat McFadden and Rev. Keith Dodd officiating. Burial will follow in Glenwood Cemetery. The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to First Baptist Church, 106 Grand Avenue NW, Fort Payne, AL 35967. He is survived by his wife of 51 years Ramona Dodd Beck; son and daughter-in-law Gene and Alison Beck; grandchildren Bethany Eugenia Beck and John Dodd Beck; brother and sister-in-law Robert Daniel and Nel Beck; and sister Frances Beck Jagoe. He was preceded in death by his son William Morris Beck III. Wilson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, online guestbook, www.wilsonfhinc.com

Tribute Wall



“ *William Morris Beck*

January 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM

BL

“ *Ramona, I am so sorry for your loss..I have known Morris for several years. I enjoyed assisting Dr. Roebuck when he did dental work on Morris. He was always smiling when he came to the office. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers!!*

Betty Lowery - April 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Mrs. Beck, Gene, and Family, I just want you to know that we are thinking of you during this time of sorrow. The family lost a great man as did the community. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Jay & Fredia Ham*

Jay Ham - April 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ *My thoughts are with all of you.*

Joe Venable - April 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Sorry to hear about your loss. Know we are thinking of you and your family. May God's grace embrace you during this time.*

Beth and Danny Mince - April 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Sorry for the great loss to your family. When we first came to Fort Payne in 1973 what wonderful neighbors we were blessed with. Our Walter and Janise have always been grateful for your children and the acceptance shown by them. od bless all!*

Jan an Frank Merkle - April 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Dear Mrs. Beck, Gene and family, I loved Mr. Beck, he always had a smile and a kind word every time I saw him. He was interested in people and what was going on in their lives. He will be so missed in our community. My prayers are with you during this difficult time. Love, kim shugart

Kim Shugart - April 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ We were so sorry for your loss and want you to know that your family is in our prayers. Love, The Roe's

Bryan & Melissa Roe - April 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Ramona and family. I am so sorry about Morris, I loved him and considered him a friend for many years. I love you and my prayers are with you. Dot Norrell

Dot Norrell - April 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ I was glad I got to talk to Moose on my recent trip to Fort Payne. He seemed in good spirits and seemed to be doing well. He was someone that always had a kind word or a kind deed every time we met. You are all in our prayers as you move through this time.

Bert Ledford - April 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ I'm very sorry to hear of Mr. Beck's passing. Although it has been many years, I still have fond memories of him and I know he will be missed. On occasion, I recall times spent at your house when we were neighbors (quite a nice feeling for the new kid from Georgia) and later as a teen and young adult at the house out on the river. He made sure we were taken care of and stayed out of trouble and he always made me feel welcome. You will certainly be in my thoughts and prayers. Love is immortal and lives within us forever. God bless and keep you. Walter

Walter Merkle - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ I am sorry for your loss but I know Moose is smiling at all of us. It was good to get to talk to him when I was recently in Fort Payne. You are all in our prayers...

Bert Ledford - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ My prayers and thoughts are with your family at this sad and difficult time. Mr. Beck was a wonderful man and my father and mother (Dr. and Mrs. G.I. Weatherly thought so much of him and the whole family. May your wonderful memories sustain you during this time of loss.

Mary Margaret Weatherly Cork - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I am so sorry for your loss.

Sarah Jacoway Chastain - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Your entire family is in our thoughts and prayers. With love, Heath, Ashley, Maddie & Meredith Jackson

Ashley Griggs Jackson - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ I extend my sympathy Grace Poe

Grace Poe - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I was shocked and saddened to learn of Morris passing on to the other side. What a great day to go as we celebrate the resurrection. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Remember that we blow out the candle because the son has risen.

Mark Stewart - April 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM