



Albert "Cecil" Emerson

March 24, 1941 - June 18, 2022

Albert "Cecil" Emerson, 81, of Leesburg peacefully passed away on Sunday, June 18, 2022. He was born in Leesburg, Florida on March 24, 1941 to Christopher Ray and Mattie Ward Emerson. Cecil attended Lake County Schools and graduated from Leesburg High School in 1959. He attended Ocala Junior College then transferred to Auburn University, studying agriculture with an emphasis on animal husbandry, before returning to Leesburg to work on the family's ranches and orange groves and help manage the family store, Emerson Grocery and Market. After leaving the family business he went to work for Certified Grocers which was acquired by Eli Witt then later obtained by H.T. Hackney.

Cecil was a devoted husband to Gail Brande Emerson for 61 years. He was a loving father and dedicated to his family. He is survived by his son, Jeff (Margaret) of Leesburg, and two daughters, Sandra Fechtel (Eric) of Grand Island, and Susan Andrews of Altoona. Cecil was blessed with seven grandchildren, Jennifer Elmatti, Austin Wood, Kevin Fechtel, Morgan Emerson, Trace Andrews, Scott Fechtel, and Braelyn Andrews. He has two great granddaughters, River Elmatti and Kylie Fechtel. He is also survived by his brother Jerry (Charliene) of Ocala and several nieces and nephews, their children and families. He was predeceased by his parents and siblings; Virginia, Ray, Jimmie, and his infant twin brother.

Cecil enjoyed hunting, fishing and was a sports enthusiast, especially boxing, baseball, football, and golf. He was passionate about current political news

and events. He had immeasurable pride and love for his family. He will be deeply missed.

Beyers Funeral Home, located at 1123 West Main Street Leesburg, FL is overseeing the arrangements. A family and friends gathering will be held on June 30, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. followed by a Celebration of Life service at 5:00 p.m. officiated by Gary Blanchard. There will be a reception after the service at First Baptist Church Leesburg in the Fellowship Hall 220 N. 13th Street, Leesburg, FL. Donations to First Baptist Church Christian Care Center or Cornerstone Hospice are appreciated as are flowers.

The family would like to express a huge thank you to everyone for all the prayers, phone calls, cards and text messages. Please continue to pray for them during this difficult time.

Previous Events

Family and Friends

JUN **30**. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Leesburg, FL 34748
(352) 787-4343

Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Albert "Cecil" Emerson*



Beyers Funeral Home - June 22, 2022 at 07:50 AM

BS

“ *Gail,
Just want you to know you and family are in our prayers. It was so good to see yall at Dot Dot's celebration, and your reaching out to me was so kind. All these years we had love and respect for the same folks, Dot Dot and her Jim, so special.
May God continue to bless you.
Barbara Stegall*

Barbara Stegall - July 02, 2022 at 06:05 PM



“ *Cecil was certainly blessed to have Gail and Gail was equally blessed to have Cecil-- such a long loving marriage. May God's blessings continue to shower on him in heaven and guide Gail and her family forward. Debra Hartley Fuqua*

D Hartley Fuqua - June 30, 2022 at 08:26 AM

CM

“ I know you are with Our Lord Jesus. I thank him that he let me share part of your life. I will miss you and think of you often. I have nothing but good memories of you. Cindy Martinez

Cindy Martinez - June 29, 2022 at 01:46 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Albert "Cecil" Emerson.



June 28, 2022 at 07:54 AM

JC

“ Jerry and Charlene purchased the With Distinction for the family of Albert "Cecil" Emerson.



Jerry and Charlene - June 27, 2022 at 02:01 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Albert "Cecil" Emerson.



June 22, 2022 at 08:09 AM