



Ivan Earnest Beyers

April 14, 1923 - April 27, 2017

Ivan E. Beyers, Jr. 94, was born in Umatilla, FL April 14, 1923 and passed on Thursday, April 27, 2017. He was a lifelong resident of Lake County and moved from Umatilla in 1931 to Leesburg. He graduated Leesburg High School in 1941 where he played basketball and played in the high school band. He attended the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science and he then joined the Navy and served in the Pacific during WWII. After the war, he became 2nd generation owner of the family funeral home. He worked there almost all of his adult life and never truly retired, serving thousands of families during their time of need.

He married Marjorie M. Leuty in 1943 and had a loving 60 year marriage. She predeceased him in 2003. In 2004 he married Ruth Musick and they enjoyed the remainder of his life together.

He was a 60 year member and past president and Paul Harris Fellow of the Leesburg Rotary Club, past president of the Leesburg Chamber and Lake County Chamber of Commerce, past member of the Florida Funeral Directors of Florida and member of the Independent Funeral Directors of Florida. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Leesburg where he sang in the choir for over 60 years. He was recipient of the George O. Pringle Community Service Award and Lake County Business Hall of Fame in 2009 and the Clyde Lankford award for Funeral Service. He enjoyed fishing and hunting and took many annual trips to Wyoming, Colorado and Georgia. He was a proud member of the NRA.

Ivan was also predeceased by his sisters, Louise Beyers and Floreide Jansen.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; son, Roger A.(Heather) Beyers of Fruitland Park; daughter, Nancy B. (Rod) Dyer of Montgomery, AL; step children, Ron (Sandi) Musick, Beverly Becker, Ruth (James) Knecht, Wayne (Rebekah) Musick; brother, Robert of Winter Garden; nine grandchildren, Heather (Jeffery) Henderson, Kevin (April) Dyer, Haley (Barry) Hartmann, Kyle(Teresa) Dyer, Roger A. Beyers, Jr., William I. Beyers, Andrew (Jaime) Laver, Sarah Mathis and Douglas Laver and fifteen great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Monday, May 1 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at Beyers Funeral Home Chapel, Leesburg with a funeral service on Tuesday, May 2 at 11:00 am at First Presbyterian Church, Leesburg. Burial with Military Honors will follow at Lone Oak Cemetery.

For those who wish memorials may be made to Rotary Foundation, Rotary Club of Leesburg, P.O. Box 491213, Leesburg, FL 34749-1213 or First Presbyterian Church of Leesburg Worship and Music Fund, 200 S. Lone Oak Drive, Leesburg, FL 34748.

Tribute Wall

CF

“ Dear Beyers Family,

Please accept our deepest sympathy on the loss of you beloved family member.

I did not have the pleasure of meeting Mr. Beyers, but I can see that he was a wonderful person.

Cathy Grass and Family - May 03, 2017 at 03:14 PM

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Cathy Grass and Family - May 03, 2017 at 03:14 PM

CH

“ Nancy and family and Roger and family,

Heartfelt sympathy at this time of sorrow. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless you all.

Clara and Jerry

Clara and Jerry Hubbard - May 03, 2017 at 02:06 PM

DF

“ Roger,
My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family. May God
richly bless.
David Fry

David Fry - May 02, 2017 at 10:41 AM

PA

“ Sending prayers for family for strength and comfort during this time.
Glad I got to meet Mr. Beyers once. I'm thankful for Heaven.

Pat Anderson - May 02, 2017 at 12:20 AM

PH

“ Dear Beyers Family,
May you find peace on the other side of sorrow.
And most of all, know that love lives on in the memories of the
heart.
With Deepest Sympathy and prayers to all.
Patti

Patti Haight - May 01, 2017 at 12:20 PM

QE

“ Roger...sorry for your Loss...I hope that you and your family find
time in the near future to think back on the moments ya'll
shared...I'm sure it will put a smile on everyone's face and help fill a
spot in your heart

Quinn Eagan - May 01, 2017 at 10:43 AM

AS

“ *My deepest and most heartfelt sympathies to all the Beyers' Family in the loss of such a caring and wonderful patriarch! Mr. Beyers was so helpful and such a calming presence when my parents passed away. I know he is resting peacefully in God's arms.*

Anne Louise Smith - May 01, 2017 at 09:55 AM

BZ

“ *Please accept our most heartfelt sympathy in the loss of Mr. Beyers. His goodness and kindness will be missed.*

Brad & Maribel Zahn - May 01, 2017 at 08:56 AM

DM

“ *Our prayers and love surround you at this time. Your dad left such a wonderful legacy for years to come. A godly man who is now complete as he abides with his Savior.*

Don and Debbie McLean - April 30, 2017 at 05:07 PM

PH

“ *We will sorely miss Uncle Ivan. He was a great man.*



Peggy and Doug Hasley - April 30, 2017 at 01:14 PM

SH

“ *A long life, well lived, filled with friends and loved ones is a tribute to all. The Angels in heaven rejoice with him in their midst. I*



Sue Geiger h - April 30, 2017 at 07:48 AM

DJ

“ *Our sympathies to you, Roger, Heather, R.J. and family. You all are precious to us and we sorrow with you. May you have sweet and valuable memories. God bless you. We will be praying.*



Dave & Susan Johnson - April 29, 2017 at 10:06 PM

DB

“ *To Roger and all Family members: So sorry to hear about Mr.Beyers passing. He was such a nice man and kind Funeral Director. I know that he will be missed by many. He's now with God and will be "waiting by the river". With Love & respect. Donna*

Donna Bryce - April 29, 2017 at 09:55 PM

MT

“ *Thoughts & Prayers for the Beyers family.*



Melinda Tillman - April 29, 2017 at 07:35 PM

CJ

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Beyers. As he and your family have helped so many others in their time of need, I hope you find solace and peace in yours

Cliff Johnson - April 29, 2017 at 07:23 PM

FG

“ Rest in peace my friend. You and my Dad, Ross Golden had many great hunting trips together. Frank Golden

Frank Golden - April 29, 2017 at 07:04 PM

KH

“ He was a wonderful man. I remember him teaching me first aid when I was in high school. He did my brothers funeral in 2/1961. His support was a blessing in this tragic accident.

Later Beyers did both of my parents service. My sympathy to you all. You can be proud of him.

Kay Herlong - April 29, 2017 at 03:47 PM

RS

“ Although we only know Roger through seeing and talking at the Opry our deepest sympathies to the whole Beyers family.



Rick and Claudia Stratman - April 29, 2017 at 01:11 PM

LS

“ Sincere condolences to each family member and friend. Those who were fortunate to have 'grown up' in the presence of the Ivan Beyers, Jr. family remember well the faith, kindness and full community service for which they were famous; albeit much was unadvertised. Mr. Beyers and his bride offered full run of his main home for our cub scout meetings. He and his are well remembered. A crisp military salute is offered in memoriam sir.



L. Pierce Standridge - April 29, 2017 at 12:30 PM

CF

“ We are sorry for your loss. You are all in our prayers.



Charles Griner and family - April 29, 2017 at 11:53 AM

LW

“ Love & hugs to all the Beyers family. I know you will miss him dearly.



Lisa Wiley - April 29, 2017 at 11:42 AM

HM

“ My condolences to Ivan's family. I had the privilege of knowing Ivan thru Rotary. I sat at the "Old folks" table with him as I accompanied Wendy Husebo to Rotary. Those were fun and memorable times. Rest in piece and prayers for your loss.

Helen Meyer - April 29, 2017 at 10:00 AM

DH

“ To the Beyers Family, sorry to hear of the passing of your father and loved one, my prayers are with you and the whole family at this time. .Debbie Hunter

Debbie Hunter - April 29, 2017 at 09:36 AM

SW

“ Roger & family, please except our deepest condolence. You and family are in our prayers.
Scott & Edna

Scott Whitehead - April 29, 2017 at 09:08 AM

AA

“ Roger and Nancy,
What a beautiful legacy your father left you both and your families. What a great life lived and lasting community impact. Literally thousands of families touched by his loving presence. And what a great business he built here in central Florida to help families in their deepest time of need. I rejoice in the hope of the resurrection and seeing Ivan in his new body and his new home.

Art and Kelly Ayris - April 29, 2017 at 08:50 AM

BM

“ *Your Dad, Ivan, was an amazing man and I feel privileged to have known him. I will keep the Beyers family in my thoughts and prayers.*



Barb Nesbitt & Marie Messina - April 29, 2017 at 08:47 AM

NT

“ *To all the Beyers family, I am so very sorry for the loss of the patriarch of your wonderful family. Mr. Beyers has always been one of the most loved and respected men I have ever known, a perfect example of a gentleman. My sincere condolences to you all.*



Nancy Tucker - April 29, 2017 at 08:36 AM

JJ

“ *Thoughts & prayers for all of the Beyers Family!!!*



Jeff & Lynn Rigdon Jordan - April 29, 2017 at 03:18 AM

EM

“ *May he Rest In Peace. God Bless him.*



Erin McCann - April 28, 2017 at 08:53 PM

EM

“ I feel like a part of the family. Beyers has handled my family's and a few friends services. They were all so caring and went above and beyond to comfort and care for us and our loved one's. Ivan handled my grandmother and Grandfather's funeral's and was such a kind hearted man. My prayers are with the family in your time of sorrow and bereavement. May God Bless this man that has done so much for our families.

Erin McCann - April 28, 2017 at 08:52 PM

AM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.



Adam, Jenni and Emilie Martin - April 28, 2017 at 07:39 PM

RS

“ RIP you will always be in my heart



Roger Smith - April 28, 2017 at 07:06 PM

RB

“ With much love and admiration we say farewell and God bless you dad. You'll be greatly missed.



Roger and Heather Beyers - April 28, 2017 at 07:05 PM

RS

“ Roger and Nancy, I'm sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories as a young kid of you and the entire family. I know he is now in a better place. I understand your pain. Please call on me if I can do anything to help you guys. Love you and will miss him also

Roger Smith - April 28, 2017 at 07:04 PM

AB

“ WHEN I WAS ABLE TO TRAVEL ON A REGULAR BASIS TO LEESBURG AS CONTROL CHEMICAL CO, FUNERAL TRIBUTE CO AND REPRESENTED MANY SUPPLIERS STARTING IN 1967 IVAN ALWAYS TREATED ME AS FAIRLY AS ANYONE THAT I HAVE EVER CALLED UPON. HE WAS A TRUE GENTLEMEN AND A PLEASURE TO DEAL WITH. IF THEY SHOWED A PICTURE OF A FUNERAL DIRECTOR IN THE DICTIONARY, IVAN'S PICTURE SHOULD BE THE ONE. WE WILL ALL MISS HIM.

AUGUST "AUGIE" BOTTIGER - April 28, 2017 at 06:11 PM

BW

“ Nancy and family. i am so sorry to hear about your dads passing. my prayers will go out to you .He will be deeply missed.

barbara watson - April 28, 2017 at 05:23 PM

BT

“ Roger and family, Heartfelt condolences for the loss of Ivan. Many wonderful hours were spent in his company during hunting trips and other special times, and he will truly be missed by us all.

Bob Taylor and Nancy Taylor Trumbull - April 28, 2017 at 05:01 PM

DL

“ Roger, We are grateful you were blessed to have your dad for so many years. We pray the same loving God will grant your family comfort and peace during this time.

Deloris Z. Lewis-Ray - April 28, 2017 at 04:39 PM

MF

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to all of the Beyers family in your time of loss. May you find peace and comfort in happy memories of times gone by. May your father and grandfather rest in peace. God bless you all.



Melissa Fuller - April 28, 2017 at 03:17 PM

FG

“ Roger and family,
Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all during this difficult time. He was a very special person and we will miss him.



Fred and Mary Ann Giel - April 28, 2017 at 03:16 PM

RC

“ Roger and Family, I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Ivan passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to you during this time of grief.

Robert Cook - April 28, 2017 at 03:06 PM

JR

“ Roger, sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. He was, and will always be, a legend in our profession. He helped pave the way for many of us.



Jack Roland - April 28, 2017 at 02:40 PM

BR

“ My deepest condolences to your family.



Bill Roland - April 28, 2017 at 02:29 PM