



## John William Beekman

June 28, 1922 - September 24, 2019

John William Beekman (97) passed on September 24, 2019. He was born in 1922 in Portsmouth Ohio, but called Dayton, Ohio his home until his move to Florida in 1977. He was preceded in death by his parents; Cecil and Easter Beekman, sister Margaret Schillinger, and brother Junior Beekman; also his wife and mother of his children, Nelle B. Slusher Beekman, and wife Virginia Guilbault.

He is survived by two daughters and their husbands; Rebecca "Becky" Mercier (Del); Mary Jo Hughes (Tim); and step-daughter Nancy Morris (Randy). He was also blessed with 4 grandchildren; Heather Rodgers (J.J.), Taylor Hughes (Jenny), Travis Hughes and Marc Mercier (Taylor), 5 great grandchildren; Tyler, Kyle and Ayden Rodgers, Kelsey Sutton and Knolan Hughes. Additionally, a special niece Michele "Little Debbie" Taylor (David); a very special friend, Wanda Clark and others from Lake Port Square who he considered as family.

John was a loving husband and father and a true gentleman who had quite a dry sense of humor. He was a WWII, Korean and Cuban Crisis Veteran. He retired from the Department of Defense after serving decades as an experimental aircraft technician on B23's, B29's, B52's, C131's, C141's and the C5A.

John remained active until his last hours enjoying jigsaw puzzles, cribbage, horseshoes, pool, pinochle, and in earlier years, golf and bowling. He was a competitive sport in all of his endeavors and enjoyed teaching moments giving "suggestions" to others.

No services are scheduled at this time, however a memorial celebration of his life will be held at a later date at the Town Hall at Lake Port Square. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Gift Fund @ Lake Port Square East.

Online condolences may be left at [www.beyersfuneralhome.com](http://www.beyersfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg, FL

# Tribute Wall

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“ I'm terribly sorry to hear of "Uncle Bill's" passing. I have such great memories of he and his family from when I was younger, including playing with Taylor and Travis in the front yard, and all the pictures of planes hung on his walls. It was great to see and reconnect with him at Taylor's wedding.

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