



James Beason

February 5, 1934 - November 17, 2023

Matt 25:23 KJV. His Lord said unto him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; ... enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

James Monroe Beason, 89, beloved husband of Frances Marie (Peace) Beason, joined the heavenly Church triumphant in the wee hours of November 17, 2023, embraced by the love of his family.

A longtime resident of Duncan, South Carolina, James was born February 5, 1934 in the Dunean Community of Greenville, SC to William Monroe Beason and Ella Mae (Smith) Beason. After moving around Georgia several times as a young child with his father, a pastor and textile machinist, and mother, a textile worker, the family settled in Greer, SC.

Upon graduating Davenport High School in Greer, SC, James entered active service for the US Armed Forces. Between 1953-1958 he served the USAF 305 Bomber Wing in many US and foreign locations as a mechanic on B47's and KC97's. From 1960 until 1974, James was a USAF Communications Specialist with the 6940th, 6950th, 6986th, 6917th and 6920th Security Groups. During those years he also taught at the 6940th Training Wing in San Angelo, TX. Following his last foreign assignment, MSGT James M. Beason retired in 1974 from San Angelo TX and moved his family home to Duncan, South Carolina.

Retirement conjures images of a life of freedom, rest, and relaxation. This was not for James. In 1974 he became a patrolman for the Town of Duncan, SC which led him to graduate from the SC Criminal Justice Academy and then

while working, pursue and earn with Cum Laude recognition a BS Criminal Justice degree from the University of South Carolina, 1980. 1980-1987 he was Chief of Police in Greer, SC. James also served the State of South Carolina 1987-1993 at what is now known as the Tyger River Correctional Institute in Enoree, SC.

James M. Beason, brilliant, dedicated, hardworking, humorous, loyal citizen, forever a student of life, was an unassuming Christian man of few words. He enthusiastically participated or watched all sports. He was also a remarkable baker (especially on holidays), and gardener.

By far, James' greatest love was for his wife of 69 ½ years, Frances and his girls, Karen (Ric) Ware, Suzanne (Rusty) Carroll and Deborah (Max III) Cauthen. Whenever and wherever he was stationed, they were soon to accompany or follow him to Florida, California, Texas, Wakkania, Japan, San Vito, Italy, Misawa, Japan, and South Carolina. "Have bags will travel" was their motto.

In addition to his wife and daughters, James is survived by 8 grandchildren: Laura W. (Seth) Abel, Bryson (Rachel) Ware, Katie C. (Richard) Rideout, Evan (Sara) Carroll, Hannah C. (Nick) Grey, Max Cauthen IV, Anne Marie C. (Jared) Matthews and Francis Oak and 8 great grandchildren ... with another due 2024. Surviving James is survived by his sister, Joy B. Holland. He is predeceased by sister Rachel B. Hendren.

We, the family, would like to recognize the doctors, nurses and caregivers of Prisma Hospitals in Greer and Greenville, the Prisma Cancer Institute in Seneca, the Pelham Medical Center in Greer and Interim HealthCare and Hospice. Without their exceptional care and compassion, we could not have navigated this last season for James, the cherished husband, father, brother, friend.

A private celebration of life will be held later by the immediate family.

Memorials and dedications may be made to Shriners Hospital in Greenville, SC, or the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

DF

“ *Frances and family,
I ran across Frances on my Facebook page and saw where Mr.
Beacon went home to his Heavenly Father.....I'm so sorry for your
loss Frances.....he was always a man of few words when y'all came
to see Dr. Molly Adams..... I enjoyed seeing you both when y'all
came to see Dr. Adams and taking care of you both.*

Just know you're in my thoughts and prayers!

*Love,
Donna Fortner
(Dr. Molly Adams Nurse)*

Donna Fortner - January 07, 2024 at 04:22 PM

KW

“ *Praying for the family. My husband worked as a police officer.*

Billy & Karen Woodward

Karen Woodward - November 24, 2023 at 08:05 PM

AA

“ Deborah and The Beason Family, I am sorry for the loss of your father. He was a well-respected leader and figure in the community for a long time and did a lot of good things for the City and the residents of Greer. I

remember meeting him when you and I worked together back in the day at Mcdonald's. May you feel Gods peace, love and compassion during this difficult time.

Respectfully,
Angie AshmoreKruise



Angie AshmoreKruise - November 22, 2023 at 03:16 AM

LR

“ My heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the family. May God's grace and peace surround you during this difficult time.

Linda C. Rovers



Linda C. Roberts - November 21, 2023 at 07:10 PM

FS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with each of the family.

Frances Southerland - November 20, 2023 at 08:12 AM

WG

“ When I worked at Greer Police Dept. I worked for Chief Benson. He was a fine man.

I am sorry for the family's loss. May God comfort each of them.

WAnda Stokes Gambrell - November 19, 2023 at 05:04 PM