



Joe William Beal Sr.

January 19, 1935 - February 6, 2017

Joe W. Beal Sr., 82, of Oskaloosa passed away late Monday evening, February 6, 2017, at the MHP Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa. Joe William Beal, son of Earl Raymond and Mona Luceal (Sharp) Beal, was born January 19, 1935, in Oskaloosa, Iowa. Joe was a 1953 graduate of Oskaloosa High School. He later earned an Associate of Arts Degree from the University of Iowa. January 29, 1952, while still in high school, Joe enlisted in the Air Force. He served as a tail gunner on a B-29 Bomber during the Korean War. On one of his flights, his plane was engaged by the enemy and six of the eleven crew members were killed; Joe was injured by shrapnel in his back during this fight. Following his discharge, February 24, 1957, he worked for a brief time at Pella Rolscreen, before taking a job as a fireman with the Oskaloosa Fire Department. Joe remained there until 1965 when he was hired as a Deputy State Fire Marshall and later transferred to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (presently known as the Department of Criminal Investigation). November 14, 1979, he was installed as Mahaska County Sheriff, a position he held until his retirement, January 20, 1993. Joe married the love-of-his-life, Edna Mae Musgrove, May 29, 1964, in Oskaloosa, where they raised their six children. He was a member of the DAV Post #21, VFW Post #2237, American Legion Post #34, the Elks Lodge, Masonic Lodge #644, National Sheriff's Association, Iowa State Sheriff and Deputies Association, and the Air Force Gunners Association. Following his retirement, Joe served as a VA shuttle driver, transporting patients to appointments. He enjoyed

attending his grandchildren's sporting events, fishing, hunting and watching NASCAR on TV. Joe's family includes his wife, Edna of Oskaloosa; his children and their spouses: Joe W. Beal, Jr. of Oskaloosa, Elizabeth L. and Jim Gibbons of Cleveland, TN, Alvin G. and Heidi Beal of Pittsfield, MA, Michele D. King of Des Moines, and Julie L. Ford of Eddyville. He is survived by 14 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren, 4 step-great-grandchildren, a great-great-granddaughter, Layla Stanzel and a sister-in-law, JoAnn Beal of Tracy. In addition to his parents and parents-in-law, Joe was preceded in death by his son, Michael E. Beal; a grandson, Colter Dalton Ford; a brother, John Beal; a daughter-in-law, Mary Beal and numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews and nieces.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joe William Beal Sr.*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *My prayers and thoughts are with your family at this difficult time.*
KATHERINE VERSTEEG

KATHERINE VERSTEEG - February 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss Gary and I will be thinking of your entire family in days ahead . Love Gary and Delores {Morgan}cundiff of Kirckville Ia*

February 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Please know our thought & prayers are with the family, and thanks for his service for many years.*

Diane - February 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Condolences to the family. Joe always gave of himself unselfishly, and the community has lost a great friend and citizen. Special thanks for his service for the veterans over all the years. I will remember my last hug from him at my father's funeral service.*

Mark Kelderman - February 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Sorry for your loss. We won't be able to make the service, but will be thinking about you at this time of loss.

Robert Mitrisin - February 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Very sorry to hear about Cousin Joe's passing. He was a fine man and Joe and I had a wonderful time talking together years ago at my dad's house John Foster Sharp. Joe's father, Uncle Earl was my favorite Uncles. Your family is in my prayers.

Robert Sharp - February 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Edna and family. So sorry to hear of Joe leaving us. He was a relative but also a dear friend . My prayers are with you. Lavoe

Lavoe Worrall - February 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Very sorry for your loss. May you find the strength and comfort in the coming days with all your wonderful memories and comfort in knowing that God walks with you always.

Jean Jack Oversby - February 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Edna and family, I can not say this with any more passion, Joe had my back and my fellow firefighters during our time of need. A very soft spoken man that could drop the hammer on those that didn't abide by the LAW. VERY VERY sad for all of the family's loss. With sympathy, Dean and Barbara BoneLake of the Ozarks , Mo.

Dean Bone - February 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

Garland - February 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to you Edna, and your family.

Diana and Leroy Shaddock - February 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Joe's family is in our thoughts & prayers. God bless you all. Cindy & Maggie

Cindy McLaurin - February 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Joe was a great guy always caring had the interest of Mahaska county when he was sheriff. He always listen to what people had to say. He was a great officer of the law truly he will be missed god bless you joe your heaven bound god is welcoming you to your new home god bless you joe

Robert Hubbell - February 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ MIKE& DEBBIE BEAL

February 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for all of you.

Cindy Mott - February 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ Joe Beal and my father Martin Beal were cousin's and shared a lot in common. They loved to visit and talk shop. The Beal family is large and strong. They I'm sure will share many stories together again. God Bless the family as we pull together to keep their larger then life stories alive as we learn to live without them. My LOVE goes out to my many Cousin's. God Bless

Nancy Ellen Beal Hegwood - February 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ You couldn't of asked for a better man than Joe. When I dispatched years ago, Joe and Ronnie C would always stop in to see me. Joe always asked how my folks were. Joe, my Dad don't remember things anymore. Writing condolences on his behalf as well. Scholtus/Lowe family.

Debra Scholtus Lowe - February 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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SJ

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of a dear family friend. I've known Joe since I was a little boy and have always looked up to him. He will be dearly missed by many and I'm sure thought of often

Steve Jones - February 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM