



Christopher H. Beeson

December 31, 1940 - March 17, 2026

Christopher Hall “Chris” Beeson, 85, went to be with the Lord, at home surrounded by his family, on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. The son of the late Wilmer Beeson and Maxine Hall Beeson, Chris was born December 31, 1940 in New Castle. A 1959 graduate of Hagerstown High School, he was a lifelong resident of Hagerstown, except for the time he spent at Taylor University, and with the Indiana National Guard, serving in the rank of Sergeant during the Vietnam War Era.

Chris was a purchasing manager for Dana Corporation for 37 years. For over 50 years, starting in 1968, he was scorekeeper for the Hagerstown Boys’ Basketball team. Friend Lloyd Michael stated, “One of the greatest thrills was when we presented him with a Hagerstown Letter Jacket for all those years as scorekeeper.” Mr. Michael continued, “As a young coach, he would have something positive to say to me about my program, and hardly ever missed a home baseball game. He loved Hagerstown Athletics and was one of our greatest supporters. He was one of my best friends.”

Chris was a lifelong public servant and community volunteer who gave selfishly of himself through dedication to the State of Indiana, Wayne County and Hagerstown. He was elected to local offices, including the Jefferson Township Advisory Board and Hagerstown Town Council. He served on Wayne County Council for more than 25 years; was Wayne County Auditor for eight years, and during that time was awarded Auditor of the Year. He was proud he never lost an election. His community service earned him multiple

awards, including The Arthur R. Himsel Award (the highest award bestowed by the AIC) in 2006; and, The Sagamore of the Wabash, an award for distinguished humanity in living, loyalty in friendship, wisdom on council, and inspiration in leadership, was presented by Governor Eric J. Holcomb in 2024. Chris prided himself in the commitment of the economic development and safety of The Wayne County Highway Department, He was on multiple state committees, including Republican Party Executive Committee; Paul Harris Fellow; President of AIC, advocating for all 92 counties; President and Junior Leader Advisor; America Legion Post #333; Rotary Club; Perfect Circle Community Band; Hagerstown Concert Band; Nettle Creek Barbershop Quartet; and, the Hagerstown United Methodist Church Choir.

Chris is survived by his wife Barbara Hines-Beeson; son David (Natalie) Beeson, Indianapolis; stepdaughter Ashley (Matt) Garard, Richmond; stepson Rick (Sarah) Hines, Ketchikan, AK; and, stepdaughter Anna (Ben) Phelps, Lebanon; granddaughter Logan (Ryan) Beeson Schuld, Indianapolis; step-grandchildren Matt Phelps, Ingalls; Andrew (Haylee Adams) Phelps, Lebanon; and, Skylar (Aidan Benolken) Hines of Craig, Ak; great-grandson Brooks Schuld, Indianapolis; and, step-great-granddaughter Jillian Garard, Richmond. Chris is also survived by his brother, Thomas Beeson, of Alabama; and, nieces Dawn Smith and Cheryl Beeson.

Visitation will be 11 AM to 2 PM, Saturday, March 21, at Hagerstown First United Methodist Church, 199 South Perry St., Hagerstown. Memorial Service will follow at 2 PM, with burial in Nettle Creek Friends Cemetery.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Hagerstown Athletic Program, c/o Nettle Creek School Corporation, 297 East North Market St., Hagerstown; Quaker Haven Camp, 111 EMS D16c Ln., #8051, Syracuse, IN 46567; or, Nettle Creek Friends Cemetery, 16576 West Nobblett Rd., Hagerstown.

Cemetery Details

Nettle Creek Friends Cemetery.

nobblett road
Dalton, IN 47567

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Hagerstown First United Methodist Church
199 S. Perry St.
Hagerstown, IN 47346

Service

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Tribute Wall

DH

“ Our deepest condolences to you and your family during this dark time. Please know that our family is keeping you and yours in our prayers and thoughts.
Don & Heather Heeter

Don & Heather Heeter - March 25 at 07:31 AM

DR

“ I first met Chris from my years in county government
He had a deep love and devotion for his job as Auditor or council or whatever capacity he was serving in at the time. His knowledge, compassion and humor will be missed! Sincerely, Debby Resh



Debby Resh - March 20 at 05:38 PM

LG

“ Love you guys! purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Christopher H. Beeson.



Love you guys! - March 20 at 02:13 PM

LH

“ To one of the four musketeers, Neil, Dan, Chris, Larry. We had some good times. See you on the other side.

Larry Howell - March 19 at 11:44 PM

JT

“ Our condolences to Barbara and the Beeson family. We always enjoyed getting together with Chris and Barbara in Hagerstown when we would visit Indiana. We will miss him.

Jan and Fred Thornburg - March 19 at 10:40 PM

SS

“ Steven & Sigrid Schuld purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Christopher H. Beeson.



Steven & Sigrid Schuld - March 19 at 02:08 PM

DB

“ Denny and Marcia Burns purchased the Simply E
legant Spathiphyllum for the family of Christopher
H. Beeson.



Denny and Marcia Burns - March 19 at 01:15 PM

DB

“ Denny and Marcia Burns planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher H.
Beeson.

Denny and Marcia Burns - March 19 at 01:15 PM

MS

“ Our condolences go out Barbara and Family. Chris Beeson was the best guard dog the Wayne County Taxpayers could ever want. He prided himself that the Wayne County Highway Department was the best in the state of Indiana, and was committed to keeping it top notch. He highly supported our crew, and we are forever grateful. Friends of the Wayne County Highway and Engineering Department

Mike Sharp - March 19 at 11:37 AM

MD

“ Matthew Bjornstad & Dane Drew purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Christopher H. Beeson.



Matthew Bjornstad & Dane Drew - March 19 at 06:13 AM

CB

“ I do remember him at the scorers table. Always had a smile when I seen him.

Chris Busby - March 18 at 07:05 PM

BH

“ Our sympathy to Chris's family, our thoughts are with you all.

Bob and Carol Huffine

🙏 RIP



Bob and Carol Huffine - March 18 at 07:04 PM

JT

“ *Jane Dennis Thomas lit a candle in memory of Christopher H. Beeson*



Jane Dennis Thomas - March 18 at 06:29 PM

MB

Will miss Cris this year at Hagerstown baseball games great guy and great fan. Hope to see Barbara. This may be the year!!!!!!!!!!

Mike Bicknell - March 25 at 03:18 AM