



Derek Gordon Beattie

January 22, 1927 - October 10, 2020

Derek Gordon Beattie, 93, of Troy, Missouri, passed away on Saturday, October 10, 2020 in Troy, Missouri. He was born on January 22, 1927 in Sunderland, England, the son of David Gordon and Minnie (Edwards) Beattie. He was united in marriage to Thelma McWatt on February 14, 1953 in British Guiana and she preceded him in death on July 20, 2004.

Derek started his life in a humble environment that was rich in history. He was just a young teen when World War II began and saving the children meant they were removed from their homes and sent to safe areas. Derek's first experience was life with a shepherd in the hills with no electricity or running water! He later gained a 2nd family in Nottingham whose friendship lasted a lifetime.

He enlisted with the British Navy and was the first in his family to go to University earning a mechanical and electrical degree which landed him a job with Bookers International on Sugar Plantations all over the world. The first being in British Guiana where he met and married his wife Thelma. Together with their daughter Dianne they spent many years in Jamaica. Dianne met, married and moved to America with her husband Greg who with their 2 children (Missy and Matt) moved to Troy, MO in 1992. Derek and Thelma retired to Troy in 1995 where they were cherished members of family life until their end of days. He will be remembered and missed by immediate family, nieces, nephews and friends and will remain - Forever in our hearts!

He is survived by his one daughter, Dianne Schuster and husband Greg of Troy, MO; two grandchildren: Matthew Schuster and Melissa Schuster Joachimstaler (Brian); three great-grandchildren: Billy, Keith and Sarah and one great-great-granddaughter: Aria. He was preceded in death by his parents, David and Minnie Beattie, his wife, Thelma Beattie, one sister, Brenda Johnson and her husband Tom.

Services will be held private. Expressions of sympathy may be made to American Cancer Society in care of KEMPER-MILLARD-KEIM Family Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 222 Troy,

MO 63379.

Arrangements are under the direction of KEMPER-MILLARD-KEIM Family Funeral Chapel; 351 Monroe Street Troy, MO 63379. Online condolences may be made at <http://www.kempermillardkeimfamilyfuneralchapel.com> Phone 636-528-8221

Comments



“ I grew up with Uncle Derek always coming and going. My mother Brenda was his sister. My beloved grandmother Mimi, his mother. After World War 2 Derek was in the Navy doing his National Service. Then off to foreign lands. I joined the Navy and stayed, thanks to him telling me some home truths when my basic training came as a shock to this only child. On HMS Whirlwind I visited him and the family at Rose Hall British Guiana and then again at Serge Island Jamaica. When my Mum died in 2000 he became my eldest living relative and now he is gone I assume that role. Derek had a long life, well lived and ,for his last 25 years, surrounded by his loving family. You cannot ask for more. Fair winds and calm seas my Uncle Derek as you cross the Bar.

Michael Johnson - October 16, 2020 at 04:08 AM



“ To my dearest sister and family, where to begin? We have been friends that has turned into family for over a half century and there has never been a dull moment spent together. Thanks for making the trip down 3 years ago and allow us to once again reflect back on the years gone by, with lots of laughter and love. Uncle D you will be greatly missed...love from The Chabrol's



Grace-Anne - October 15, 2020 at 07:38 PM



“ Dianne and family...

My memories of Uncle D are from Jamaica - where we all grew up at Serge Island. He and my Dad (Mike) were always teasing Aunt Thelma and the jokes were endless.

My deepest sympathy at this time. He is now holding court with all those who went before him.

All my love

Judy



Judy Elder - October 15, 2020 at 04:36 PM