



## Eugene C. Beacham

August 30, 2015

Eugene Consolvo Beacham, 88, of Lynn Drive in Portsmouth passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 30, 2015. He was born on January 24, 1927 in Norfolk, VA and was the son of Willis E. and Elvina Beacham. He is survived by Edna M. Beacham, beloved wife of 68 years, Dr. Cindy V. Beacham, daughter and Dr. Neal Shambaugh, son-in-law. He is also survived by his brother, Vernon V. Beacham, and many other loving family members who were always an important part of his life.

Serving others and paving the way for future generations were passions he continually expressed throughout his personal and professional life. His commitment to others was strong, and his accomplishments were many:

He was a 64 year member and Past Master of Washington Lafayette Lodge No. 176 A.F. & A.M. A 50-year Majority Member of the Order of DeMolay, Recipient of the "DeMolay Legion of Honor and Past Dean of the Tidewater Preceptory. Past Patron of Tidal Wave Chapter—Order of the Eastern Star. Charter member and Treasurer Emeritus of Portsmouth Scottish Rite Bodies and a Treasurer and Financial Advisor for 24 years, Past Presiding Officer of the "Lodge of Perfection", Chapter of the Rose Croix, council of Kodosh" and the Consistory. For his work and devotion he was honored with the 33rd Degree, I.G.H. Past State President of the Scottish Rite Conference of Virginia. Past Associate Guardian of Bethel No. 5, International Order of Jobs

Daughters. Member of Port Norfolk Royal Arch Chapter, Khedive Shrine Center, Portsmouth Shrine Club and Life Member of Taegue (Korea) Masonic Club.

An active member of Port Norfolk Baptist Church for over 61 years. Ordained a Deacon in 1963 and served 5 years as Chairman of the Board of Deacons. Treasurer of the church since 1961. A 40-year member and Past President of Southside Lions Club and among other honors was the recipient of the “Melvin Jones Fellow” award. Served on the Portsmouth City Retirement Board. Member of the American Legion. A 50-year member and Past President of Portsmouth Executive Club. He served in the U. S. Army 1951–1953, a Korean Veteran. A member and Past President of the Seaboard Chapter Accountant Society of Virginia. Active State Board Member and Past State President of “The Accountants Society of Virginia”. An Accredited Tax Advisor, founder of the accounting firm E.C. Beacham and Associates. Co-Founder of Beacham’s Religious Books and Supplies, Inc.

Gene Beacham served his family and community as a “bridge-builder” across his entire life.

“...The builder lifted his old gray head.  
“Good friend, in the path I have come,” he said,  
“There followeth after me today  
A youth, whose feet must pass this way.  
This chasm, that has been naught to me,  
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.  
He too must cross in the twilight dim;  
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him.”  
~ Will Allen Dromgoole

A service celebrating his life will be held at noon on Wednesday, September

2nd at Port Norfolk Baptist Church in Portsmouth. Donations may be made to Port Norfolk Baptist Church General Fund, 401 Broad St., Portsmouth, VA 23707.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

3920 Airline Blvd.  
Chesapeake, VA 23321  
(757) 488-2546

# Previous Events

## service

SEP 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

Port Norfolk Baptist Church  
401 Broad Street  
Portsmouth, VA

# Tribute Wall

LP

“ *My mother, Dot Peebles, worked for Gene for many years. He was a wonderful man. Our deepest sympathies to the entire family.*

Leigh Ann Peebles Pulley - September 06, 2015 at 12:33 PM

KB

“ *We send our sincere and deepest sympathy. We are so thankful to have been able to call Mr. B. our friend. he was a wonderful person. God comfort and strengthen you in the days to come. Love, the Beecher 's.*

karen beecher - September 03, 2015 at 09:48 AM

JR

“ *We were very saddened to hear about Mr. Beacham passing . He was always upbeat and such a creative person , continually a leader in all that he belonged to and especially his Christian values and to all around him. He will be missed by all . May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow. I knew him through Masonry and DeMolay . Jim Rowan and family .*

Jim Rowan - September 02, 2015 at 07:53 PM



“ *Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of Eugene C. Beacham.*



September 02, 2015 at 09:52 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eugene C. Beacham.*



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September 02, 2015 at 09:09 AM



“ *Mr. Beacham was a pillar of knowledge and integrity, and we will miss him very much. Deepest sympathy to his family and to the extended family of his business associates and his fellow community volunteers.*

*Doug and Teresa Howlett, Howlett Elevator*

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**Doug and Teresa Howlett** - September 02, 2015 at 09:08 AM



“ *EC was an excellent man and will be deeply missed. I will not be able to attend his funeral but I will certainly be there in spirit. May God ease your suffering at this time.*

*Re. R. Kirk Culpepper*

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**R Culpepper** - September 02, 2015 at 06:36 AM



“ *Edna and Cindy, I am deeply saddened to hear of the death of your husband and father. I remember your family fondly and have many wonderful memories of the years I worked for you, Edna, at Beacham's. I will be remembering you both in my thoughts and prayers in the days to come. With love, Hope Brewer Garrett*

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**Hope (Brewer) Garrett** - September 01, 2015 at 02:15 PM

PB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Gene's passing. I worked for him for 11 years, beginning in 1975 and I can honestly say he was the best boss I have ever had. I never heard him raise his voice to anyone or say a bad thing about anyone. Not many people I can say that about. I was blessed to work for him and am praying that you all will find comfort in knowing what a good person he was. Patsy Bias

Patsy Bias - September 01, 2015 at 12:20 PM

GB

“ Mrs. Beachum & Cindy, I have fond memories of your parents opening up your home when I was younger in the late 1960s after going Christmas caroling and serving hot chocolate & donuts and supporting us when we were on our choir tour too! Grace W. Barnes

Grace W. Barnes - September 01, 2015 at 12:02 PM

JM

“ Eugene was the finest person we have ever known. He had super high morals and integrity and a loving family man. How saddened we were to learn of his passing. He will be missed. Our heartfelt sympathy, John & Angie McDonough

John & Angie McDonough - September 01, 2015 at 10:17 AM

DK

“ Lion Gene was a great long time member of the Chesapeake Southside Lions Club - 59 years of perfect attendance. I have personally known Lion Gene for twenty years, and he was always a kind and dedicated gentleman in all what he did. He will be sorely missed as a Lion and a super member of his community. Rest in peace my friend. Lion Dick Knox, PDG

Dick Knox - September 01, 2015 at 10:16 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Eugene C. Beacham.*



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September 01, 2015 at 08:22 AM



“ *Many fond memories of Mr. Beacham from my youth at Port Norfolk Baptist Church. He served as a great mentor to the youth there. He was a great help to me and gave of his wisdom when dealing with Dad's (Lewis Thomas) estate. He will be greatly missed.*

*John Thomas*

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**John Thomas** - September 01, 2015 at 05:43 AM