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Command Sergeant Major, USA

Dale J. Beaston, 88 of New Bloomfield passed away April 9, 2015 in his home with family by his side. He was born on May 31, 1926 in New Germantown to the late Wilbert and Mary (Hess) Beaston.

Dale received his diploma from the Blain Union High School. He served three years with the United States Army during the occupation of Japan in the era of the Korean conflict obtaining the rank of Sergeant First Class. He continued his service with the Army Reserve and the PA National Guard's, 28th Infantry Division, for 30 additional years, retiring as Command Sergeant Major. Dale was employed by the Federal Civil Service for 37 years working at Olmsted Air Force Base, Middletown, Navy Depot Mechanicsburg and the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle from where he retired as Traffic Manager.

He was a member of Faith United Church (formerly St. Paul's Lutheran Church) Ickesburg, serving as Financial/Recording secretary for nearly 50 years as well as the church council. Dale was a life member of the Ickesburg Lions Club of Lions Club International and served as President for 5 terms.

He served on the District 14-T cabinet as Deputy District Governor, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer and Extension Chairman. He was a member of the Board of Directors of Beacon Lodge. He earned many prestigious awards

including the Melvin Jones Award, International Appreciation Award, International Leadership Award (50 years as a Lion and 50 member inductions), two International Extension Awards and a Pennsylvania Fellow Award.

Dale served his community through many organizations and was humbled by the numerous awards and recognition he has received for his service. He was President of the Perry Health Center Board of Directors, Member of the Corporate Board of Carlisle Hospital and Health Services (CHHS), advocate of bringing Perry Village into the county when the County Home needed replaced and served on the Advisory Board for the former Perry Village. Dale was a long time member of the New Bloomfield Fire Company serving as President for 18 years and ran fire rescue and EMS. He started community events such as the New Bloomfield Street Fair, New Year's Eve Huckleberry Drop and the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony. He served on the New Bloomfield Borough Council for 22 years and the Planning Commission for 30 years during which he managed numerous projects for the betterment of the Borough. He was often referred by many as "Mr. New Bloomfield". Dale served as Board Member of the Advisory Board of the 1st National Bank of Mifflintown (New Bloomfield Branch) and most recently served on the Emeritus Board. He served numerous years on the Bloomfield-Carroll-Center Pool as President and was an advocate of the Learn to Swim program. He was a life member and past president of the New Bloomfield Sportsman's Club, served as a NRA Hunter's Safety Instructor; life member of the Ickesburg Sportsman's Club and served 10 years as Committee Chairperson for Boy Scout Troop 92 of New Bloomfield. Through his community service and in all things, his motto was "leave a place better than what you found it". He loved his God, his country and his family and was devoted to serving each of them. He was a passionate supporter of Flight 93 Memorial and often quoted the phrase "Roll On".

In his free time, Dale enjoyed attending his grandchildren's activities whether it be cheering them on in sports or showing livestock at the Perry County Fair.

He also enjoyed lending a helping hand at his daughter's farm. In his earlier years, Dale was an avid hunter and fisherman and especially enjoyed when family hunted together in northern PA and Wyoming.

Dale is survived by his wife, Vivian Anne (Johnson) Beaston whom he was deeply devoted too for nearly 60 years, two children, Lucinda R. Haas and husband, Gary of Millerstown, Nathan D. Beaston and wife, Karon of Shermans Dale, five grandchildren, Liza Loy, Trisha Comp, Joseph Haas, Gretchen Fry and Jordan Beaston; 7 great grandchildren, a brother Miles Beaston of New Bloomfield, numerous nieces and nephews and many, many close friends from the community. He was preceded in death by a brother Paul of Blain and his sister Treva Sonner of Enola.

Funeral services will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, April 18, 2015 in Faith United Church (formerly St. Paul's Lutheran Church) Ickesburg. Burial with full military honors provided by the Perry County Honor Guard, will be in Bloomfield Cemetery, New Bloomfield. Viewing hours are Friday, April 17, 2015 from noon till 2:00 PM and 7-9 PM at the Boyer Family Funeral Home, 101 W. Main St., New Bloomfield and Saturday at the church from 9 - 11 AM.

Memorial contributions may be made to Faith United Church, 6968 Veterans Way, Ickesburg, PA 17037 or New Boomfield Fire Co., PO Box 22, New Bloomfield, PA 17068 or Relay for Life for Perry County, American Cancer Society, PO Box 897, Hershey, PA 17033 or Central Pennsylvania Hospice, 1320 Linglestown Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17110.

The family wishes to thank all those who reached out with meals, visits, cards and phone calls during the last several months as Dale battled mesothelioma. May God bless each of you.

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