



Cecil P. Beach

July 12, 1927 - September 21, 2020

Cecil P. Beach, 93, a resident of Grand Villa Assisted Living of Lakeland, Florida passed away on September 21, 2020. Cecil was born in Knoxville, Tennessee on July 12, 1927 to Lilly Maude Sims and Cecil Corne. He grew up surrounded by a large loving family of cousins, aunts and uncles. He adored his step father Frank Beach and his two younger sisters Bucky Sue and Louise. Cecil married Doris Jean Pardue in April of 1949 and together they began successfully raising a family of five sons. Upon receiving a Masters Degree in Library Science from Florida State University he embarked upon a successful career that spanned over fifty years, ultimately serving as a library director in Winder, GA; Gadsden, AL; Tampa, FL; and Ft. Lauderdale, FL before becoming the State Librarian for Florida, a professional consultant, and teaching a new generation as a beloved professor, once again at Florida State University in Tallahassee. His second wife Marcia Gibson was a big inspiration for him in his career. He is survived by his sister Bucky Sue, his sons Steve, Rex, Kevin, Kyle, and Quentin, and his step daughters Stephanie and Shannon, plus numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A big thank you to all the staff and family members who made his final years more safe and comfortable. He is remembered by everyone as a decent, gentlemanly, and sweet man. Visitation will be held on Sunday September 27 from 10-11 am at Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home, Serenity Gardens Chapel. Services will follow at 11 am at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **27**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Serenity Gardens Chapel
3350 Mall Hill Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810
(863) 858-4474
t.hall@gentry-morrison.com
<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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Gentry Morrison - September 27, 2020 at 06:42 PM

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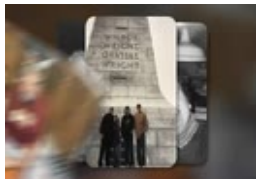
“ I worked with Cecil when he was State Librarian of Florida. I was lucky to have him as a friend, as well as a colleague. He was always a kind person, who set an example for those who knew him and whom he encountered. The world needs more people like Cecil P. Beach.

Andree Lowry

Andree Lowry - September 27, 2020 at 04:09 PM

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Gentry Morrison - September 26, 2020 at 02:05 PM



“ *Going to Grandpa's was the highlight of any trip. His warmth, humor, hospitality and love will be dearly missed.*



Erin Beach - September 25, 2020 at 06:26 PM

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“ *2 files added to the album Broward*



Vashti - September 25, 2020 at 03:35 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Cecil P. Beach.*



September 25, 2020 at 01:45 PM

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“ *I'm sorry to hear about Cecil, he was brilliant and funny. My most fond memory of him and Marsha was being invited to their home on Pompano Beach to eat possum stew. He made a lot of jokes and everyone there had a fun time. Andree Hammond, Real Estate Officer with Broward County.*

Andree Hammond - September 25, 2020 at 10:56 AM



“ *Vivid Recollections* was purchased for the family of Cecil P. Beach.



September 25, 2020 at 10:23 AM



“ 3 files added to the album *Library pictures of Dad*



QUENTIN BEACH - September 25, 2020 at 07:20 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket* was purchased for the family of Cecil P. Beach.



September 24, 2020 at 09:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Cecil P. Beach.



September 24, 2020 at 12:54 PM

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“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Stephanie Stome - September 24, 2020 at 12:49 PM