



John E. Beals

March 22, 1927 - May 7, 2008

John E. Beals, age 81, died Wednesday, May 7, 2008, at Friends Fellowship Community, Richmond, Ind., surrounded by his loving family. John was a graduate of Earlham College. He was a birthright Quaker, an active and longtime member of First Friends Meeting, participating in Stephen Ministries and singing in the choir. In 1954 he started his surveying career. In 1968 he was president of the Indiana Professional Society of Land Surveyors (IPSLS). In 1974 he was given the IPSLS Bridge Award for "Distinguished Service of this decade; for the betterment of the Society, the Profession and the future of mankind." In 1986 he received another Bridge Award to honor IPSLS members who encourage aspiring young surveyors, and established a committee to create a 4-year surveying program at Purdue, the first of its kind in the nation. He represented IPSLS in London, England, at their International Conference. He enjoyed family camping, making apple cider and raising African violets. In 1992 he began his bread ministry, baking and giving out over 2,000 loaves of bread. A resident of FFC since 2002, he is survived by his wife, Carol, whom he married in 1950; twin daughters, Leslie Hall and Lynn Beals, Fountain City, Ind.; daughter, Laura Beeler, Peru, Iowa; sons-in-law, Arlo Hall and Gary Beeler; grandchildren, Hallie, Madison and Forrest Beeler of Peru, Iowa; sister, Ellen Burns, Crawfordsville, Ind.; sister and brother-in-law, Olive and George Ranck, Williamsburg, Ind.; dear nieces and nephews. The son of the late Jesse and Della Beals, he was also preceded in death by his son, Robert E. Beals in 1991, and his sister, Phyllis Kendall in

1999. Visitation for John E. Beals will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday, May 9, 2008, at Doan & Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road W., Richmond. A memorial service will be at held in the Community Room of Friends Fellowship, 2030 Chester Blvd., on Saturday, May 10 at 2 p.m. with Doug Gwyn and Maureen McCarthy officiating. Burial will be in Earlham Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Friends Meeting New Piano Fund, 2010 Chester Blvd., Richmond, IN 47374.

Tribute Wall

HL

“ *Leslie, I was shocked and sorry to hear of your fathers passing. I recall the many times I spent with your mother and Rachel in group dialogue... With my deepest sympathy, Harry W. Leavell*

Harry W. Leavell - May 15, 2008 at 07:45 PM

SF

“ *To all of my Beals family. I just heard of John's passing. I am so sorry and you all know you have my thoughts and prayers. I'll be in touch with you soon. All my love, Susie*

Susie Finnan - May 13, 2008 at 03:14 PM

RY

“ *I used to work at Friends and in the dining room where i got to know mr beals and came to call him the mayor and he was a wonderful loving man with a big heart and i was one of many who got to sample some of his homemade bread and it touched me that he including me to share something he loved doing, it was always a delight to wait on him and see to his and his wifes needs for they were very good to me and any one they came in touch with, i will miss him and my deepest thoughts are with you all at this time*

Robyn Yarbrough - May 12, 2008 at 11:50 AM

SD

“ *Dear Friends, Rest assured of my prayers as you grieve John's passing. May the angels lead him into Paradise. Sincerely yours in Christ, Susan Dickey (John Klemann's neice) St. Dominic Convent Jackson, Mississippi*

Susan Dickey - May 11, 2008 at 12:43 PM

PJ

“ Carol & Family: The service for John was just right. I sometimes would chat with John in the halls of FFC. In the spring he was always first to get into his shorts. I would kid him a bit about it being too early. "Not at all," he would reply. Loy and I were also fortunate enough to get one of his loaves of bread. I didn't know him well or for long, but the man I knew was among the best. Phil Johnson

Phil Johnson - May 10, 2008 at 03:13 PM

GS

“ Dear Carol, We remember fondly our years together at First Friends. You and John were so kind to us as young believers. We appreciate your lives as testimonies to God's goodness. Our condolences to you on the passing of John. The Best is Yet to Come! Love, Bonnie and Gary Spraker

Gary & Bonnie Spraker - May 10, 2008 at 12:18 AM

JM

“ Dear Lynn and family, Our condolences to you and your family on the loss of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love, Joni (Jann's sister)

Joan and Jeff Michael - May 09, 2008 at 07:03 PM

NE

“ It has been too many years.... but I think of the good times we all had especially in the "fort" your Dad made for us and the babysitting from the twins. You all will always hold a special place in my heart. My utmost sympathy goes out to your family on your loss. Your Dad was a great man!!! I Love You All! Nancy

Nancy (Shinness) Evans - May 09, 2008 at 01:11 PM

AA

“ *Laura my thoughts and prayers are with you in the loss of your father. Find comfort with keeping the love and memories for him in your heart. Ann Blanford Adams*

Ann Blanford Adams - May 09, 2008 at 11:38 AM

VF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Van, Lisa, Tess, and Brody*

Van Brownlee Family - May 09, 2008 at 10:32 AM

DP

“ *Dear Family John will always be the type of person all surveyors in particular need to strive to be like. He patience and love of others is my fondest of memories. May God Bless All. Dan Pusey*

Daniel Pusey - May 09, 2008 at 07:58 AM

DM

“ *Dear Leslie, My condolences on the passing of your father. He will always have a special place in your heart. Karen*

Dr. Karen Montgomery - May 08, 2008 at 04:03 PM

MB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of John Beals. May you all have safe travels to and from the services. God Bless all of you. Mark, Julie, Nathan, Rachel & Travis Brownlee*

Mark & Julie Brownlee - May 08, 2008 at 03:40 PM

SB

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss and only time will help heal the sorrow you feel but know that faith can and will be your walking stick to help you through the coming days, weeks and months. Lean on it as often as you need to. You are all in my prayers! Sonia

Sonia Brock - May 08, 2008 at 03:26 PM

GH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.

Gordon Krick and the staff at Doan & Mills Funeral Home - May 08, 2008 at 02:43 PM