



## Dewitte Beaver

December 4, 1928 - September 18, 2015

Beaver, Capt. Dewitte L. "Bus"

of St. Louis, MO Dec. 4, 1928 - Sept. 17, 2015.

Beloved husband of E. Alice (Cadle) Beaver for 67 years.

Devoted father of Sheila (Bruce) Read, Stephanie (David) Griffin, and Heidi Beaver; and PaPaw of Bonnie (Travis) Stebbins, Amanda Read, Alexander Beaver, and Shawn Griffin.

Capt. Beaver was born in Arbuckle, WV to James "Mike" and Erna Beaver. He joined the Mississippi Valley Barge Line at age 15, stoking tow boat engines and working diligently to become the youngest inland waterways captain to be licensed on all three major rivers, a record he held until surpassed by his nephew many years later. He was instrumental in incorporating the Masters Mates and Pilots Union into the Teamsters Union. He moved his family to St. Louis when promoted to Marine Superintendent in 1963. Capt. Beaver retired in 1987 as Vice President of Operations to enjoy his second home on the Kanawha River and travel the world. He was a 31st degree Yorkish Rite Mason, a member of the Moolah Shrine, St. Mark's UMC and the Point Pleasant River Museum. He will be remembered for his passion for family and the river.

Services: Visitation 10:00 - 11:30

a.m. with funeral to follow on Sept. 22, 2015 at St. Mark's UMC, 315 Graham Road, Florissant, MO. The family would like to extend special thanks to St. Luke's Hospice, Mary Ashford, Dr. Todd Silverman and Dr. Jill Oberle. In lieu

of flowers, the family requests donations to St. Mark's UMC or St. Luke's Hospic

# Cemetery Details

## Leon Cemetery

Leon, WV

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Mark's United Methodist Church  
315 Graham Rd.  
Florissant, MO

## Service

SEP **22**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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