



## James "Bill" Beason

March 5, 1949 - March 5, 2025

James "Bill" Beason, age 76, of Newport, passed away March 5, 2025. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps having served in Vietnam, where he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/ Bronze Star, Vietnam Campaign Medal w/device, Combat Action Ribbon and Purple Heart. Bill's DJ career began in 1971 and he was a Radio Disc Jockey for 33 years, during which time he met numerous celebrities.

He was preceded in death by his parents James and Mildred Beason; brothers, Robert and Ronnie Beason; sisters, Susie Lewis, Trisha Lane and Nancy Crumbley; nephews, Keith Lane, Chris Webb and Dennis Henderson. He is survived by his son, Billy Beason; grandson, Triston Beason, nieces, Latisa Beason, Veronica Renner, and Becky Massey; nephews, Mike Henderson, Bobby Henderson and Blake Beason.

Graveside services will be held 2:00 pm Friday, March 14, 2025 in Rays Chapel Cemetery, with Military Honors.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at: [www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAR 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

Rays Chapel Cemetery

# Tribute Wall

AC

“ Anna Cline lit a candle in memory of James Beason



Anna Cline - March 12, 2025 at 11:57 AM

SO

“ I am so sorry to hear that Bill has passed away. They were our neighbors growing up. Bill was a good soul. I remember when he went to Vietnam and how proud he was to be a Marine and serve his country. I listened to him all the time on the radio too. I will never forget when I had cancer how happy I was when he came to see me. It really mattered. Bill Beason was a good man and a good friend for at least 60 years. Rest in peace Bill. I am praying for this family. I'm so sorry. God be with you. 💔



Susie O'Dell - March 12, 2025 at 09:52 AM

ST

“ Sorry to the family for your loss and thanks for your service to our country.

Steven and Loretta Taylor - March 11, 2025 at 11:05 AM

BE

“ I'm sorry to hear of your loss. Bill was an inspiration to all. May God hold you close through this sad time.

Betsy - March 11, 2025 at 09:31 AM

KS

“ I had the pleasure of working with Bill at Shop At Home. Such a sense of humor and fun to be around. Very saddened to learn of his passing. Prayers for the family 🙏

Kathy Smith - March 11, 2025 at 09:21 AM

AO

“ I am so sorry to hear Bill passing. We had been friends for years. Always enjoyed talking to him & everyone that knew him knew he sure liked to talk. Fly high my friend.



audrey owenby - March 11, 2025 at 09:07 AM

SM

“ I am so sorry for the family's loss, Bill was a great friend and I loved to hear him on the WNPC radio.



Stacy Munn - March 11, 2025 at 08:12 AM

NO

“ Prayers for the family.



Nancy Matthews Owens - March 10, 2025 at 11:14 PM

SH

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss* ”



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**Sandy Hurley** - March 10, 2025 at 07:35 PM