



Gordon Paul Beck

September 19, 1929 - June 4, 2019

Gordon Paul Beck passed away peacefully in his sleep with family by his side on June 4, 2019 in Rushville, Indiana. He was born in Mount Summit, Indiana to William Joel and Ruberta (Peed) Beck, but later in 1939 moved, lived and resided in Speedway, Indiana.

After graduating high school in Speedway, he attended Butler University in 1948 and transferred to Ball State University, where he studied music education and graduated in 1954. He obtained a Master's degree from Indiana State University where he was a Music Education graduate in 1956. While at Ball State University, he was a member of Theta Chi fraternity and in the musical fraternity Phi Epsilon at Indiana State University. Gordon taught as a band director at many schools during his teaching career: Northwestern School District (1959-1961), Waldron High School (1961-1963), Manilla and Arlington High Schools (1964-1969), Southwestern High School (1969-1975), Cascade High School (1976-1978) until retiring from teaching in 1978. He went on to work at Hillenbrand Industries where he finally retired to enjoy life in 1979.

When friends spoke of Gordon, they remembered a kind, friendly and non-judgmental man who loved to artfully tell of his memories as stories. He was so proud of all his family and all they accomplished, whether it was Christy's singing or Greg's drumming, he always beamed with pride. If you weren't

family you weren't left out. He had a close knit group of friends he treasured. He was teacher by trade and by nature. Anytime he could teach or tell stories he was in his element. He constantly created a joke or gave those he cared about a hard time with his quick, humorous wit. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, a good meal and just being with loved ones. He lived a full, wonderful life.

He is survived by his daughter, Christina (Mike) Pavey of Rushville, and Gregory (Charity) Beck of Denton, Texas. He will also be missed his grandkids, Shea, Maya and Sage Beck and Nicholas Pavey and many friends whom he considered family. In addition to his parents, Gordon was preceded in death by his brother, William Christopher Beck and his sister, Anna Louise (Beck) Russell.

Friends are welcome to visit the family on Friday, June 7th, 2019 from 4-8 at Moster Mortuary, Rushville. Private burial with family will be held at Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis.

Tribute Wall



“ *Gordon Paul Beck*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Gordon was a great instructor even with marching band! He was so much fun. So sorry for your loss. Prayers going out for the entire family.*



Rhonda Maupin - June 07, 2019 at 10:03 PM



Thank you, Rhonda! He surely loved teaching!

Christy (Beck) Pavey - July 02, 2019 at 03:23 PM



“ *Angel Wind Chime - Silver was purchased for the family of Gordon Paul Beck.*



June 06, 2019 at 09:46 AM



“ *Mr. Beck was the coolest band director ever. We played a lot Beatles and popular songs, as well as the classics.*

Cynthia Harrell Clouse - June 06, 2019 at 01:10 AM

MZ

“ Christy, Mike, Nicholas and extended family. My thoughts and prayers of comfort are with you. I never had the pleasure of meeting Mr Beck, but working with (and laughing with) Christy at Batesville Casket, I believe her wicked-clever humor was similar to her father's.

May Mr Beck rest easy now and share his love of music with all of those beyond us. For his legacy lives on with pride, talent and humor.

Mary M. Ziegler - June 05, 2019 at 06:40 PM

 Holly
Smith-
Beaver

“ I remember him always with a smile on his face. RIP. Prayers for the family.

Holly Smith-Beaver - June 05, 2019 at 06:30 PM

DP

“ You will be missed, Mr. Beck you were the best music teacher. When I think back on my memories of Marching Band at Cascade High I have very fond memories. When quit teaching at cascade I did not go further with music, because you would not be teaching, and I did not want to learn from anyone else. Rest in peace tou will be missed.

Debbie L Pettry(Kucharek) - June 05, 2019 at 06:18 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gordon Paul Beck.



June 05, 2019 at 06:05 PM

GR

“ *Greg Raike lit a candle in memory of Gordon Paul Beck*



Greg Raike - June 05, 2019 at 01:12 PM