



## Mr. Roy E. Beck

November 13, 1920 - July 14, 2017

Mr. Roy E. Beck, age 96, of Commerce, GA went to be with Lord Friday, July 14, 2017 at Bentley Assisted Living. Mr. Beck was born in Cornelia, GA to the late WJ and Lillie Stevens Beck. Mr. Beck was a United States Marine Corp WWII veteran at Iwo Jima, a member of Madison Street Baptist Church, and a Gideon International member for over 40 years. He was owner of Beck Tractor for 27 years. In addition to his parents, Mr. Beck was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Betty Wilbanks Beck; brothers Ernest and Lee Beck; and sister, Mary Ledford.

Mr. Beck is survived by his daughter Beth McCook (Archie) of Commerce; grandsons, Brad McCook (Suzanne) and Kevin McCook (Dawn) of Commerce; great-grandchildren, Blake, Kaleb, and Kyla McCook; step great-grandchildren, Brian, Michael, and Emily Adler, and Chris Richey; and sister, Betty Ivie of Commerce.

Funeral services will be held at 11 AM, Tuesday, July 18 at Madison Street Baptist Church with Dr. Larry Montgomery, Mr. Kevin McCook, and Mr. Brad McCook officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Monday from 5 to 8 PM.

The family of Mr. Beck would like to say thanks to the entire staff of Bentley Assisted Living for their loving care.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Gideon's International at P.O. Box 225, Commerce, GA 30529

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olive Baptist Church

190 Mt. Olive Church Rd  
Commerce, GA 30529

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Madison Street Baptist Church  
188 Madison Street  
Commerce, GA 30259

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Roy E. Beck*

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October 09, 2023 at 05:17 AM

BA

“ Uncle Roy was married to my Aunt Betty (Wilbanks), and just the other day my dad and I got to talking about Roy and what an amazing man he was.

*When I was a kid, I was aware that my grandfathers and all of my great uncles were in The War. I knew of their service and where they fought and many of the details of their experiences. But the only thing anyone could tell me about Uncle Roy was that he was a Marine, and that he had served on Iwo Jima. He never spoke of it. And no one knew anything more than that.*

*It was finally about the year 2000 that he began to open up. He later told me that he couldn't speak of it during all those years without crying. But finally he began to part the curtain, speaking to youth groups and what not. Without my going into details of his experiences, I think the most succinct thing I can write is to quote his response to a question I once asked him concerning whether he had nightmares in the years following The War. He pointed to Aunt Betty and said, "Oh yes. I kept her up many a night," After that answer, I decided to hush.*

*I served as a Marine in the Middle East, and when I married my wife, he told her, "If you ever have any trouble with him, just call me. 'Cause it takes a Marine to handle another Marine." It's the greatest complement I have ever received.*

*I also had the honor of serving with Uncle Roy as a fellow Gideon.*

*Anyhow, I was just thinking of my Uncle Roy tonight. Semper Fi, Mac!*

*Neal Bagwell, LCPL  
USMC*

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Bagwell - June 20, 2020 at 09:16 PM

MR

“ *Mr.Beck will be remembered for his kindness an generosity.*



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**Martha Ramsey** - July 30, 2017 at 03:03 PM

PJ

“ *Beck Family, please except my condolences on the passing of Mr. Roy. My Dad bought his first tractor from Mr. Roy back in 1960, and I remember him well from trips to Beck Tractor for parts and stuff. My Dad was a WWII man too. I guess that is why they got along so well. Again, please except my sympathy on your loss and one from our greatest generation!*



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**Paul Jones** - July 17, 2017 at 02:46 PM

WB

“ *Wayne & Connie Brady lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy E. Beck*



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**Wayne & Connie Brady** - July 17, 2017 at 07:45 AM

FW

“ Because of his well known business and Christian activities, many knew Roy for many years. I had the fortune to get to know him and Miss Betty only in his retired years as a member with him of the Banks-Jackson East Gideon Camp. We had some wonderful times together both within the Gideons and in more secular pursuits. I never knew a man more friendly and generous. I know where he has gone, but will still miss him in this life.

*Fred Wendt*

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**Fred Wendt** - July 16, 2017 at 10:17 PM

KE

“ Mr.Beck was the highlight of my time volunteering at Bentley Assisted Living. I will miss seeing him and spending time with him. i loved him dearly and had immense respect for him. I always appreciated when he would share a WWII memory with me, and I always looked forward to seeing him on my visits. What a wonderful man.

*My deepest condolences to his family. He was a true treasure.*

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**Kelly** - July 16, 2017 at 12:07 PM

SC

“ Mr. Beck was such a wonderful man. He helped alot of children get to go to church camp at Madison Street. . He loved his family and his church! He will truly be missed.

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**Sandra Collins** - July 15, 2017 at 08:33 PM

BS

“ *Babs Smallwood sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Roy E. Beck*



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**Babs Smallwood** - July 15, 2017 at 11:44 AM