



Thomas Beadles

July 10, 2012

Thomas Harvey Beadles, 102, of Cape Girardeau, died Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at Chateau Girardeau Health Center in Cape Girardeau. He was born January 4, 1910 in Cairo, Ill. to Jesse Asa and Zada Wade Beadles. He and Virginia Vandivort were married May 5, 1936 at Christ Episcopal Church in Cape Girardeau. She died May 24, 2003. Thomas was a 1926 graduate of Cairo High School and had previously attended Hollywood High School in the summer of 1925. He was a 1928 graduate of Millikin University and received a Masters Degree from University of Illinois in 1932. He worked for U.S. Engineers Memphis District Seasonal and Soil Conservation Service CCC Camps in Springfield and Champaign, Ill. Thomas became a Certified Public Accountant in 1936. He was a partner with Gauger and Diehl CPA's in Decatur, Ill from 1936-43. He was Treasurer of Illinois Lumber Manufacturing Company in Cairo from 1943-53. He was with First Bank and Trust Company in Cairo, owner of Manor Motel in Cairo from 1953-67, and Vice President of Finance and Vice President of the Board of Directors of ServiceMaster Company in Downers Grove, Ill from 1967-77. Thomas was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon Collge Fraternity, Shriners Ainad Temple, Masons, Scottish Rite, Kentucky Colonels, Rotary Club, and First Presbyterian Church of Cairo. He was the founder of Southern Foundation, Inc., organized the Presby Tips Foundation, was mayor of City of Cairo from 1963-67, Director of Cairo Public Utility, President of Cairo Chamber of Commerce, President of Cairo Rotary Club, Chairman of Southern Medical Center, and Elder at First Presbyterian

Church in Cairo. Thomas also received the following recognitions and awards: Harry L. Bolen-Community Benefit City of Cairo, Allen E. Moss, Sr. Public Service, Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellow, Kiwanis Club Outstanding Community Service, ServiceMaster Influence Lives and Personal Development, Rotary Service to youth through Southern Foundation, Recognition as Founder of Southern Foundation, Chamber of Commerce Life Achievement Award for Contribution to Community and Tri-State Area. Survivors include a son, John A. Beadles of Kennesaw, Ga.; two daughters, Patricia Bangert (Richard) of Cape Girardeau, Louise Gail Hercules (Richard) of Oxford, Miss. and Park City, Utah; six grandchildren, Julia Kohlberg (Ken), Dr. Karen Bangert (Tom Muir), R. Thomas Bangert, John W. Beadles (Meho), Asa Baker (Janice), and Jesse Hercules (Jennifer); great-grandchildren, Laura Muir, Robert Kohlberg, Stephanie Kohlberg, Emily Muir, Patrick Kohlberg, Jennifer Beadles, Michelle Beadles, Jessica Muir, Joshua Beadles, Johnathan Kohlberg. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and grandson, Andrew Kent Beadles on June 9, 2012. There will be no visitation. Graveside funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Friday, July 13, 2012 at Cape County Memorial Park in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Grant Gillard officiating. Memorial contributions may be given to Southern Foundation.

Tribute Wall

JW

“ Dear Jack, Patti and Gail, Your Dad was a great guy and will be missed by all. We both have vivid and happy memories of time spent with him and your Mom in Cairo and great admiration for his success in business. His sunny smile when amused by childish antics and his displeasure when Jack "misbehaved"--a rare occurrence of course--bring smiles to our faces now. You and your children were lucky to have him for so long. John and Phillis

John and Phillis Warden - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ So sorry for your loss. What a wonderful man. God Bless.

Don Dickerson - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ My sincere condolences for your loss. Mr. Tom was a great man. I always enjoyed spending time with him while I was at Chateau. God bless you all! Beth

Beth Seabaugh - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Prayers go out to the family, Tom was a Cairo, Illinois Icon and a Friend to all. He will be missed. Richard and Sharon Kearney

Richard T Kearney - December 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ We are keeping your family in our prayers. Paul, Sherry, Shannon and Jared James

Sherry James - December 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Your parents were amazing people. I so admired them as I grew up. They lived wonderful lives and it's a blessing you had them with you for so long. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Sue Lewis Ball

Sue Lewis Ball - December 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Thomas Beadles

Deanna Jean (Martin) Sullivan - December 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ What a blessing it was to have known him. He was and is such an inspiration to me. He lived a purposeful life and brought joy to those who knew him and to many who will never know him. A kinder man never lived.

Patti Clark - December 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Mr. Beadles was always a gentleman, a kind soul and generous with his time and resources. I wish I could be there on Friday morning. I was also saddened to learn of Andrew's recent passing. Stay strong John, and give Meho my condolences.

Bobby Mayberry - December 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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Bobby Mayberry - December 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *Mr.Beadles was a very nice and well respected gentleman. I worked at presby Tips Learning Tree when he funded the foundation. It was a pleasure to talk to him about the history of Cairo and see the "glow" on his face as he told about the "old days" May God bless the family and provide comfort.*

cindy rice - December 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HS

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