



Beasley, Jim F.

1938-2022

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A Celebration of Life for Jim Beasley, 83, is 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, 2022, at the Beasley Farm, 395 Private Road 4379, in Decatur. Bring your favorite stories of Jim and help us celebrate his life.

Jim passed away at home Aug. 10.

Jim was born Aug. 17, 1938, to R.B. and Myrtle Beasley on a large farm where they raised all kinds of produce, animals and veggies. Jim was raised with hard work and strong Christian faith in a loving family of six kids. When at Cleburne High School, he was very active in the FFA. In 1955, he won the National Title for judging chickens and went on to earn the top degree of Future Farmer.

After college, he worked in the oil fields before starting a career at Southwestern Bell Telephone and AT&T, working 25 years before retiring in 1989.

Jim's passion was horses, and in 1980 he started the Beasley Thoroughbred Race Horse Farm. He moved to Wise County in 1987 to grow and expand the farm operation. His uncanny ability with young horses showed as they flourished and went off to the race track. He raised the foal Sir FitzWillie that won the very first pari-mutuel race in Texas in 1994. Jim had a multitude of horses over his life that won and did well. He loved them all. For every animal that ever needed help or a home, he was the first to jump up and say, "Let's see what we can do." He is survived by his wife, Beverly Beasley; nephews David Anderson, Stewart Anderson and Nathan Anderson, Adam Patrey, Wayne Hoover, Kyle Hoover and Chris Hoover; his nieces Nancy Patrey, Laura Patrey and Jan Hoover; sister-in-law Jean Pace; brother-in-law John Pace; and so many beloved friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Wise County Animal Shelter.