



# Jay "Leland" Beers

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Jay "Leland" Beers, 96, of Dresden, Ohio died Thursday morning, February 23, 2012 at Clay House in Zanesville, Ohio.

He was born on the family farm May 30, 1915 in Madison Township, near Dresden, the son of the late Melvah and Effie (Beck) Beers and was a 1934 graduate of Jefferson High School. He grew up near Prospect United Methodist church and was a former member of the church. In his younger years he worked as a farmer, coal miner and was a foreman at the Bush Woolen Mill in Dresden. Leland owned and operated Beers' Garage & Used Car lot in Dresden for 50 years and was a collector and restorer of antique cars. He later opened Beers Museum. Leland was known as the local historian who had accumulated a wealth of pictures and written information regarding Muskingum County. He wrote poetry that was published in various media and he authored "Towpath Topsy", a historical fiction book depicting life during the canal days near Dresden.

On Easter Sunday, March 24, 1940 in West Lafayette, Ohio Leland married Ruth Eleanor (Frame) Beers. Mrs. Beers died July 4, 2006. Leland has gone to be with his maker and to reunite with his wife in eternal peace. In addition to his wife and parents he was preceded in death by a sister Ruth Easterday.

Surviving are two sons, Donald (Betty) Beers of Nashport, Ohio and Robert L. (Lois) Beers of Ft. Collins, Colorado; five grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; fifteen great grandchildren and five step great grandchildren.

Calling hours will be 5 to 8pm Monday, February 27, 2012 at the Dresden Chapel of Vensil & Chute Funeral Home, 714 Main Street.

Funeral services will be 11:00am Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at the funeral home with the Rev. Greg Inboden officiating. Burial will be in Dresden Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dresden Public Library. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.



## Tribute Wall

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DT

**Darion Trott** posted:

Sorry For Your Loss. I saw Leland everyday at Cedar Hill when he came to Visit Ruth..I don't think he ever missed a day..

March 4 at 4:47 PM

CU

**Cheryl & David Untied** posted:

Don & Betty, So sorry to hear of the passing of your father. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

March 4 at 2:33 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I am sorry for your lost you don't know me I took care of Ruth at ceader hills he came over to be with her every day they were a very loveing couple it was nice to see that kind of love again i am sorry

March 3 at 2:19 PM

SW

**Sheryl Starner Williams** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the Beers family, especially my classmates Bob and Lois, in the passing of Leland, a "Dresden Family" member who will be greatly missed.

March 2 at 6:40 AM

CJ

**Chris And Cheryl Jones** posted:

Don and Betty,We were very sorry to hear of your fathers passing. He was such an interesting and unique fellow. Please accept our deepest sympathies in your time of loss.

February 29 at 11:07 AM

JN

**Jack&Alice Nichols** posted:

Don & Betty so sorry to hear of your father's passing.

February 29 at 5:51 AM



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**Lisa Havens** posted:

I remember your grandfather, from years ago when Cindy and my daughter Corrie were on the swim team. We had so much fun while eating in a West Virginia restaurant. Your grandfather kept us laughing telling West Virginia jokes. We are sorry for your loss. Lisa Havens

February 28 at 4:47 AM



**Cindy Clark** posted:

We will always remember Leland and his wonderful stories. I recently visited with him at the Clay House, what a sweet gentleman. With deepest sympathy, Cindy Clark, Apartments at Cedar Hill

February 28 at 3:24 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Don, Betty, Bob and families, Pat and I would like to extend our condolences to the family, we will have to get together on one of these days and reminisce about a few of the things that used to bring a twinkle to Leland's eye. Lynn & Pat Powelson Sr

February 27 at 2:41 PM



**Tom Jenkins** posted:

Don and Betty, I wish to extend condolences for your loss. A parent is always held close in our minds.

February 27 at 1:52 PM



**Kay Vandebark** posted:

Bob and Don and families, we are so saddened to hear of your dad's passing. We have just arrived home from vacationing in Tennessee with our grandkids so will miss the calling hours and now Dale has bronchitis so will miss funeral. Please know we are thinking of you all right now. And, from Kay (he was a great neighbor as I grew up on 7th st.... loved holidays and riding in the old cars). Our deepest sympathies to you all. Dale and Kay Vandebark

February 27 at 1:04 PM



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MP

**Melissa Phillabaum** posted:

Don my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

February 27 at 12:28 PM

JL

**Joanne Lee** posted:

My sympathies to the Beer's family. I had the pleasure of meeting Leland when I worked at the Clayhouse. I enjoyed my many conversations with him late at night.

February 27 at 9:00 AM

JR

**Jeff/Doris Roberts** posted:

Leland was such a wonderful friend to our parents, Red and Opal Roberts. They shared a table at Cedar Hills Apts.Leland loved that we are all history buffs and delighted in sharing the history of Dresden along with books he had written.He was truly a friend to all. We are so glad that we got to know and appreciate him.

February 27 at 3:16 AM

MR

**Mike Rericha** posted:

Mr Beers' warm smile and firm handshake greeted me every time I came to visit him. I admired his love for his hometown. He didn't look for famous people in Washington or New York city to admire. His heros had lived in or near to Dresden. He liked to tell stories about the great indian chief, John Logan or his friend the great American basket manufacturer, Dave Longaberger. He taught me that there are heros all around you. You don't have to look far.

February 26 at 7:25 PM

DS

**Dean And Tacy Sarbaugh** posted:

To Don and Bob and Families:I was saddened to read of Leland's passing. I bought my first car from Leland with my paper route money.Dean and Tacy Sarbaugh

February 26 at 6:43 AM



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MB

**Manny Beltran** posted:

My deepest sympathies to the Beers family in your time of mourning. Manny Beltran & Barbara Bailey

February 26 at 5:47 AM

MF

**Mandy Farmer** posted:

I have wonderful memories with Uncle Leland. I recall taht he was my favorite when I was small. I have a picture of me with Him and Aunt Ruth. Mandy (Dawson) Farmer

February 25 at 7:04 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jay by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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