



Johnny Beaver

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Obituary for Johnny Warren Beaver August 19, 1947 – August 18, 2025

Johnny Beaver, 77, passed away peacefully on Monday, August 18, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of faith, service, and quiet strength.

Sergeant Beaver served his country with honor and distinction in the United States Army, Big Red 1, during the Vietnam War in 1968. His bravery and commitment were recognized with numerous citations and medals, including the Cross of Gallantry, the Army Commendation Medal, and the National Service Medal. His service reflected the deep sense of duty and humility with which he lived every aspect of his life.

Professionally, Johnny dedicated 51 years to Schindler Elevator Corporation, where he worked across the United States and abroad in Saudi Arabia.

Johnny was also a man of deep faith and a devoted servant of the Lord. He faithfully served as both an elder (Newell Presbyterian Church) and a deacon (Bethel Presbyterian Church). His quiet leadership and servant's heart touched many lives.

He was a loving husband to his wife, Janie, for 55 years. Johnny is survived by one sister, Norma Beaver Surratt, Rock Hill, SC. Together they were blessed with the love of several godchildren, including Kyle and Jenna Summer and their children, Brynlee and Wyatt; Kayla (Summer) Hopkins and Mike Hopkins and their son, Landon. He shared a special bond with dear friends Kerri, Joshua, Emily, and Caroline Dobi, who were like family to him. Johnny is also survived by four sisters-in-law, one brother-in-law, three nieces, seven nephews, and numerous great and great-great nieces and nephews.



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Johnny was preceded in death by his father, John Monroe Beaver and his mother, Helen Plyler Beaver and brother-in-law, Frank Surratt.

The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the compassionate staff at TerraBella Memory Care Unit in Mooresville, NC for their loving care during Johnny's time there, and to the many private caregivers who provided support and affection in countless ways.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Johnny's memory may be made to:

- Bethel Church Foundation, 19920 Bethel Church Road, Cornelius, NC 28031
- Levine & Dickson Hospice House, 11900 Vanstory Drive, Huntersville, NC 28078

Johnny's life was a testament to faith, loyalty, and service. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

A funeral service will be held at 3 PM Thursday, August 21 at Bethel Presbyterian Church. The family will receive friends following in the Family Life Center.

Committal services will take place at 9 a.m., Friday, August 22 at Salisbury National Cemetery with military honors.

Arrangements are under the care of James Funeral Home in Huntersville, NC.






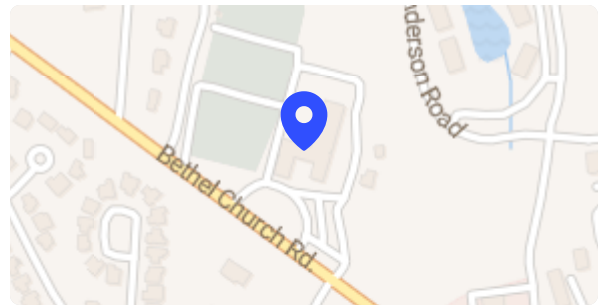
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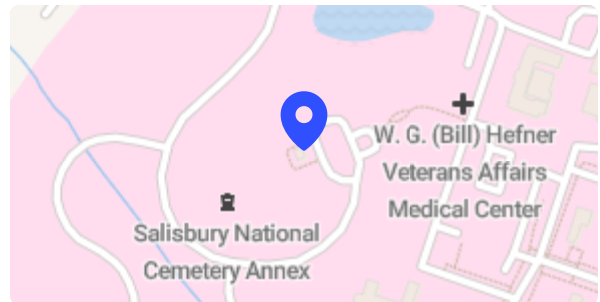
Funeral Service

-  **Thursday**, August 21, 2025
-  3:00 PM ET
-  **Bethel Presbyterian Church**
19920 Bethel Church Road, Cornelius NC 28031



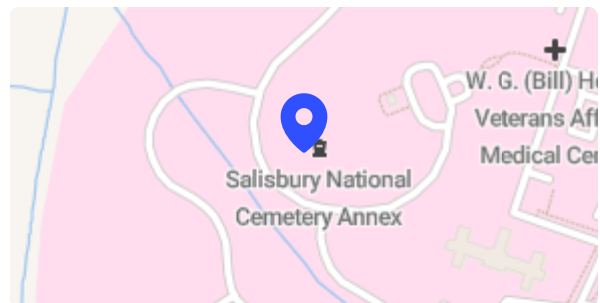
Cemetery

-  **Friday**, August 22, 2025
-  9:00 AM - 9:30 AM ET
-  **Salisbury National Cemetery**
501 Statesville Blvd., Salisbury National Cemetery
NC 28144



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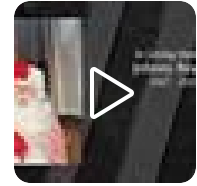
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James Funeral Home shared a **Video**.



August 20 at 6:25 PM



Kim Hillard posted:

Janie, I knew Johnny from elementary through high school. I am very sorry to read of his passing. I am happy that you two spent 55 years together. Kim Hillarf

August 23 at 11:25 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Beaver family.



August 20 at 6:59 PM



Arlene White shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



August 20 at 4:32 PM



Arlene White sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Beaver family.



August 20 at 4:07 PM



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Theresa Loth posted:

Johnny was one of my favorite residents from the beginning. We had many deep discussions although I'm not sure what they were all about. I would sing him a song called "My hair's falling out, I think I'm going bald" to make him laugh. I called him Mr. Schindler or The Beav and he would call me Janie (sometimes) which is a ridiculously high compliment. My favorite is I would go in for the handshake and he would go in for the hug. His wife, Janie, has become one of my favorite people on the planet. She always came in with her smile, cookies, and crazy stories. My heart is truly happy for Johnny and sad for myself and especially Janie who knew him at his highest and lowest points. I cannot wait to meet him in heaven one day to experience the real Johnny Beaver. Much love to Janie Girl! ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

August 19 at 5:04 PM



Greg Ergenbright sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Beaver family.



August 19 at 4:03 PM



Brent Lenig posted:

Johnny Beaver... great man... great role model... man of great honor... deserving of my 100% complete respect! Scolded me when it was warranted (which was on a regular basis as I didn't follow the rules that well)...praised me when I deserved it...was a concerned friend when I needed it. I hold you in the highest of all regards! Sir, it was an honor working for you and knowing you! The Ironworker!

August 19 at 2:21 PM



Eric Burket posted:

I used to work with Johnny at Schindler and we were always first in the building in the morning. Used to love sitting and listening to Johnny tell me stories about Vietnam and the guys he was blessed to serve with. Loved Johnny and will miss him. Prayers for Janey.

August 19 at 1:15 PM



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James Funeral Home shared a **Video**.

August 20 at 6:25 PM





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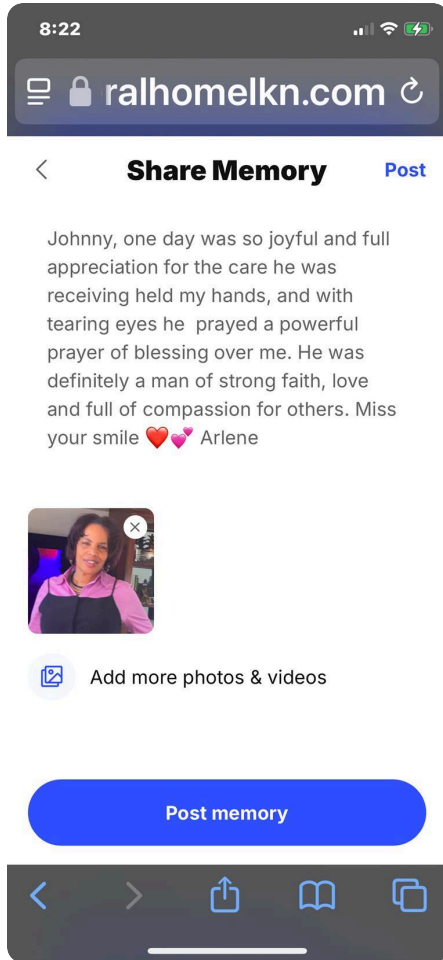
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Arlene White shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

August 20 at 4:32 PM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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