



Herschell "Bo" Besharse

December 30, 1923 - June 4, 2018

Herschell "Bo" Besharse of Mesquite, TX, passed away June 4, 2018, at the age of 94. He was born and spent his early years in Blytheville at the center of the cotton belt in northeast Arkansas. Herschell was born to James Monroe and Cora Besharse on December 30, 1923, and grew up with a sister, Edna May, and 4 brothers: Herman, Homer, Howard and Monroe. This was really a second family for James and Cora as they had lost 4 of their 6 children in the worldwide influenza epidemic of 1917 and 1918. His siblings all lived long lives but preceded Herschell in death. During his early years Herschell became a highly developed athlete, succeeding in football, basketball and track and field events. This led to his life-long interest in sports and love of football. His athleticism was still on full display to his children and grandchildren as he was still able to run 100 yards in just over 10 seconds in his early 30's and could walk on his hands, to the delight of his grandchildren, in his early 50's. After many years of farm life during the great depression, Herschell joined the Army without completing high school and participated in the tank corps during the African, European and Middle Eastern Campaign of World War II. He and three of his brothers served in the military as a part of what has become known as the "greatest generation." After the war he developed a business in construction and plastering in Blytheville and eventually completed his education with a GED degree. Seeing better economic opportunities for his family Herschell moved to Dallas, TX, in 1963, during a construction boom and developed a successful construction business there. He lived the remainder of his life in Texas but made many return visits to his beloved childhood home. Herschell had a long interest in honeybee farming from his childhood years, and as he grew older he bought a farm in east Texas and developed a highly successful honey production and bee keeping business called "Bo's Honey" in Rockwall, TX. He happily ran this business, more like a hobby, well into his retirement years. His passion for beekeeping was nearly equaled by fishing and hunting, which he passed on to some of his children.

Herschell married June Elizabeth Bush from Hickman, KY, in 1949. They began their life together with a large family of five children from their previous marriages, and went on to have two additional daughters, Diane and Susan, during the 1950's. After more than 50

years of marriage, June Elizabeth passed away in 2000. Herschell spent the last years of his long life with Joyce Vaughn of Mesquite, TX, his fellow beekeeper and constant companion who became more like a second mother to some of the children. Three of his children, Tommy Besharse, David Wagenhurst and Sharron Phillips, preceded Herschell in death. He is survived by four children: Joseph C. Besharse of Milwaukee WI, Herschell Besharse, Jr., of Dallas, TX, Susan Besharse of Hudson, CO, and Diane Curran of Rockwall, TX. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren.

A gathering for family and friends will be held Wednesday evening at The Gathering at Rest Haven Funeral Home – Rockwall Location, Rockwall, TX, from 7:00 to 9:00pm. Graveside services will be held 10:00am Friday, June 8, 2018, at Elmwood Cemetery, 900 N 15th Street, Blytheville, AR 72315.

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Events

Elmwood Cemetery JUN

900 N 15th Street
Blytheville, AR,
72315

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Gathering

07:00PM - 09:00PM

The Gathering at Rest Haven Funeral Home - Rockwall
Location

2500 State Highway 66 East, Rockwall, TX, US, 75087

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Graveside Service

10:00AM

Elmwood Cemetery

900 N 15th Street, Blytheville, AR, US, 72315

Comments



“ Rudy Don Walker lit a candle in memory of Herschell "Bo" Besharse



Rudy Don Walker - September 10, 2018 at 07:25 PM



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Jossph Besharse - June 07, 2018 at 06:42 PM



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William Cline - June 06, 2018 at 11:26 PM



“ The Vaughan Family is honored and blessed to have known Herschell. He was truly loved and a blessing to our family. We will always remember his wonderful and gentle soul in our hearts forever.





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Amanda Klein - June 05, 2018 at 10:10 PM



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Amanda - June 05, 2018 at 10:05 PM



“ Since Herschell was living in Texas, and I have been living in Missouri and Florida the last several years, I had not gotten to see him as often as I would have liked. But I did consider Herschell a good friend and father-in-law.

He was the one who taught me how to hunt, and we enjoyed many week ends jumping ponds and hunting ducks. We even went deer hunting on one occasion. But I think the bee and honey business was his favorite business. I was lucky enough to get to help him harvest honey from several hives. I'll never forget how proud he was when a professor at East Texas State College asked him to come to his class and give a talk on Bee Keeping.

Herschell even shared his home with me and his daughter Susan when we were young and needed a little help. He gave me a job when I needed one as a laborer mixing cement. I suppose if I had been as tough as him he would have taught me to plaster. But, I needed something a little easier. He was a very hard worker and happy most all of the time I knew him. He will be missed by all.

John F. Klein Jr. - June 05, 2018 at 06:55 PM



“ I knew Herschell for about 20 years. Always happy and always lived life. I had the honor of getting to know a true patriot. I listened intently to his days fighting in Germany. He was part of the Battle of the Bulge. I will miss you my dear friend.

David Vaughan - June 05, 2018 at 06:14 PM



“ Amanda And Colter Klein lit a candle in memory of Herschell "Bo" Besharse



Amanda and Colter Klein - June 05, 2018 at 10:47 AM



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