

James Beck Sr.

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James Alford Beck Sr., 79, of Blythe Island passed away on Dec. 26, 2017, surrounded by his loving family. Mr. Beck was a native of Brunswick and the youngest of four children of Paul Dekle Beck and Alma Collins Beck. Jim was born in a house beside the St. Simons Island Causeway where his dad was toll collector and the family lived there. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Robert Odell Beck and Charles Irvin Beck; sister, Polly Beck Williamson; daughter, Susan Beck Oglesby; and daughter-in-law, Sally Tice Beck.

Mr. Beck was retired from Georgia Pacific and the 224th JCSS Air National Guard. After retirement, he was owner of Honey-Do's For Hire. He was also a locally well-known professional guitarist and bass player for a number of years. He was an active member of Pine Ridge Baptist Church, serving as an usher and an ordained deacon. He was a Class of '57 graduate of Glynn Academy, attended Brunswick College, and sent his wife, children and money to Mercer University, Macon; University of Georgia, Athens; South Georgia College, Douglas; Georgia Southern University, Statesboro; and Brunswick College. He was a 32nd degree Mason, member of Lodge 717, F & AM, Brunswick Shrine Club; charter member and organizer of the Brunswick Buccaneer Unit, 1978, and Unit President, 1980; member of the Marshes of Glynn

Chapter, Georgia SAR; charter member of the Glynn Academy Alumni Association; Brunswick Pulp and Paper Retiree Club; and Blythe Island Golf Cart Owners Social Club.

As a cancer survivor, Mr. Beck loved Relay for Life. As an avid golfer, he played in several countries including Scotland and in several states as well as around home. He was a volunteer marshall at both the UBS golf tournaments and the annual McGladrey (RSM) Classics. He ran with the bulls in Spain and performed with many well-known artists, including Ray Charles and several country music stars. He had a full rich life.