



David J Mears

June 4, 1936 - June 29, 2014

David J. Mears went home to the Lord on Sunday June 29, 2014. He was a Broward County native, graduating from South Broward HS in 1954. After graduation, he became a professional dancer with Arthur Murray, where he met his wife, Phyllis. During the family's early years, they lived in the Washington, DC area where Mears was involved with the beginning of Levittown, PA and Reston, VA, along with the development of Holiday Inns in the region. The family was also early pioneers of Coral Springs, moving to the City in 1970.

He was instrumental in the development of western Broward during the 1970's and 80's. As owner of Atlantic Plumbing Co., he employed hundreds during the early years of Coral Springs, Margate and Tamarac. His company was one of the top non-union shops in the country. During the 1980's, he turned to commercial real estate development, developing Mears Commercial Park in Margate along with other properties and shopping centers. Mears Parkway in Margate is named after him. He built the first self-storage facility in the state of Florida. His love of horses inspired him to develop Mears Farm in Ocala and Starting Gate Training Center for Thoroughbred race horses.

He served two terms as President of Associated Builders and Contractors; two terms as President of the local chapter of National Association of Industrial and Office Parks; two terms as President of the NW Focal Point

Senior Center; twice as the Chairman of the Industrial Board for the City of Margate; Honorary Mayor of Margate; Senior Hall of Fame (1997); Honorary member City of Hope; honored by the State of Florida for starting the Random Acts of Kindness program in Florida. He was instrumental in raising a large part of the funds for the bronze statue in Firefighter's Park in Margate. He loved children and showered Kids in Distress with everything from socks to bicycles for everyone one Christmas. He especially loved to help random people who were in desperate need or lacked the funds to reach a goal, all without fanfare.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Phyllis; children, Denita (Terry) Neuenhaus, David (Sharon) Mears, Danette (Chuck) Thompson; grandchildren, Kirsten (Mark) Kudrna, Greg (Heather) Thompson, David Mears IV, Daniel Thompson, Lauren Neuenhaus, Megan Mears; one soon-to-be great-grandchild "A.J." Kudrna; sister, Pearl Kautz; brother, Norman Welch and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at Church by the Glades (Sample Rd. campus), 3301 Riverside Drive, Coral Springs on Thursday July 10 at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations should be made to The Salvation Army or the V Foundation.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **10**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Church by the Glades-Sample
3301 Riverside Drive
Coral Springs, FL 33065

Tribute Wall

DH

“*Danette, Mrs. Mears, Denita, David, and families.... My deepest condolences on the passing of Mr. Mears. I fondly remember the horse association dances and how welcome he made me feel although I had no idea how "that square dance thing" went. I know that your hearts are filled with sorrow, but remember the memories he gave you and the love he had for his family. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you..... Don Harvey*

Don Harvey - July 12, 2014 at 05:56 PM

LH

“*Lori and David Hess purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David J Mears.*



Lori and David Hess - July 09, 2014 at 03:38 PM

 Linda
Bryan

“ It is with sadness that I learn of the passing of Mr. Mears. I had great admiration and respect for him. His accomplishments in life were more than imaginable. Prayers and condolences are with the Thompson family: Danette, Chuck, Greg, and Daniel, and well as Mrs. Mears. Dave had a heart that was bigger than life, and the good that he did in this world will be his legacy. May the Lord surround you with comfort in this time of mourning. May the Lord fill you with peace in knowing your Dad's health is restored, and he's at the feet of our Savior. May the Lord reassure you that you will be reunited with your Dad again, when we all meet on the other side. Please accept my deepest sympathy. Your father was a great man, and I know you will miss him tremendously. He will be missed by many. Sincerely, Linda Bryan

Linda Bryan - July 06, 2014 at 08:31 PM

BG

“ I am sadden to hear of your passing. I will always remember how you helped my husband with side work when times were hard. My sons also worked for you on occasions & you always gave them some words of wisdom. My best & favorite memory of you is : we had an older home which did not have central air (hard to believe now) you came here and helped teach my husband how to put central air in our home . It was so hot, but you sat hear dripping with sweat everyday until the job was done!! I was so amazed at your act of kindness back then & still today. That was so nice of you!! I will never forget that. We will miss you Dave Mears <3

Bill & Corinne Goad - July 03, 2014 at 05:13 PM

TM

“ My condolences to Danette, Dave and the entire Mears family. What a full and productive life.

Tom Callahan - Cohasset, MA - July 02, 2014 at 09:44 PM



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Danette Thompson - July 02, 2014 at 12:23 PM