



The Honorable Quincy Beavers Jr.

August 25, 1942 - February 12, 2026

On August 21, 1942, a major tropical storm impacted both south and east Texas. Just a couple of days later on August 25th, Quincy Beavers, Jr. made his entrance into the world at Dr. Theodore Taliaferro's Hospital on a calm, hot, sunny day. Later on August 30th, another major Matagorda hurricane devastated all of Texas. Quincy made his entrance between two horrific storms and was destined to be a major force during his lifetime.

Quincy was the first-born to the late Ophelia Jeffrey Beavers Daniels and the late Quincy Beavers, Sr. He garnered a lot of attention because he was the first grandchild to his paternal grandparents and the first of two siblings.

Quincy began his educational journey while attending Mrs. McDowell's nursery school on North Moore Street in North Tyler. During a brief residency in California, Quincy and his baby sister Beverly, began their elementary school education at Abraham Lincoln Elementary School in Los Angeles before returning to Tyler where they enrolled at T. J. Austin Elementary School. He later attended both Emmett J. Scott Junior and Senior High School where he graduated in 1960.

During his high school years, he would carry a horn and pretend to play in the Emmett J. Scott award winning marching band. However, he was an accomplished and talented athlete who demonstrated his skills on the track, basketball and football teams. Even though he became an All District 2AAA track athlete during the 1959-1960 season, football was really his favorite sport as he played the "cornerback" position which requires speed, agility and

strength. He would brag that his job as cornerback was to stop the receiver from catching the ball and if he was fortunate to intercept and score a touchdown, that was “gravy”. However, during his football career, he scored three touchdowns in one game and ran an 85-yard touchdown in another game.

After graduating from high school, he moved to Los Angeles and attended Los Angeles City College where he had hopes of playing college football but, unfortunately, he was hit by a car and suffered a major leg injury. He transferred to Grambling State University where he graduated and received his Bachelor of Science Degree. He attended graduate school at Texas A&M University, formerly East Texas State University.

Judge Beavers' public service and law enforcement career spanned over forty plus years. Immediately upon graduation from college, he served as Assistant Dean of Men at Jarvis Christian University. He also worked as a counselor for the Texas State Health department. He began his law enforcement career when he became a patrolman with the Big Sandy Police Department. He later became Chief Warrant Officer and Deputy Sheriff for the Smith County Sheriff Department. His long-term dedicated law enforcement background preceded his historic election when he was elected on November 1, 1994 as the first African American to serve as Smith County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1. He was later sworn in on January 2, 1995.

Judge Beavers proudly served for twenty-seven years while helping to keep his community safer. His judicial responsibilities included: presiding over class C misdemeanor cases, as well as eviction, small claims, civil and truancy cases; performing inquests, setting bonds for county and state prisoners and officiating weddings. He always fulfilled his responsibilities and tasks; however, he wholeheartedly believed that his main goal was to serve the residents of the city of Tyler and Smith County who elected him to office. Judge Beavers was the epitome of a true public servant who genuinely cared and always went beyond the call of duty. He retired from his dedicated service in 2022 but continued to serve with various community projects including the

installation of an historical marker in North Tyler honoring Dr. Noble E. Young, the first Black pharmacist in Tyler and over 100 Black businesses that have existed over many years; also the Judge Quincy Beavers, Jr., Foundation with a mission to provide scholarships to students who express an interest in attending a Historically Black College or University (H.B.C.U.) and award grants to community organizations that further its mission.

Because of his extraordinary public service, Judge Beavers received numerous awards and accolades during his outstanding career including: the Hope Award presented by the East Texas Crisis Center for contributions made towards preventing domestic violence; Pioneer Hall of Fame Award from Jarvis Christian University for outstanding contributions to the growth and development of students at Jarvis for supervision of criminal justice interns working in his office; Certificate of Appreciation for valuable contributions to truancy intervention presented by the Tyler Independent School District; The Dream Realized Award for contributions in the field of Justice presented by Ebenezer A.M.E. Church; the Community Service Award presented by the Greater East Texas Black Nurses Association and many others.

He was a devoted member of Miles Chapel C.M.E. Church; a lifetime member of the Southwestern Province of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; member of Justices of the Peace and Constables Association of Texas and a board member of the Grambling State University Legends.

On February 12th, Judge Beavers made his earthly transition as he joined his loving parents and grandparents, three of the five best friends who were known as the "5 Amigos", Travis Wallace, Cecil Ward and Curtis Woods; and other loved ones for a heavenly reunion. He leaves to cherish many memories: his devoted sister, Beverly Beavers Brooks (Willie); his half-sister, Quincyda Lovelace Ray (Eddie); niece, Marie Lovelace; his numerous devoted cousins; "fifth Amigo", Dr. Theodore Henderson; his special "sister friends" Bettye Mitchell, Cheryl Basye and Ann Robinson; special friend Lafayette McGee; Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity brothers and the Grambling

State University Legends. We joyfully celebrate him as he rests from his labor in eternal peace. Even though his light here on earth has diminished, his passion for serving others will forever continue to live in the hearts of many.

Scripture: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith...." II Timothy 4:7

Donations for the Quincy Beavers, Jr. Foundation ZELLE to Southside Bank at bb.brooks@att.net

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Mausoleum

2455 Donnybrook
Tyler, TX 75701

Previous Events

Repose

FEB 24. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Visitation

FEB 24. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Service

FEB 25. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. James CME Church
408 N. Border Ave.
Tyler, TX 75702

Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of The Honorable Quincy Beavers Jr.*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - February 24 at 10:01 AM

RP

Rip Quincy Beaver

Regina Pettigrew - February 24 at 08:49 PM

BM

RIP now Judge Beaver

Bobbie Maxey - February 25 at 09:08 PM

SC

Condolences to the family. Thank you Judge Beavers for all you did for the community. Much love and respect to for you.

Sandra Bailey Crowe - February 26 at 01:27 AM

MB

“ Prayers and condolences to the Beavers family. I am so thankful that God blessed our paths to cross exactly 40 years ago. Little did I know that while you worked at Dillard's to provide security for them, you would also be my silent protector throughout my life. Thank you for Always being Present. I'll miss you, but I know you and parents will continue to keep watching over me.

RIH Quincy❤️

Marie Beown - February 25 at 06:43 PM

CM

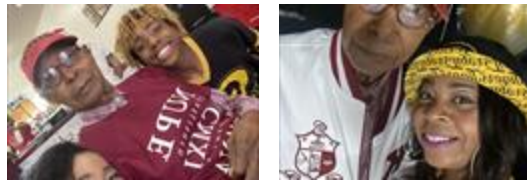
“ Cheryl Mosley Mills lit a candle in memory of The Honorable Quincy Beavers Jr.



Cheryl Mosley Mills - February 24 at 10:01 PM


RM

“ I am truly going to miss Judge! He was such a pillar in the community! He was my mentor and the reason why I went to Grambling State University! Homecomings will never be the same without him! Judge will forever be missed, love Gramfam #GSU #RIL



Rolanda Massey - February 24 at 09:39 PM

RW

“ *Your memories will live on forever. Now take your rest.* 
Robin Gale Williams



Robin Gale Williams - February 24 at 08:59 PM

MN

“ *Many leaders leave behind policies or programs. The Honorable Quincy Beavers leaves behind something greater -- trust. Trust built through integrity. Trust earned through action. Trust that strengthened families, neighborhoods, and institutions. His legacy is not only in the decisions he made, but in the example he set. He lead with integrity, served with compassion, stood firm in principle, and cared deeply for our community. Because of the Honorable Quincy Beavers, our community stands stronger. Because of his character, others are inspired to serve. May we honor him not only with words, but by carrying forward the values he embodied.*
With gratitude and respect,
Mike & Nancy Nichols

Mike & Nancy Nichols - February 24 at 03:51 PM

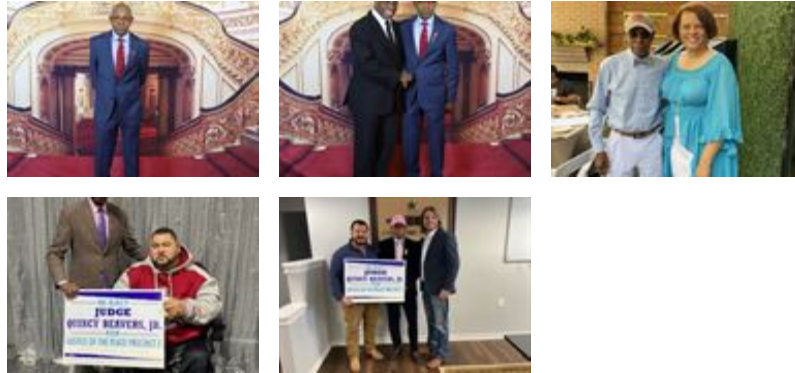
GW

“ *Lyons Avenue Florist and Gloria Washington send our condolences. Rest In Peace Judge Beavers*

Gloria Washington - February 24 at 10:02 AM



“ 74 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - February 24 at 09:57 AM

MW

“ We are expressing our Deepest Condolences to the entire family.

From the Late John Richardson & Martha Richardson Beavers Family



Marian Richardson Whetsell - February 24 at 08:24 AM

BP

“ Brothers In The Bond, Phi Nu Pi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of The Honorable Quincy Beavers Jr..

Brothers In The Bond, Phi Nu Pi - February 22 at 11:28 PM

BP

“ *Brothers In The Bond, Phi Nu Pi purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of The Honorable Quincy Beavers Jr..*



Brothers In The Bond, Phi Nu Pi - February 22 at 11:28 PM

EM

“ *Edward Minnick lit a candle in memory of The Honorable Quincy Beavers Jr.*



Edward Minnick - February 21 at 09:08 PM

EM

Alene and Ed were church members with Judge Beavers. Love the Minnick family.

Edward Minnick - February 21 at 09:12 PM



“ *Tiadra Espadrum lit a candle in memory of The Honorable Quincy Beavers Jr.*



Tiadra Espadrum - February 21 at 03:49 PM

KU

“ Kelley Uzzell lit a candle in memory of The Honorable Quincy Beavers Jr.



Kelley Uzzell - February 21 at 02:30 PM

DC

“ Dr. & Mrs. Dwight Fennell/Texas College planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of The Honorable Quincy Beavers Jr..

Dr. & Mrs. Dwight Fennell/Texas College - February 21 at 12:17 PM

DC

“ Dr. & Mrs. Dwight Fennell/Texas College purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of The Honorable Quincy Beavers Jr..



Dr. & Mrs. Dwight Fennell/Texas College - February 21 at 12:17 PM

SJ

“ *Legendary is synonymous with Honorable Quincy Beavers, Jr. He was always willing to lend a helping hand, and he truly made a difference in the community which he served. Going from labor to reward, Judge Beavers will truly be missed! To the family, deepest sympathy is extended to you now and in the days to come.*



Sharmecia Jackson - February 20 at 10:33 AM

BK

“ *Brenda King purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of The Honorable Quincy Beavers Jr..*



Brenda King - February 19 at 10:01 PM

CA

“ *Cheryl Abner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of The Honorable Quincy Beavers Jr..*

Cheryl Abner - February 19 at 05:45 PM

TF

“ *Travis Wallace Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Honorable Quincy Beavers Jr..*

Travis Wallace Family - February 18 at 08:10 PM

TF

“ *Travis Wallace Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of The Honorable Quincy Beavers Jr..*



Travis Wallace Family - February 18 at 08:10 PM

JS

“ James H. Redmon, Sr. lit a candle in memory of The Honorable Quincy Beavers Jr.



James H. Redmon, Sr. - February 18 at 01:55 PM

JS

“ I will always be thankful for all the support that Quincy provided to me and all the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity members of Jarvis Christian University. Quincy was a key factor that introduce to Kappa to me back in 1969. Thank you Quincy for your true dedication of brotherhood. To the family we will always have you in our prayers.

James H. Redmom, Sr.

James H. Redmon, Sr. - February 18 at 01:53 PM

KJ

“ Judge Beavers and my mom, Janis Rocha, worked together for years. She was the chief court clerk and they developed deep, loving relationship formed by mutual respect and friendship. She, and I, thought very highly of him. Judge Beavers commented once on my Texas Tech sweatshirt and he said he would send me a proper shirt next time he was in LA. I lived in Abilene and got a package from him about a month later with a super nice Grambling State University sweatshirt and tee. I still have both! Judge, you shall be missed. Mom will surely be waiting up in heaven for your arrival. Much respect sir. RIP.

kari jones - February 18 at 01:42 PM

CF

“ *Cousin Felecia & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of The Honorable Quincy Beavers Jr..*



Cousin Felecia & Family - February 15 at 09:29 PM

JT

“ *Mr.Beavers married my husband and I in 2001. He was a kind and gentle man. Thank you so much and peace and blessings to his family. The Taylor family*

jacqueline taylor - February 14 at 10:54 PM

TW

Judge you were a true friend to Travis. And he always believed in you. Rest well you are now with that crew 💙💛💜 *love you*

Tweety Wallace - February 16 at 08:17 AM