



## James Daniel Dean

May 14, 1928 - August 27, 2017

James Daniel "Dan" Dean, of Lake Jackson, passed away peacefully at home on August 27, 2017, at the age of 89. He was born in Athens, Texas on May 14, 1928, to Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Dean.

Dan graduated from Athens High School in 1945 and immediately joined the U.S. Navy. He served as an Air Traffic Controller in Corpus Christi, Hawaii, and Dallas. While in Corpus, he attended night school at C.C. Junior College, where he met Norma Dawson. They married June 5, 1949, and had 68 wonderful years together.

After 6 years in the Navy, Dan enrolled at Texas A & M University. After graduating in 1955 with a Mechanical Engineering Degree, he went to work at Alcoa Aluminum in Rockdale, Texas. After one year in Rockdale, Dan, Norma, their daughter Patricia, and their son Jimmy moved to Lake Jackson where he began a 30 year career at Dow Chemical. They soon welcomed another daughter, Robin, to the family.

Dan had many hobbies and interests. He was a member of Lake Jackson First Baptist Church where he was Superintendent of the 3rd grade Sunday School class for over 40 years. He loved all the children who came through his department and they in return loved him. He flew radio control model airplanes, enjoyed target shooting at Greenwood Gun Club, loved to tinker in

his shop, and made and threw boomerangs with every child who came into his life.

Dan was predeceased by his son, Jimmy Dean; his parents, Henry and Oatie Dean; his brother, Bill Dean and his sisters Jean Caldwell, Mary Hanys and Peggy Andress.

Survivors include his wife, Norma; his daughter Patricia Dean Bay and her husband Walter; his daughter Robin Dean Barbree and her husband James. Dan had 7 grandchildren: Ryan Bay and wife Sarah; Kristin Bay Bedford and husband Willie; Jonathan Bay and wife Christie; Blair Barbree Antoine and husband Jhonny; Blake Barbree; Jennifer Kingsriter and husband Barrett; and Dr. Elizabeth Lackey and husband Dillon. Dan so enjoyed his great-grandchildren: Christian, Parker, Levi, and Lexi Antoine; Katherine, Brooklyn, and Barrett Kingsriter; and Grace Lackey.

Pallbearers are Ryan Bay, Blake Barbree, Bo Lander, Gary Chamblee, Greg Rieke, and Jimmy King. Honorary pallbearers are Jhonny Antoine, William Bedford, David Dawson, Barrett Kingsriter, Dillon Lackey, Howard Livingston, and Mike Williams.

Service will be held at First Baptist Church of Lake Jackson on Tuesday, September 5, at 2:00 pm. Another funeral service is scheduled at Autry's Carroll-Lehr Funeral Home on Wednesday, September 6, in Athens, Texas at 2:00 p.m. Burial will follow at Shelby Chapel Cemetery where he will join his parents and siblings.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dan Dean was the smartest and kindest man I have ever known. I was the benefactor of his kindness when he designed and built an elevator for my house after I had major leg surgery. His dry sense of humor was unmatched and would leave you laughing hours later. You lived a good and Christian life Dan Dean. R.i.P.

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**terry moore** - September 02, 2017 at 05:54 PM

EH

“ Dan Dean was the husband of the best friend I have in the world. He was the epitome of everything a husband and father should be. And as a friend, there was none better. He was always there when we needed him and was always there when it was time for celebration. He was the inspiration that led my son to his chosen career. He was a  
Second dad to my daughter when circumstances kept us away from home. And above all, Dan was a Christian man who loved the Lord, and we know he is with Him now.

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**Emma Nell Hirschfield** - September 02, 2017 at 03:04 PM

ME

“ *The Dean household was an important part of my life growing up in LJ. Dan always made us laugh. Funny masks, silly jokes and stories, always fun to be around. Just one of the legacies that he passed onto his kids and grands. As a young girl he was like a second dad to me. He welcomed me into their fold when times were hard and I needed the stability of family. He loved greatly and was greatly loved by many. We grieve with the Dean family in the loss of a great husband, father, pepaw, friend, mentor and a faithful teacher and deacon in the church. But we join in celebrating his life and the countless legacies he leaves behind. We pray for comfort and strength for the Dean family, and we rejoice in knowing that Dan is at peace with Jesus.*

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“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Daniel Dean.*



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