



James "Jimmy" Daniel Dean Jr.

January 8, 1955 - September 3, 2015

Jimmy Dean passed away on September 3, 2015, surrounded by his loving family after a courageous yearlong battle with cancer.

Jimmy was born January 8, 1955 in Bryan, Texas to Dan and Norma Dean. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Henry and Oatie Dean of Athens and Leland and Carrie Mae Dawson of Lake Jackson.

Jimmy graduated in 1973 from Brazoswood High School, where he began an outstanding football career. After being named first team all-state (on both offense and defense), Greater Houston Area Player-of-the Year, and High School All-American, he went on to attend Texas A & M on an athletic scholarship. While there, he was a four-year standout defensive tackle and named Team Captain his senior year. In 1975 he was a key part of A & M's defense, which was rated #1 in the nation. He was drafted into the NFL where he played for the Houston Oilers until an injury ended his career prematurely.

Jimmy worked in real estate and land development for 20 plus years. He then spent several years at Leo Martin Chevrolet in Lake Jackson. Most recently he was employed by Percheron Field Services as a Senior Right-of-Way Agent, where he also made many wonderful and supportive friends.

Jimmy is survived by his parents, his wife Donna Robison Dean, his

daughters, Jennifer Kingsriter and her husband Barrett, Elizabeth Lackey and her husband Dillon, his step-daughter Megan Gandy and her husband Josh, his sisters Patricia Dean Bay and her husband Walter, Robin Dean Barbree and her husband James, his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mike and Myra Robison and his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Johnie and Sue Robison. He had 5 granddaughters who he adored: Katherine and Brooklyn Kingsriter, Grace Lackey, Rowdy and Robby Gandy, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Andy Andress, Dave Bourland, Dan Dean, Jerry Dean, Mark Dean, Craig Glendenning, Billy Herrin, Joe Jackson, Doug Kingsriter, Alan Krumrey, Blake Schwarz, Grady Wilkerson, and Allan Williams.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be given to Heartland Church, 4020 Nazarene Drive, Carrollton, TX, 75010, attn: Memorial Baptismal Fund.

Visitation will be Tuesday, September 8 at 2:00 pm at First Baptist Church of Lake Jackson (401 Yaupon), Pastor Dan Dean, Jimmy's cousin, officiating. The funeral service will immediately follow at 3:00 pm.

Burial will be Wednesday, September 9 at Fincastle Cemetery near Frankston, Texas.

Tribute Wall

MD

“ 5 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Mark Dean - September 10, 2015 at 02:31 PM

EF

“ Edgar E Fields purchased the *Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum* for the family of James "Jimmy"
Daniel Dean Jr..



Edgar E Fields - September 08, 2015 at 11:13 AM

GN

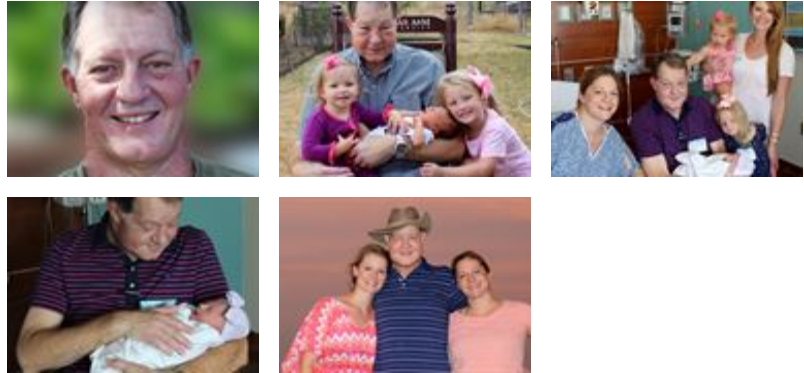
“ Garth Ten Napel'76 purchased the *Peaceful Whit
e Lilies Basket* for the family of James "Jimmy"
Daniel Dean Jr..



Garth Ten Napel'76 - September 08, 2015 at 09:54 AM



“ 72 files added to the album Life Tributes



Guerrero - Dean Funeral Home - September 07, 2015 at 08:26 PM



“ Love, The Barnett Family purchased the Ever Upward Bouquet for the family of James "Jimmy" Daniel Dean Jr..



Love, The Barnett Family - September 07, 2015 at 12:46 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James "Jimmy" Daniel Dean Jr..



September 07, 2015 at 11:32 AM

LJ

“ Jimmy was my cousin, not by blood, but love. Our moms have been friends for almost 80 years, so they have always been family to me. Every 4th of July we would come spend time at Auntie Norma and Uncle Dan's. I think my mom considered Jimmy the son she never had, so he was spoiled a lot! He was the only guy in the group of six kids. When Auntie Norma made us girls matching outfits, fortunately Jimmy didn't have to match! When we had ice cream, Jimmy always got 2 scoops!! Maybe that made him such a strong guy! My aunt and uncle were SO proud when all the college coaches came calling to recruit him. You see, my mom is a die-hard Texas Longhorn fan, and you know the Dean's bleed maroon. I think my mom actually wore maroon once to support Jimmy. I didn't see him much as we grew older, but I still cared about him, like a brother. My prayers are with all the Dean's at this difficult time. I love them all. Gig 'em, Jimmy!
Lee Ann Livingston-James

Lee Ann James - September 06, 2015 at 08:22 PM

ME

“ Mike Ezer lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" Daniel Dean Jr.



Mike Ezer - September 06, 2015 at 04:10 PM

David
Kittman

“ He may have been 15 Days older than Me, but a "Closer Classmate" or Brother, I could not have found other than Jimmy. We started at A. P. Beutel together, played Football at Lake Jackson Junior High School as real Panthers together, Even at Brazoswood High School we were sparing across the grid iron lines till I had a medical problem that stopped me from playing. Jimmy must have seen something in my disappointment of not being able to be an athlete at that time, so he talked me into participating by joining Trainer Randy Day's Managers and Trainers group. This gave me a fuller and more complete life in high school as I was not only able to participation in Football, but also in Baseball, Basketball, Track and even some in the Swimming, Golf, and Tennis. Not to leave them out, also as a senior I helped Trainer Day with the Laby Bucs too. This gave me a way to get into going to College also. Jimmy went to A & M, and I went to Sam Houston, both on Athletic Scholarship programs. The Dean family was also a part of My Families lives, Our parents played Bridge (A card game) together. While I and my sister played games and other things with Jimmy, Robin, and all the other kids, that came kicking and yelling and did not want to be there. Many more Memories about Jimmy and His Family, I have, Too many for here.
To The Dean Family I say, "JIMMY WILL BE MISSED".
Not only by those you see and hear from, but by a very, very large group, whom you will only feel the Prayers and Sorrows of Your loss of JIMMY.

David Kittman - September 06, 2015 at 01:37 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of James "Jimmy" Daniel Dean Jr..



September 06, 2015 at 12:08 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Jimmy" Daniel Dean Jr..



September 05, 2015 at 02:44 PM



“ Talking to Robin last night and remembering all the time I spent over at the Dean's house I remember one thing that stood out, besides the great time I had, was that there was always at least 6 gallons of milk in that fridge. I truly think Jimmy could sit down and in one sitting drink a whole gallon. It was at least a large pitcher full. I love you all and my thoughts and prayers are with you. Love.....Janet

Janet Tharpe - September 05, 2015 at 09:26 AM



“ from A.P. Beutel, LJJH, Brazoswood and on to A&M played ball with car pooled with and just all out got to be close friends with one of the kindest and careing person I have ever known. The stories got better at every stop we made but I promise JD I wouldn't let them all out. Quick to smile Quick to have fun just the kind of son parents can be so proud of that Mr. and Mrs. Dean raised. I've got to share this one Dean's folks had the pool (big deal at that time) so, myself, Krump, Alan Williams and sometime a mix of others esp. girls if we could talk them into it - (Gail) would come swimming in the summers. Always the every so sweet Mrs. Dean would fix a lunch as we would set down there would be these normal glasses at all the settings save for one and that would be where ever James sat when the Ham sandwiches and chips were in place Mrs. Dean would come out with this 44oz. size cup of milk for Jimmy thus one of our nick names for him was born "baby Huey". Matt F.

Matt Freeman - September 05, 2015 at 09:11 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James "Jimmy" Daniel Dean Jr..*



September 04, 2015 at 05:06 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of James "Jimmy" Daniel Dean Jr..*



September 04, 2015 at 04:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Jimmy" Daniel Dean Jr..*



September 04, 2015 at 03:26 PM

SA

“ I remember as a freshman in high school, going to my first B'wood football Pep Rally, watching the football players come in and take their seats. Already overwhelmed, I remember seeing Jimmy walk in and take his seat on the front row and thinking, that is the biggest guy I have ever seen!! Don't remember anything else about that day, except thinking that high school football was going to be GREAT with this fellow on our team!! With my deepest sympathies, prayers are coming your way. Love, Sue

Sue Pfaeffle Anderson - September 04, 2015 at 11:05 AM

“ My first cousin Jimmy was also my childhood friend. We spent countless hours roaming the hill at Grandpa and Grancies house outside of Athens, Texas. I remember the dirt rings on our sweaty necks in summer and the piles of blankets on top of us on the cold winter nights as we often had to share a bed. Dominoes and Battle were our games of choice around grandpas fold up table. A normal summer routine was the lice checks at night and more often than not our parents would find a couple and then proceeded to use some tweezers to pluck the trespassers off our legs and other unmentionable places. One night Jimmy howled and jumped over the chair when the person manning the tweezers plucked out some hide on his back side.

I was older than Jimmy but he was always bigger than me. I was so proud when my cousin became a football star at A & M. Although I had been a Longhorn fan I starting rooting for the Aggies and listened to every game hoping to hear his name called.

To Jimmy,

Thanks for the memories Jim. Wish we could have been closer as we grew older. Our lives took different paths and the miles separated us. However, we can't forget that we were blood brothers since that day in Dallas we pricked our fingers and mingled our blood together.

So glad I was able to visit you a few weeks ago and relive some old memories. Your attitude amazed me. There was no fear of death. When we prayed I noticed the tears that dripped from your face to the floor and knew you were hoping for a miracle. Like your Uncle Bill said to me on his deathbed, "Jerry, I have zero fear of death but it's just hard to leave the people you love." Someday we'll all have to cross the river Jimmy and your courage and attitude will hopefully help us face death with the same dignity and grace that you had.

Let's not say goodbye, lets just say farewell.

To Uncle Dan, Aunt Norma, Patricia, and Robin, and all the rest of the family I never had the opportunity to know please know our thoughts and prayers are with you. Mat the God of all comfort, comfort your hearts.

Jerry - September 03, 2015 at 11:56 PM



Living down the hall from Jimmy was an adventure in itself! If i dont remember anything else it will be that big grin of his !!Meet ya on the other side Jimmy,my friend!!!

Jerry Honore - September 04, 2015 at 03:16 PM

HM

I had the honor of teaching Jimmy in my Algebra I class as a freshman. He was an outstanding student and person that I will always remember and hold dear. I will keep Jimmy's family in my thoughts and prayers.

Harold Mahan - September 04, 2015 at 10:06 PM

AT

Simply a great player on Brazoswood's All Time BEST team!!Great memories...

Alan Tullos - September 05, 2015 at 01:05 PM

WT

Sorry to see you go so soon Jimmy, I know you'll be missed. Our thoughts & prayers are with you and your family.- Will Thomson

Will Thomson - September 08, 2015 at 11:49 AM

LH

Jimmy, so glad God allowed our paths to cross and that we got to work together. I am so glad that you and your beautiful wife allowed me some of your time together in Lafayette. It was such a nice time, eating lunch together and getting to know you a little bit away from work. I've told so many about your name of "Big Daddy" because I find it so endearing. My love and prayers to your family and friends. See you my friend....

Lynda Hambrick - September 08, 2015 at 02:42 PM