



Mary Benton Dean

January 28, 1924 - May 27, 2022

Mary Deen Benton Dean, 96, faithful Christian, loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and encourager, passed away Friday morning, May 27, 2022, at Circle of Life Hospice in Bentonville, AR.

Visitation: 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at Calvary Church, Bentonville, 2612 E Central Ave, Bentonville, AR 72712, followed by Funeral Services at 3. Additional Services: 2 p.m. Thursday, June 2, 2022, at Autry Carroll-Lehr Funeral Home, 1910 E Tyler Street, 75751, Athens, TX. Burial: Shelby Cemetery.

Mary Deen Benton Dean was born on January 28, 1926, the daughter of the late Lonnie Egbert Benton Sr. and the late Era Walling Walker at their home in Henderson County, TX. She was the 2nd of 5 children, including 2 sets of twins. (one of the four of which did not survive) After difficult family circumstances as a young girl, she would be raised by her father and aunt. Surviving a serious bout with scarlet fever, she would excel and graduate with honors from Athens High School.

At the conclusion of WWII, she would marry her childhood sweetheart, the late William H. Dean on June 30, 1945. They would live in east Texas for the first few years of marriage, she taking care of the home and her family while William farmed and sold ice cream for Cabel's. After his call to the ministry,

she would serve alongside him in McGregor, DeLeon, Friona and Killeen, all while raising 5 sons. Mary and Bill would retire in 1989 and move to Bossier City, LA for 8 years before moving to their final home in Bentonville, AR. After sixty-eight years of marriage, he would precede her in death on January 29, 2014.

Mary was a Godly example of a mother and wife, supporting her family in many endeavors. Her husband would request critiques of his sermons, and her sons were never hesitant to ask for her advice. She spent most of her time in the kitchen preparing a variety of meals, usually without the aid of measuring cups or spoons. If listening to her pray aloud, you would hear her call family by name, and if impressed to do so, follow with a card or phone call. She enjoyed writing poetry, reading daily (until the decline of her eyesight), and attending church. More than anything, she waited patiently and lovingly on Bill who never tired of asking for a refill of coffee or tea.

Survivors: Rev. John Dean (Debbie) of Bentonville, AR, Rev. Jerry Dean (Regina) of Bossier City, LA, Rev. Dan Dean (Becky) of Lantana, TX, Mark Dean (Sylvia) of Arlington, TX; grandchildren, Shannon Dean, Clint Dean, Brandon Dean, Johnathan Dean, Tamara Dean Losh, Pastor Chantry Dean, Brooke Dean Crabtree, Jeremy Dean, Charity Dean Stanley, Pastor Ryan Dean, Pastor Dusty Dean, Devin Dean, Danielle Dean Jones, Alison Dean Eldridge, Alexandria Dean Flores, Dillon Dean; twenty-eight great-grandchildren and a brother, Elton Benton (Loretta)

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded by sons, James Randal Dean, David Horton Dean; siblings, Lonnie E. Benton Jr., Dennis Benton, Jorene Benton Everett and great-grandson, Lincoln Stanley I.

The Dean family is forever grateful to John and Debbie Dean for the care and attention given to Mary over the past 8 years. It was a great comfort knowing

that someone was close and watching over her.

The family request memorials in the name of Mary Dean to Calvary Church,
Attn: Building Fund, PO Box 93, Bentonville, AR, 72712.

Previous Events

Funeral

MAY 31. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Calvary Church
2612 E Central Ave.
Bentonville, AR 72712

Funeral Service

JUN 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Autry Carroll-Lehr
1910 E Tyler Street
Athens, TX 75751

Tribute Wall

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“ I consider Sister Dean as my mother in the Lord. Most of my family was saved under her and Elder Dean Ministry. Baptized in 81 and received the Holy Ghost on 82.

Sister Dean was a great teacher for the sisters in the Church. I remember my wife received the Holy Ghost two weeks before I did. After she received it she figured I could not touch her. Sister Dean must of sensed it and called a meeting and said even though your husband is not saved you must still perform your duties as his wife I have never forgot that. Saved by wisdom, smile.

Condolences to the entire Dean family. God bless. Billie, Erma, Rod and Tina Smith

Billie Smith - June 03, 2022 at 06:30 AM

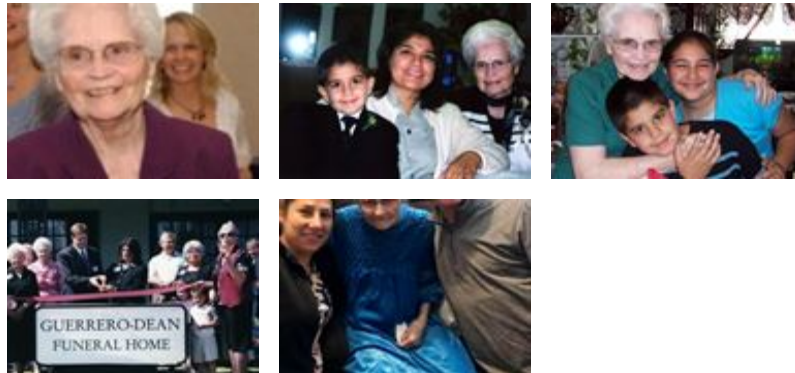
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“ What a precious woman of God. Sister Dean was an amazing woman, confidant, and prayer warrior. I will never forget her or the impact she's had on my life. Praying for comfort and peace for the family. Her reward is great.

Cheryl Kraft - June 02, 2022 at 09:24 PM



“ 7 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Guerrero - Dean Funeral Home - June 02, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mary Benton Dean.



June 01, 2022 at 09:32 PM



“ *So sorry for the loss of Sister Dean. Mike and I send our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to you her family. May God wrap his arms of Love, Strength and Comfort around each of you during this time of sorrow. As the Bible says, to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. We went to church with Bro & Sis Everett, Dana and Jayson at Athens UPC. Also know both of you from Dallas Institute as I worked for Pierce. God Bless All Of You.*

Ruby Shankles - June 01, 2022 at 07:38 PM



“ *Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Benton Dean.*



June 01, 2022 at 04:26 PM



“ *Loretta J Benton purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mary Benton Dean.*



Loretta J Benton - May 31, 2022 at 05:47 PM



“ *Love, Andy, Lisa, Laura & Lonnie purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Mary Benton Dean.*



Love, Andy, Lisa, Laura & Lonnie - May 30, 2022 at 06:06 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Benton Dean.*



May 30, 2022 at 03:50 PM



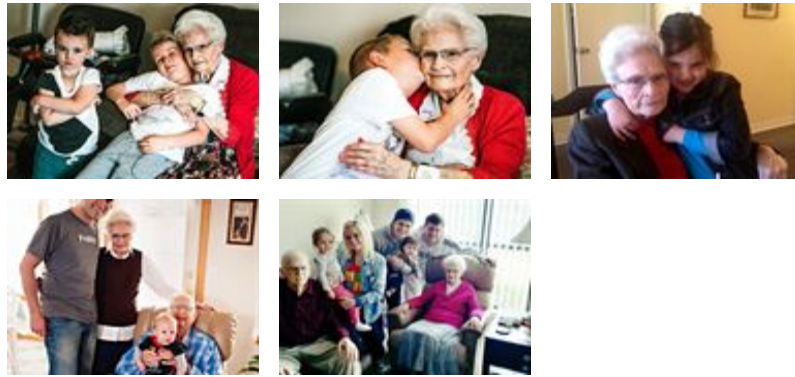
“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Benton Dean.*



May 30, 2022 at 02:10 PM



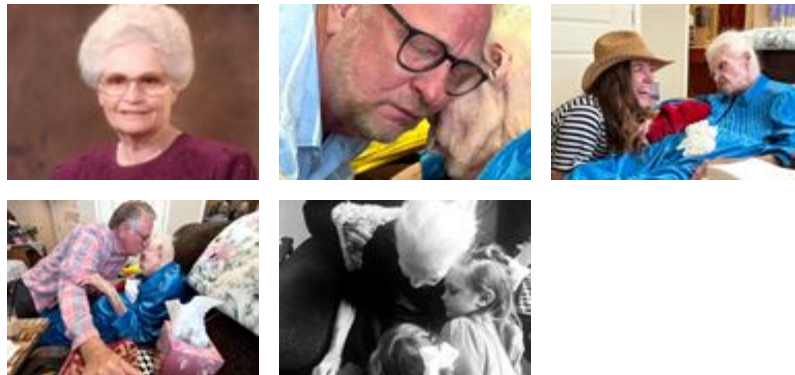
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Guerrero - Dean Funeral Home - May 30, 2022 at 01:55 PM



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Guerrero - Dean Funeral Home - May 30, 2022 at 12:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Benton Dean.*



May 30, 2022 at 12:28 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.guerrero-dean.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Mary Benton Dean.

May 30, 2022 at 12:27 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Benton Dean.*



May 30, 2022 at 12:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Benton Dean.*



May 30, 2022 at 10:18 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mary Benton Dean.*



May 29, 2022 at 10:19 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Benton Dean.*



May 29, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Benton Dean.*



May 29, 2022 at 01:05 PM