



## Rev. William H. Dean

October 19, 1921 - January 29, 2014

Rev. William H. "Bill" Dean, 92, passed peacefully from this earthly life to life everlasting on Wednesday morning, January 29, 2014, surrounded by his wife of 68 years and his 4 surviving sons.

Visitation: Monday, Feb. 3, 2014 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Calvary Tabernacle, 2612 E. Central, Bentonville, AR., 72712, where he was a long-time member.

Funeral: 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, Cross Church Pinnacle Hills Campus, 2448 S Pinnacle Hills Pkwy, Rogers, AR 72758.

Additional visitations will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5 at The Pentecostals of Bossier City and 12 to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6 at Carroll-Lehr Funeral Home in Athens, TX. Graveside service: 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6th at the historical Shelby Chapel Cemetery in Athens, TX.

Memorials: The family of Bill Dean respectfully asks that memorials be given in lieu of flowers to the William H. Dean Memorial Bible School in Nicaragua. Memorials may be given through Calvary Tabernacle (P.O. Box 93, Bentonville, AR 72712); The Pentecostals of Bossier City (2833 Viking Drive, Bossier City, LA 71111); Heartland Church (4020 Nazarene Drive, Carrollton, TX 75010) or the United Pentecostal Church International, Global Missions, Attention: W.H. Dean Memorial, 8855 Dunn Rd., Hazelwood, MO 63042.

William “Bill” Horton Dean, 92, native of Henderson County, TX, and long-time resident of Bentonville, AR, died on January 29, 2014, after a brief illness. Bill was born on October 19, 1921 in Henderson County, TX, the second of five children born to the late William Henry Dean and the late “Oatie” Horton Dean. The close knit community of Ash Switch (so known because of the close proximity of the St. Louis and Southwestern Railway track switch) was where Bill would spend his childhood years. He would grow up on the family farm, responsible for daily chores along with schoolwork. He would graduate from Athens High School in 1940 where he was a member of the varsity football team.

Following his graduation, Bill would join the Civilian Conservation Corps to help support his family during the great depression. He would work on the trails of the Grand Canyon, sending money back to his family to preserve the farm from creditors.

Bill was a highly decorated WWII Army veteran who served his country bravely as an elite paratrooper. He was involved in combat in France, Sicily, Italy, and Belgium. He was assigned to the 551st Battalion, known in history as “The Lost Battalion.” The 551st has been acknowledged in many books and documentaries and was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation. The brave feats of the 551st were also documented in the award-winning book, “The Left Corner of My Heart.” Bill was the last surviving member of the light machine gunners, later assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division. His commendations include the Bronze Star and 3 Purple Hearts.

After the conclusion of the war, he would return home, working first as a farmer and then later as a salesman for Cabell’s Ice Cream. His gregarious personality would see him excel as a salesman and advance in the company while living in Tyler, TX.

He would later feel the call of God on his life and give himself wholly to God's work. He would become ordained in the United Pentecostal Church International, pastoring churches in McGregor, DeLeon, Friona, and Killeen (all in Texas) before retiring in 1989. After his retirement, he and Mary would live for 9 years in Bossier City, LA. before moving to Bentonville.

Bill served as a member of the UPC Texas District Board for eight years, serving as Presbyter. He would also serve on the Texas District Sunday School Board. He was a faithful champion of Global Missions, supporting numerous missionaries worldwide.

Survivors: wife: Mary Deen Benton Dean; sons: Pastor John Dean and his wife Debbie of Bentonville, AR; Pastor Jerry Dean and his wife Regina of Bossier City, LA; Pastor Daniel Dean and his wife Becky of Colleyville, TX; Mark Dean and his wife Sylvia of Arlington, TX.

Grandchildren: Shannon Dean, Clint Dean, Brandon Dean, Janiah Dean, Jonathon Dean and his wife Carla, Tammy Dean Muehlebach and her husband Monty, Pastor Chantry Dean and his wife Heather, Brooke Dean, Jeremy Dean and his wife Patrice, Charidy Dean Stanley and her husband Pastor Shannon Stanley, Pastor Ryan Dean and his wife Shari, Pastor Dusty Dean and his wife Kendra, Music Pastor Devin Dean and his wife Kendell, Danielle Dean, Alison Dean Eldridge and her husband Ron, Alexandria Dean and Dillon Dean;

great-grandchildren: Caleb, Seth, Brandon Jr., Jaden, Bristol, Klein, Zeta, Ava, Lincoln, Harrison, Luke, Eva, Raylan, Jaden, Sailor, and Liam.

Also by a sister; Jean Dean Caldwell of Athens, TX; brother; Dan Dean and his wife Norma of Lake Jackson, TX; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition, he is survived by his extended family of in-laws: Juanell Benton of Wylie, Texas, Elton Benton Jr. and his wife Loretta of Ft. Smith, AR, Dennis Benton and his wife Ollie of Tyler, TX.

As well as his parents, he was preceded in death by sons Pastor David Dean and James Randal Dean; sisters Mary Dean Hanys, Peggy Dean Address and a great-grandson, Lincoln Stanley I.

Arrangements are under the direction of Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home in Grand Prairie, TX, Stockdale Moody Funeral Services in Rogers, AR and Carroll-Lehr Funeral Home in Athens, TX.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 3. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Calvary Tabernacle  
2612 E. Central Ave.  
Bentonville, AR  
<http://ctbentonville.com/>

## Service

FEB 4. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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<http://ctbentonville.com/>

# Tribute Wall

JL

“ *Sorry for your loss  
Family of Mary Elaine Massey  
Family of Wilbert & Delene Varner  
Friona, Tex*

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**Janet varner lopez** - December 07, 2019 at 04:49 AM

BB

“ *I had the privilege of seeing the smiling face and receiving warm hugs from Bro. Dean every year at AR District Mens Conference and they will be truly missed. He always had a word of encouragement and jokes for me; I will truly miss his stories. I pray that the God that he believe in will reveal himself to you and bring you peace and comfort.*

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**Brittney Banks** - February 18, 2014 at 10:38 AM

SH

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Bill Dean in person but corresponded with him and Mary via email. Bill and my Dad, Ervin Koerth, were in the Army (WWII) and served together throughout their time in the service. They were the BEST BUDDIES and kept their relationship through all these many years. My Dad had the greatest respect and love for Bill. I kept in touch with Bill and Mary during Daddy's illness this past year. Daddy left us on October 8, 2013....only a few months before Bill. They had such a precious love for each other! So, I can imagine that Bill and Daddy have met in heaven and are rejoicing together! God bless you, Mary, and your sons and their families. My husband and I were at the service in Athens, TX and we were so impressed by your family and the love that was flowing between all of you. God bless!

*Larry and Sandra Koerth Hoelting*

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**Sandy Hoelting** - February 08, 2014 at 09:19 AM

VM

“ I love when brother Dean would get happy and shout like a real slow jog and a few turns awesome real praise genuine worship

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**Vivian mckinney** - February 07, 2014 at 07:13 PM

DT

“ In this time of deep and personal sadness, these prayers come to you in Faith that God will make His presence gently and gracefully felt in your life, through the comfort and peace only He can give. Elder Dean was and will always be a part of us and our lives, as his family. We came to Killeen, He his wife and Sons love us and we stayed. A Love that we will never forget and will pass it to others. Keeping you all in close prayed and thought.

*LOVE, Brother and Sister Talley*

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**Donnie and margaret Talley** - February 07, 2014 at 12:03 AM



“ *Misti DeHart lit a candle in memory of Rev. William H. Dean*



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**Misti DeHart** - February 06, 2014 at 08:33 AM



“ *My Pastor from 1968 till 1970. One of the greatest men I have ever known. Was a great Father Figure for me as I served my Country in the Military at Fort Hood. Took me into his home as if I was his own. Cooked and fed us every Sunday after Church (He and Sister Dean) worked together in the Kitchen. Such a Lovely Couple. My heart is deeply saddened, but I know He Has gone Home to a much better place. I will never forget the Good Times we all had together. Mom Dean you and the boys are in our Prayers.*

*With Christian Love,  
Ray & Laura McIntosh  
First UPC  
Mt Sterling Kentucky 40353*

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**Ray McIntosh** - February 05, 2014 at 01:39 PM



“ *Such a sweet man of God who touched many lives, including mine and my family's. "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." (Matt5:4, KJV) Praying God's peace and sending much love to the Dean Family.*



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**Karen (Hershey) Boehm** - February 05, 2014 at 08:56 AM

 Dale  
Fout

“ *Bro Bill Dean was certainly a wonderful man of God, and a 'true American hero'. He will be sorely missed, but his tremendous legacy lives on in his sons and beyond. I remember first meeting him at church camp around 1970. He was always the same, smiling and positive. No doubt, he was a man's man, and loved everyone dearly. Thank you Bro Dean for setting the bar high, and showing your sons how to live, love and laugh - as your son and our Pastor Dan has so eloquently stated. Thank you for your service to our country. I am honored to call the Dean family friends, and especially Dan our Pastor. We will look forward to our reunion one day soon. 'Hoorah'*

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**Dale Fout** - February 05, 2014 at 04:22 AM

CG

“ *I loved reading the Memorial and all about your Dad's upbringing...so interesting. I know this is a difficult time and I will be thinking and praying for your family.*

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**Christy Giles** - February 04, 2014 at 10:53 PM

CG

“ *Christy Giles lit a candle in memory of Rev. William H. Dean*



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**Christy Giles** - February 04, 2014 at 10:50 PM

RR

“ *Mark & Sylvia,*

*Your Dad was obviously a great man of God, from all these that have shared their thoughts, my thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Royce Rampy*

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**Royce Rampy** - February 03, 2014 at 09:57 PM

GM

“ *Sorry to hear of Elder Dean passing. He was a great man of God. I never saw him that he didn't have a smile on his face. I can still see that smile! He is smiling in Heaven now. I just wanted the Dean Family to know I appreciated Elder Dean very much.*

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**Georgia Moon** - February 02, 2014 at 07:10 PM

BS

“ The first time my wife and I (Billie and Erma Smith) entered the United Pentecostal Church in Killeen, Tx was 1981. There was Elder Dean at the door to greet us. He had such a great smile. I was not prepared to see a white Pastor. You see I am from Louisiana and doing this time it was not common to have a mixed congregation. Something about that smile that I felt was real like he really was glad to see us and we were welcome. When service started I looked around and saw many different races present. I thought maybe this might be alright after all. I could feel the love from his preaching even though it was firm. At the end of our first service my wife and I decided that we would attend only on Sundays. Little did we know that within three (3) months we would be baptize in Jesus Name and filled with the precious gift of the Holy Ghost. Me and my little baptist wife would never be the same. She was number 100 and I was number 101 to be baptized in the year of 1981 by this great man of God. He had his hands on my head when I received the precious gift of the Holy Ghost, he said stop saying Jesus Bro Billie tha'ts the Holy Ghost. After thirty (30) plus years we are still members of this beautiful church and still filled with the precious Holy Ghost. We are so blessed to have had the Elder and his precious son, Pastor David Dean as our Pastors for over twenty five years (25). The highlight of the Elder was to have his sons come and preach, the good Lord always moved mightily doing these services. Today the church in Killeen is still strong under the leadership of Pastor Brewster. My wife and I will never forget that first Sunday and that loving smile from such a precious man of God. In closing, (smile) I remember talking to my mother, after we received salvation, she was also a warrior of the cross. We talked so much about the Elder and Mom Dean that my mother told us to come and get her. We did and I can still remember that service, the Elder and Mom Dean and my mother had a time. The Elder said we are going to have old time church tonight. Man did he preach. There was not a month that passed that the Elder wasn't asking about my mother. My mother went on to be with the Lord in 2007, I got a feeling that they have re-kindled that old friendship once again. We love and have always appreciated the

*entire Dean family.*

*Billie Ray Smith*

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**Billie Smith** - February 01, 2014 at 07:59 PM

CP

“*Bro. Dean was a great friend to my Dad, Rev. C. B. Warren who recently passed away. I can't help but imagine the wonderful reunion they are having on the other side! I guess my most vivid memory is that he loved to worship God in a church service no matter if anyone else did or not. To Sis Dean and family - I pray for peace for each of you. The void will be great but we have the assurance that one day we will see him again. Bro. Dean was unable to attend Dad's funeral last November but Bro Jerry Dean was there representing the Dean family. It meant so much to our family and I wish I could return the favor but I will not be able to do so. May God bless each son and their families and Sis Dean during this time.*

*Cindy Warren Price*

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**Cindy Warren Price** - February 01, 2014 at 01:29 PM

SD

“*Selena Dean lit a candle in memory of Rev. William H. Dean*



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**selena Dean** - February 01, 2014 at 10:10 AM

SD

“ I remember when I married into this beautiful family. Pop Dean extended his heart and love in a way that I had never experienced from a father in my whole life. We would talk on numerous occasions and he would say to me, " Selena all I ask is that you love my son and don't hurt him." though the moments were small & private I knew that there was love for me there as well. When I was around Pop Dean or we would talk on the phone I always knew that he was very sincere in his love for people and especially his love for God. Well he may be gone from this life but never from my heart. And I know that him and Dave are in heaven dancing around with Jesus.  
Such a wonderful man that will be missed but never ever forgotten!!!!

Selena Dean  
Killeen Texas

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**Selena Dean** - February 01, 2014 at 09:53 AM

VV

“ I remember after a Missionary service on deputation Elder Dean sat down and talked to me about his love for mission work. When I mentioned I was a veteran during the Vietnam days I could feel a special bond with him. Elder Dean not only loved God but he also loved America. He was a decorated soldier and has a Greater Reward in Heaven. The little time I met elder Dean I knew he was a Great Man of God and a Great American Hero to me.  
Rev. Vic Votaw  
Missionary UPCI  
Asia/Pacific/Vietnam

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**Vic N Diana Votaw** - February 01, 2014 at 08:32 AM

MS

“ There are no words to express the impact Bro. Dean made on so many lives. His compassion, tender heart and love for mankind reaches all over the world. He had the heart of a Servant. He was a giver...not a taker. His impeccable leadership will never be forgotten. He loved truth and walked in truth. He was a man of honor and integrity. He has left a legacy of wisdom, humor and love of family. He will long be remembered for..."Praise Jesus"! We have been so richly blessed to have crossed paths with such a beautiful friend.

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**Mike and Angela Sanders** - January 31, 2014 at 03:03 PM

SD

“ 3 files added to the album New Album Name



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**Sylvia Dean** - January 31, 2014 at 02:41 PM

BH

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**Barbara Hudgens** - January 31, 2014 at 02:29 PM

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**Barbara Hudgens** - January 31, 2014 at 02:29 PM

MD

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**mark dean** - January 31, 2014 at 02:10 PM

MJ

“ The thing that always has and always will stand out in my mind is the real joy of Bro. Dean. I remember him on multiple occasions being overcome with a "laughing spirit". He loved God and loved living the life! I'm glad God keeps good records. He is a true soldier of the cross! Praying for the Dean family and especially Gransey! Love y'all!

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**Mary Jones** - January 31, 2014 at 12:42 PM



“ I only met Rev. Dean once, but through his son, Mark, I have come to know many amazing things about this great man. What a legacy he leaves behind. May he rest in peace.

*The Najera Family*

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**Javier Najera** - January 31, 2014 at 11:18 AM

NS

“ *Earth's Loss - Heaven's Gain! A great man has gone Home. A true legacy has been left to all of his family. I remember the Dean family from DeLeon. I worked with him at the Courthouse in Comanche TX. All of these memories I have relived since I heard of his leaving his home in this world. May God comfort Sis. Dean and the whole family during this time and the days to come and hold each of you in His arms.*

*Nancy Cottrell Segrest  
Houston TX*

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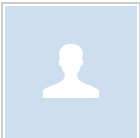
**Nancy Cottrell Segrest** - January 31, 2014 at 11:14 AM

LW

“ *Mark and Sylvia, I am so sorry for your loss. What a wonderful man. My prayers are with you all. Lisa Wilkins*

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**Lisa Wilkins** - January 31, 2014 at 10:48 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. William H. Dean.*



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January 31, 2014 at 10:12 AM

DM

“ I met Pastor Bill Dean when he pastored in Deleon, TX. I will never forget his love for the Lord! He would be so moved by the Spirit that he would begin to "sing in tongues as the Spirit" would lead him. It was phenomenal! I remember spending time at their home while going to Deleon to take piano lessons from Mrs. Clara Gray. Pastor Dean was always a part of her recitals. Dan Dean and I took piano from Mrs. Gray as well as Gary Chapman, the AOG pastor's son. Great memories!

He preached for us in Brownwood, TX at Brownwood Evangelism Center. He would say the most unique things. As he preached he said he was working in the yard and all of a sudden he heard his boy calling... long pause... my Lazy Boy! Also, he said that he did not buy a dishwasher because during his time you married one!

He was a great Soldier of the Cross! Love the Dean Family! Praying for the comfort of the Lord during this time!

Pastor Don Martin

Tulsa Metro Pentecostal Church/Collinsville 1st Pentecostal Church  
Tulsa, OK

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Don Martin - January 31, 2014 at 12:07 AM

PS

“ I'm so sorry for your families huge loss and I know he will be greatly missed. I have very fond memories growing up of the Dean family while Pastoring in Friona, Tx. Bro Dean always had his infectious smile. My prayers are with all of you. May God give you comfort as only he can. Pam Sudderth Sheehan

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Pam Sudderth Sheehan - January 30, 2014 at 10:38 PM

MW

“ I remember as a little girl going over to Bro.&Sis.Dean house and eating fresh strawberries out of their garden. He was my parents first Pastor and had much respect for him and his wife. He helped pray with my parents for a boy. After my brother was born, my parents named my brother William, after Bro. Dean. He has left a legacy of a true soldier of GODS army. His work is done.

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**Melinda Wilhite** - January 30, 2014 at 08:31 PM

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**Melinda Wilhite** - January 30, 2014 at 08:31 PM

CO

“ I remember Bro. Dean dancing across the front of the church while preaching in the church in Killeen when I was a young girl. I remember his big smile and his love for Sis. Dean and his sons! So very thankful for the truth he stood for and taught to the people he lead as God lead him! It is due to his leading and guidance of the adults that taught me in Sunday School and my mother, Barbara Wilcox, that I know God's truth and serve him today! I am so very thankful for the Dean family! May God comfort Sis. Dean and the family as only He can!

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**Christina Wilcox Orgovan** - January 30, 2014 at 07:43 PM

DM

“ Just to share a few memories- Bro. Dean & Family would pick my Grandmother Sister Martin in DeLeon Tx up and take her to church services when she could no longer drive. My Dad A. J. Martin and Mom Rev. Estella Martin of Rising Star and us boys Donnie, David, Nathan, and Joe Martin want you to know how we commend you`ll for that. He will forever be remembered by the Martin Family. He was a Great Man! Sorry for your loss. I`m sure Mom , Dad, and your Dad are having good memories and rejoicing together. David Martin Lubbock, Texas

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**David Martin** - January 30, 2014 at 06:48 PM

DM

“ Have so many memories as a child growing up in Central Texas and spending time at Bro. and Sis. Dean's home in Killeen! Loved both of them so much and thankful that I had the chance to know him! My heartfelt condolences go out to Sis. Dean and family! He will be greatly missed! What a legacy he leaves!

Sincerely,  
Dayna McMahon  
Houston, Tx.

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**Dayna McMahon** - January 30, 2014 at 05:22 PM

JS

“ Mark Dean and Family, my sincere condolences upon the loss of such a great man. My wife and I pray that God's sweet comfort and strength be with you and all the Dean family. Another warrior has made it home.

Respectfully,  
Joel & Jennifer Soto

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**Joel & Jennifer Soto** - January 30, 2014 at 04:22 PM

KA

“ *What a wonderful legacy this beautiful servant of God left for you all !! You continue to be in our prayers for difficult task of laying him to rest.*

*With our Love,  
Kate and Terry*



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**Kate** - January 30, 2014 at 04:16 PM

SA

“ *Sarah Abney lit a candle in memory of Rev. William H. Dean*



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**Sarah Abney** - January 30, 2014 at 03:40 PM

SA

*Just wanting to send thoughts and prayers to the Dean Family. Knowing your loved one is in the presence of His Lord and Savior and seeing His face should bring comfort to all. God is holding all of you in His embrace. Feel His touch and be comforted.*

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**Sarah Abney** - January 30, 2014 at 03:42 PM

SD

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of my dear brother Dean. He was a prince and a father figure to me and I am a better man because of him. I will greatly miss him and always carry him in my heart. I thank God for blessing me with brother Dean and His wonderful family in my life. I hope to see him someday in that beautiful city in Heaven. He will never be forgotten and he left a tremendous legacy and example for us to follow. Thank you all for your kindness and love.

*From our hearts and prayers,*

*Santiago Duran Jr and family  
Kyong Mi Duran - Wife of 28 years  
Nathan Phillip Duran - Son 23 old  
Samuel Duran - Son 18 old  
Angela Duran - Daughter 12 old*

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**Santiago Duran** - January 30, 2014 at 03:32 PM

BT

“ A soldier of the cross who lived victorious and with great dignity. Fighting the good fight of faith, he endured all the hardships and feasted on the good things of God. Wounded multiple times in a horrible war and left for dead, he heard the sounds of defeat but could not quit! He heard the signal to retreat but he could not turn back! He trudged onward and toward the end of battle! He joined another army whose Commander is Chief of all ages. If ranks were possible for this soldier, he was a Top General. He trained and equipped many for the warfare of life with eternal consequence. Wounded again with internal disease, he refused to turn back because the lights of the City on the Hill were in his sights! The lights of Home beckon him closer. The leader within pauses to struggle with leaving behind those he loves, but the hope of all ages brings him peace that one day they too will join him and so he resigns himself to make the last leg of his journey a memory for all. My friend whom I love and respect dearly... You did well! Now rest in the arms of the one who earned the Distinguished Medal of Honor when he laid down His life so this day would be victorious for you... I salute you William Dean, a true soldier! You deserve double honor! Thank you for your impact on my life!

Rev. B.J. Thomas

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**B.J. Thomas** - January 30, 2014 at 03:31 PM

LS

I remember Bro Dean and the times he preached at the church in Athens. He was a powerful preacher and man of God. His wife and family will miss him dearly but oh my the memories they will cherish of the husband, daddy and grandpa. To you his family, may God wrap his arms of love, strength and comfort around you during this time of sorrow. Just remember he is not gone, he's just away.

Mike & LaVern (Dickerson) Shankles

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**LaVern Dickerson Shankles** - January 31, 2014 at 10:04 AM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. William H. Dean.* ”



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January 30, 2014 at 02:35 PM