



William "Pete" Dean

November 24, 1948 - May 3, 2017

William McCoy (Pedo/Pete) Dean, Jr. was born November 24, 1948, to the union of William McCoy Dean, Sr and Frances Cecelia Brown Dean. He was preceded in death by his father and mother and a sister, Nettie Frances Dean.

At an early age, Pete accepted Christ and united with First Baptist Church in Hardinsburg, KY, where he was a faithful member throughout his childhood and teenage years. On June 5, 1973, he was united in marriage to Gloria Jeanette Ricks. They moved to Owensboro, KY and joined the Calvary Temple church family. Pete, being a faithful willing servant of Jesus Christ, served his last years of worship with the family at Good Shepherd Church, where he was involved in the Jail & Prison Ministry. He also completed the Honor Bound Men of Champions course and received his sword. He loved going on mission trips to Belgium and Venezuela where he provided electrical services or anything else he was asked to do.

Pete was educated in the Breckenridge County School System; attending Hardinsburg Elementary School, and graduating from Breckenridge County High School. He received an Associate Degree from ITT in September of 1969, in electrical engineering. Pete also was a member of the United States Coast Guard and was Honorably Discharged in December of 1982. He was a lifetime member of the Wise Owl Club of National Southwire Aluminum company, in Hawesville, Ky. He was then employed by Century Aluminum until his retirement, after 42 years of service, where he worked his way through the ranks to become the Maintenance General Supervisor. During these years, he owned P&G's Laundromat in Hardinsburg, KY, and Pete's Heating & Air Conditioning Business. "If You're in the Heat, Call Pete". Pete loved his community. He was involved in the NAACP, where he served in the office of treasurer. He participated in local elections, serving as an election clerk, and attended the first Million Man March in Washington, DC.

Pete was a man of honor and character, who took family seriously. He was a man that could be counted on. His brothers and sisters knew that they could lean on him anytime. Indicating that Claude and Anna were simply his in-laws does not do justice to the bond

they shared. He thought of them as his brother and sister and often introduced them as such. He loved all his nieces and nephews as his own children.

Someone wrote – “You’ll never change your life until you change something you do daily. The secret of your success is found in your daily routine”. Pete believed there was a “quote” for every situation. He was an encourager who would often quote inspirational and motivational sayings. He took every opportunity to witness to others about the Lord. He loved talking to folks of all ages, never meeting a stranger.

He was an active man. It was not uncommon to see him riding his bike around town, grinning at passers-by. He would go to Anytime Fitness and Planet Fitness when possible, wherever he could find one. He was a man into sports. The Louisville Cardinals, the Arizona Cardinals baseball team, and the Pittsburgh Steelers are his favorites. He was a traveler and took his wife and kids on many trips; they visited most of the states in the US, frequented amusement parks, and attended family reunions from Seattle, Washington, to St. Petersburg, Florida. He liked exotic foods: frog legs, alligator, shark, turtle. He would try anything. Pete was a grilling man who liked to eat out. He was a “cleanup man” if there ever was one. One of his favorite vehicles was a '68 Chevelle. He was a vehicle man. He loved bikes, motorcycles, and his truck – “Big Luke”.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife of nearly 46 years, Gloria; three children: Shannon M. Dean, Jennifer Dean Hardin (Hadji), Patrick R Dean; three grandchildren: S. Jenee Hardin, Jaylon Dean, and H. Isaiah Hardin; his adopted family: Robert, Angela, and Taylor Hardaway; five siblings: Helen E. Hines, Vernell (Bubby) Dean (Fay), Carrie M. Boachie, Anna Faye Dean, and R. Dennis Dean (Michelle); his father-in-law, Rev. C. N. Ricks, one brother-in-law, Claude Ricks, one sister-in-law, Anna Peyton, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, close relatives, friends, and Earl Dean, the family pet.

Cemetery

Owensboro Memorial Gardens

5050 Ky Highway 144
Owensboro, KY, 42303

Events

MAY 5 Visitation 04:00PM - 08:00PM
Good Shepherd Church
3031 Bittel Road, Owensboro, KY, US, 42301

MAY 6 Visitation 12:00PM - 02:00PM
Good Shepherd Church
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MAY 6 Service 02:00PM
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Comments



“ Katie Floyd lit a candle in memory of William "Pete" Dean



Katie Floyd - May 09, 2017 at 08:13 AM



“ My condolences and sympathy goes to Pedro's wife and his family. My father, Arnold Smith worked with him at NSA (Century Aluminum) for many years, they had a great friendship bond and memories. Pedro would always ask my dad, hows Yancy doing? He always loved hearing about me everytime him and my dad would see each other. I will be thinking and praying for his wife, Gloria and there children during this time of need. Rest in Peace Pedro.

Yancy & Jamie Smith - May 08, 2017 at 07:20 PM



“ I knew Pedro from 6th grade to graduation and have wonderful memories of him. First thing I remember about him...he always had a big toothy ear to ear grin on his face no matter what. Next, I loved his name..."Pedro"...as unique as he was. Finally, when I saw him at the 50th year reunion last June, he still had that same big friendly smile on his face and was still as laid back as he ever was. Hadn't changed a bit! :) He definitely made an impression on everyone and will be greatly missed by all.

Brenda Ball Bryant - May 08, 2017 at 08:26 AM



“ Sorry for your loss. Rest In Heaven, Pete.
Danny Henderson



Danny Henderson - May 07, 2017 at 12:02 AM



“ Soror Shannon, I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. Teresa informed me yesterday. Please know that James & I are praying for you & your family. I lost my mother 5 & 1/2 months ago, so I understand what you must be going through. May the good Lord bless you & your family.



Angela Gregory - May 06, 2017 at 11:55 PM



“ Pedo, was a good friend. We rode together and worked together at NSA. I will pray for the family.
Sorry for your loss
Rick Gipson

Richard Gipson - May 06, 2017 at 10:47 PM



“ So sorry to hear about your loss, we are thinking about you and praying for all of you!!
The Schells, Rob? Loretta, Mitchell, William

Rob Schell - May 06, 2017 at 09:19 PM



“ Dear Gloria, Shannon, Jenni, Patrick, Hadji, Jenee, Jaylon, and Isaiah, We love you all. The homegoing celebration was the best I have ever attended. We loved the anointed music, Word of the Lord shared by your nephew, the tributes, letters of resolutions and ministers. The sermon was great too. There was not a single part that was too long or dull. It all fit so beautifully together. So glad to share this important day of Pete's going home. Thoroughly blessed and thankful. Joy and Emil Herzog

Joy Herzog - May 06, 2017 at 08:09 PM



“ Ms. Gloria, This is Joy Herzog's parents, Weldon and June Coker. We have loved you from the first time we met you when visiting Good Shepherd Church in Owensboro, when visiting our kids. We prayed for Pete when Joy told us about his illness, and for you to have strength to carry on during this difficult time. It's hard to comprehend what to do now that the Lord has called him Home, but you are loved by a church full of people who stand in support of whatever you need. Be encouraged that there is still work for you to do. We send our love and prayers, for a brighter tomorrow with Jesus.
Blessings,
Rev Weldon W and June Coker
Harpers Ferry, West Virginia

Weldon & June Coker - May 06, 2017 at 07:02 PM



“ So very sorry to hear of Pedro's passing. So many thought so much of him. I am also a high school classmate and was so good to see him this passed June at our 50th. My husband, Steve and I want to extend our deepest sympathy to Gloria and family.

Shelia Horsley Taul - May 06, 2017 at 03:12 PM



“ Dearest Dean Family, Please know how sorry we are to learn of Pedro's passing. Jody and Pedro hired on NSA the same day in 1969 and maintained a very close relationship throughout their careers. He was always such a pleasure to be around and a master craftsman at his duties. We offer our deepest sympathies. Jody & Suzi Brown

Suzi Brown - May 06, 2017 at 01:20 PM



“ Ms. Gloria this is Vanessa sister Cindy.. we'd see each other at Cathy's from time to time. I know your daughters Shannon and Jennifer...I want send all of you my condolences on the passing of your husband and their father Mr. Dean...

cynthia johnson - May 06, 2017 at 01:10 PM



“ Pedro was a classmate & coworker, so I knew him all my life. He was truly a special person, always ready to help anyone and his smile would make you feel better. My sincere condolences, remember the smile and the good times, bless you.
Bill Seaton

Bill Seaton - May 06, 2017 at 09:02 AM



“ Rev. Dr. Claudia Ramsich lit a candle in memory of William "Pete" Dean



Rev. Dr. Claudia Ramsich - May 06, 2017 at 08:27 AM



“ I'm sorry for your loss and sorry my work schedule prohibits me from visiting. May all Pedro's kindness and goodness be returned to you hundredfold as you grieve your loss.

Rev. Dr. Claudia Ramsich - May 06, 2017 at 08:28 AM



“ Gloria and family, so sorry to hear about Pete's passing. Our friendship goes way back to when our kids were "babies" at Calvary Temple". We have always loved your family. I know he will be sorely missed. Praying for all of you.

Shirley Carrico - May 06, 2017 at 07:59 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Pedro. He was a really nice guy. I enjoyed working with him at Century. Our prayers are with his family. Joe Hoskins

Joe Hoskins - May 06, 2017 at 06:55 AM



“ Wayne and I both have very fond memories of Pete and the entire Dean family from our days at Good Shepherd Church. He was gentle, kind, loving, and an all around good Christian man. Prayers of comfort surround you as you say, "See you later."

Jill Hughes - May 06, 2017 at 06:40 AM



“ Keith&Joyce Oldham, Joya,Danny,Pat,Ricky,and Greg purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William "Pete" Dean.



Keith&Joyce Oldham, Joya,Danny,Pat,Ricky,and Greg - May 05, 2017 at 06:13 PM



“ Vern and family, so sorry for your loss.. Thoughts and prayers

patti Roberts - May 05, 2017 at 05:51 PM



“ Patti Roberts lit a candle in memory of William "Pete" Dean



patti Roberts - May 05, 2017 at 05:49 PM



“ To the Dean family, I send my love and prayers. I feel like I've known Pete for a long time, because while before we met at Calvary Temple my Dad talked about his friend at work all the time named Pedro. He was one of my dearest friends during our time at Calvary Temple and it was so good to see him just back in March at our church worshiping with us. I'll never forget that big smile and his big heart. Love ya brother you will be missed. All my prayers and love to Gloria and the kids and grandkids that I know he loved so much. He was so proud of those grandkids telling me all about them each time we saw one another. Love you all.

Gregory Baize Sr - May 05, 2017 at 05:32 PM



“ Sales' Family sent a virtual gift in memory of William "Pete" Dean



Sales' Family - May 05, 2017 at 04:24 PM



“ I am truly saddened to learn of Pedro's passing ... A giant among men ...not only in stature- but a huge heart... Rest easy my friend ...praying for the family

Marty Riley Jackson - May 05, 2017 at 03:18 PM



“ Gloria and family, I want to extend my heartfelt sympathy to you. I knew "Pedo" from my days at NSA ('69-'88) and have many good memories of him. He was an enjoyable person to be around, and I always knew he was just "a good person"...and he demonstrated that in so many ways through his smile and his kindness. You were one of my nurses while I was a patient at Mercy H and I always enjoyed seeing you and Pedo at the family picnics. Pedo had many friends and it was always easy for him to make new ones. Not only will he be missed by you and the family, but also by the many others he met along his life's journey. Blessings to you and your family in this time of sorrow.

Jim Grant
Cumming, GA

Jim Grant - May 05, 2017 at 12:52 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. In my thoughts and prayers



Mary Jo Payne - May 05, 2017 at 12:49 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Pete" Dean.



May 05, 2017 at 12:09 PM



“ Roxana "Rocky" Holland, Kecia Holland and the Kids purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of William "Pete" Dean.



Roxana Holland - May 05, 2017 at 11:59 AM



“ I am sending this for my husband, he worked with Pedro for many years. He was so touched this morning when he read of his passing. He told me what a special person he was. So gentle and kind. I agree I met with them a couple of times. There are very few "special" people - your Pedro was certainly one of them. We are so sorry for your loss.

Roy and Donna Gorman
Lewisport, KY

Donna Gorman - May 05, 2017 at 11:58 AM



“ I'm so sorry. He was always friendly and ready with a smile. He was willing to help anyone in any way he could. He will be missed by many. As you grieve, remember all the good memories. God bless you!!!

Alicia Spangler - May 05, 2017 at 11:02 AM



“ My heart goes out to everyone for the loss of such a special friend and to Petes magnificent and caring family. I am truly blessed to have known Pedro from church and at work as well. To his beautiful wife Gloria and his three God fearing children, please accept out deepest sympathy for your loss. May God give you strength and peace through your time of need..Pedro, my friend, you will truly be missed but never forgotten. The void you leave is deep, but we will be blessed with the wonderful memories of your life.

Until we meet again my friend!
Paul Moser

Paul Moser - May 05, 2017 at 10:39 AM



“ Jennifer and the Dean family - I am so sorry to hear about your dad. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers in the difficult days ahead.

Pat Henning - May 05, 2017 at 10:15 AM



“ My heart aches in the loss of my friend. I have known Pedro since I was seven. A wonderful, passionate and caring young man. God blessed my friend in so many ways throughout his life here on earth. Most cherished blessing is his family and friends. God's blessings to Gloria and the family. Our deepest sympathy and continued prayers for you.

versie outerbridge - May 05, 2017 at 09:32 AM



“ Dear Gloria and family;
May God strengthen you all through His love and everlasting mercy.
I know that you have wonderful memories of Pete to hold onto.
Thank you and Pete for your kindness and continued friendship to me and my family over the years.
Know that you are in our prayers.
Aubray and family

Aubray Orduna - May 05, 2017 at 09:25 PM



“ I served with Pedro in the Coast Guard Reserve. He was an outstanding member of our unit and respected by all. Pedro was a team player, always willing to lend a helping hand where needed. He was upbeat and seemed to find the "good" in everyone. He had a way of drawing others to him and was a joy to be around. I know all the Coast Guard members who knew him join me in send our thoughts and prayers to Pedro's family. May our Lord hold you in the palm of his hand and comfort you.

Leslie Allen - May 04, 2017 at 10:16 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of William "Pete" Dean.



May 04, 2017 at 09:24 PM



“ I went to High School with Pedro, he was a good man and good friend. He was a lot of fun to be around and I remember the day a snake got loose in biology class, Pedro went out the window.

Don Shelman

don shelman - May 04, 2017 at 08:24 PM



“ Pete was one of the best neighbors I have ever had. It was always a joy to be around him. We will miss him greatly, but because of our hope in Christ, we will see him again on the other side. Praise to our Lord for the gift of his Son that those who believe in Him will have eternal life. Pete believed and is now in His presence! All glory to God for His saving grace!

Paul Gleason - May 04, 2017 at 04:51 PM



“ Gloria, my heart, thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Words can never say enough but knowing that he is with Jesus and Jesus is with you is a comfort. Love in Christ
Sheila Crook

Sheila B Crook - May 05, 2017 at 10:41 AM