



Donald W. Dean

April 1, 1922 - April 3, 2007

Donald W. Dean, 85, of Bloomfield, died Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at his residence. He was born April 1, 1922 in Bloomfield. He was the son of Frank C. and Betty Jeanette (Wines) Dean.

Upon graduation from Bloomfield High School in 1940, he enlisted in the army and served for four years, six months, and 26 days as a technical sergeant in Tunisia, Sicily, and Italy during WWII. He served under General Patton in Tunisia and General Mark Clark in Sicily and Italy. After earning six medal stars for dedicated service to his country, he returned home to Bloomfield where he married Betty Jo (Hasler) Dean.

They had a daughter Nancy (Dean) Canty who is married to Michael Canty and a son David Dean who is married to Shannon (Edwards) Dean. He is also survived by two grandsons Adam and Ethan Dean. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He adored his family.

He was a member of the Bloomfield First Baptist Church for 72 years. After 24 years, he retired from NSWC Crane. In 1978, he was elected State Representative and served 12 years in the Indiana State Legislature. He was a patriotic and civic minded man who loved and served his country with great pride. He was a life member of the Bloomfield American Legion post 196, D.A.V., Bloomfield Masonic Lodge F&AM #84, as well as the Scottish Rite and Zorat Temple of Terre Haute, Linton Elks, Greene County Shrine, and a 50 year member of the Bloomfield Lions Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister, Nancy Ellen

Deam all of Bloomfield.

Viewing will be held at Jenkins Funeral Home in Bloomfield on Thursday, April 5, from 4 to 8 p.m. The funeral service will be held at the Bloomfield First Baptist Church on Friday, April 6, at 1:00 p.m., with Rev Brent Meyer officiating. Viewing will also be held before the service at the church from 12 to 1 p.m. Burial will be in Grandview cemetery where military services will be performed by American Legion Post 196 of Bloomfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bloomfield First Baptist Church Building Fund. Online condolences are available at www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall

SH

“ We share our deepest condolences to your family. May the Lord wrap His arms around you and give you comfort.

Shirley & Kenny Hise - April 19, 2007 at 02:08 PM

BW

“ David,
Sorry about your loss,I didn't know about your dads passing,but you are in our thoughts and prayers,God bless you all.
Brad

Brad Workman - April 07, 2007 at 09:17 PM

JL

“ Betty, I'm so sorry for your loss.
Jeanie Hasler Lisman

Jean Lisman - April 06, 2007 at 07:19 PM

BC

“ Dear David & Family,
So sorry for your loss. Donald was a great person and he will be greatly missed. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.
The Chesnut's

Brian, Darla, Deanna & D'lee Chesnut - April 06, 2007 at 01:21 PM

ND

“ Bloomfield High School 1997
My thoughts are with Coach (David) Dean and his family.

Nathan K. Drake - April 05, 2007 at 10:09 PM

SS

“ David and family, So sorry to hear about the passing of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Susie Swango - April 05, 2007 at 10:21 AM

LB

“ Betty, Nancy & Mike-You are in our thoughts and prayers. We have good memories of Don and all of you. God Bless, Larry & Judy

Larry & Judy Brown - April 05, 2007 at 09:56 AM

DB

“ Dave, Shannon, and boys,
We were very sorry to hear about your father's (and grandfather's) passing. He will be sadly missed by all of you--and the memories you will always cherish. Debbie and Brent

Debbie and Brent - April 05, 2007 at 09:27 AM

SW

“ I am the daughter of Bill and Veva Owen. We have known your family for a number of years; in fact, Don sent our daughters, Missi and Mimi as pages to the House of Representatives back in the early 1980's. So sorry for your loss; our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Sarann Owen Weeks - April 05, 2007 at 09:20 AM

MW

“ *Mrs. Dean and Family,
Mine and my families thoughts and prayers are with you. I have so many memories of visiting with the both of you with my grandparents, Bill and Veva Owen. My sister and I had the time of our life serving as pages for Representative Dean. My heart goes out to you and your family during this time. Indiana lost a great man.*

Missi Weeks-Jones - April 05, 2007 at 09:03 AM

MC

“ *Dear David, Shannon, and family, I was so sorry to hear about your father's passing. I know you will cherish all the fond memories in the upcoming years, just as I do with my father. You are in my prayers.*

Martha (Morley) Croft - April 05, 2007 at 08:20 AM

MM

“ *David and family, My heart goes out to you as you lose the love and support of someone so dear to all of you. May you find real peace in the memories he has left and in the knowledge he is still watching over you. God bless you. We think of you often at SWestern.
Sincerely, Mary Murray*

Mary A. Murray - April 04, 2007 at 07:50 PM

LS

“ *To the Dean family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Donald will be missed by all.*

Larry, Beverly Burris and sons - April 04, 2007 at 07:08 PM

AJ

“ *Dave and I have fond memories of Dean and offer our condolences to Betty, Nancy, Mike and all the family. Our regards and best wishes to you all. Anne*

Anne Jones Johnson - April 04, 2007 at 06:52 PM

SH

“ *Donald will be greatly missed.*

Sherry Hixon - April 04, 2007 at 06:13 PM

DM

“ *WE are sorry fot your loss and our thoughts and prayers will be with you over the coming days. Love, Louise and David Mount*

David Mount - April 04, 2007 at 05:28 PM

DR

“ *Sorry for your loss. Your family is in my prayers.*

Donna Ray - April 04, 2007 at 03:26 PM

DG

“ *To the Dean Family:
My prayers go out to you in this time of sorrow. Just remember that you will see Don again in Heaven. He was placed on this earth by God for the 85 years to do what he was supposed to do then His Heavenly Father needed him in Heaven. He is in the Kingdom of God now looking over you. Never forget that he walks beside you in your daily activities. God Bless and take care. David*

David B. Gadberry - April 04, 2007 at 12:58 PM

BD

“ *Dean Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Brett & Jennifer Deckard*

Brett & Jennifer Deckard - April 04, 2007 at 11:55 AM

LC

“ *So sorry for your loss. Your family is in my prayers.*

Lion Audrey Craig - April 04, 2007 at 08:34 AM

CS

“ *David and Family,
So sorry to hear about the death of your father. My prayers are with
you and your family.*

Connie Smith - April 04, 2007 at 08:05 AM

TD

“ *Betty, Nancy & David, I am so sorry to hear of Don's passing. Our
thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Tammi Duzan & Devin - April 03, 2007 at 08:24 PM

KH

“ *Betty, Nancy, David, I am so sorry for your loss. I'm praying for
God's strength and comfort for all of you and yours at this difficult
time.*

Kerri Helms - April 03, 2007 at 07:06 PM