



Joseph Murray Dean

January 17, 1923 - June 5, 2018

Joseph Murray Dean, age 95, of Bad Axe, passed away on Tuesday June 5, 2018 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Joseph was born in Bad Axe on January 17, 1923, son of the late Willis and Loretta (Murray) Dean. He married Doris McArdle in November 1946. She preceded him in death February 1982. He married Ruth Begandt McArdle in August 1983.

Joe was the wheelsman for the City of Detroit III before joining the Navy. During WWII, he served on the ship U.S.S. Pillsbury. After his discharge from the Navy, he moved his family to Bad Axe to work the family farm. He was an accomplished builder, farmer and was appointed to the U.S. Post Office by President John F. Kennedy in 1962. There he served 25 years. From 1968 to 1978 he served as secretary of the draft board in the Saginaw Valley area. He was a member of the Bad Axe Rotary. He was a historian by nature who enjoyed reading, traveling, sailing and was a self-taught woodworking craftsman. Joe was a loving husband, father, brother, friend and neighbor.

Joe is survived by:

His wife Ruth Dean of Bad Axe.

1 Sister – Eleanor Currie of Harbor Beach.

9 Children – Franklin Dean of Bay City, Paul Dean of Bad Axe, Joseph (Kim) Dean of Capac, Raymond Dean of Bad Axe, John (Brenda) Dean of Bad Axe, Loretta (James) Wieszciecinski of Bay City, James Dean of Bad Axe, Mary (Terry) Avery of Bay City, Patricia (Dan) Corcoran of Traverse City.

3 Step-children – Louise (Jim) Dinsmore of Sanford, Dale (David) Anderson of Midland, Carl (Bonnie) McArdle of Marlette.

Grandchildren – Michael (Leslie) Dean, Jennifer (John) Root, Jerome Dean, Doris (Kiju) Victoria, Pam (Jim) Justin, Raymond Dean, Jr., Amanda (Cory) Gunn, Brandon Dean, Candice (Dan) Ahrens, Deidre, Dylan, and David Wieszciecinski, Danielle Avery, STS Brent (Makaila) Avery, Monica (Kyle) Melton, Ryan Corcoran.

Step-Grandchildren – Melanie LaLonde, Darren Dinsmore, Deborah Anderson, Carmen Chaffee, Chad McArdle, Nathan McArdle, Jamie McArdle, Keshia Shadley.

Many Great-grandchildren.

2 Cousins – Joann Gilleran of Royal Oak and Jim Heller of CA.

Many nieces and nephews.

Joe was preceded in death by:

1 Sister – MaryAnn and husband Doug Miller.

2 Brothers – Willis “Jack” Dean and wife Marie, Robert Dean and wife Frieda.

1 Brother-in-law – Doug Currie.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 am on Saturday, June 9 2018 at St. Hubert’s Parish – Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Officiating will be Fr. Rob Howe. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Friends may call at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe on Friday, June 8, 2018 from 1- 8 pm or Saturday at the Church from 9 am until the Mass at 10 am.

A scripture service will be offered Friday at the Kaufman Funeral Home at 4 pm, with Janis Stein reading a life story.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kaufman & Co. Funeral Home, Inc.
84 Westland Dr
Bad Axe, MI 48413
(989) 269-3000
kaufmanfuneralhome@gmail.com

Scripture Service

JUN 8. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

JUN 9. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St Hubert Parish-Sacred Heart Catholic Church
311 Whitelam St
Bad Axe, MI 48413
(989) 269-772

Funeral Mass

JUN 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Murray Dean*

January 28, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Murray Dean.*



June 07, 2018 at 09:52 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joseph Murray Dean.*



June 07, 2018 at 06:00 PM



“ *GM Infotainment Tech Team purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joseph Murray Dean.*



GM Infotainment Tech Team - June 07, 2018 at 04:44 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Murray Dean.*



June 07, 2018 at 10:48 AM



“ *Sure wish I could had gotten him aboard his old cement carrier ship The Challenger before they converted it to a barge. It would have been interesting to be a mouse on the sailing trip to Birtish W I with GOP Mark K & GOP Ed Moore. He came back not being converted from his beliefs.....Peace be with You Joe!!!! Will miss our nautical conversations .*

Ken Gorney - June 07, 2018 at 09:46 AM



When we took him to board the USS Edson in Bay City, other visitors were gathering around him as he was explaining the instruments in the bridge. Thank you for sharing.

Loretta - June 07, 2018 at 10:33 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Murray Dean.*



June 06, 2018 at 04:18 PM

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“ *With Joe's Passing, We've Lost a Good Friend, and Close Neighbor. Over the Years We've gained and Shared so many Family Memories, Fun times, learned so much from Joes's Farming, to his many Building projects. His Family has been a Blessing, and close Family Friend to Each of Us. Our Deepest Sympathies, Lyle, & Phyllis Krohn Family*

Lyle, & Phyllis Krohn Family - June 06, 2018 at 03:23 PM

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Thank you! We have shared a lot. Our hearts are forever connected.

Loretta - June 07, 2018 at 10:35 AM



“ *Memories to Treasure was purchased for the family of Joseph Murray Dean.*



June 06, 2018 at 03:09 PM