



George Allen "Joe" Dean

November 4, 1943 - January 2, 2026

George Allen "Joe" Dean, 82, of Salisbury, passed away January 2, 2026 at his residence.

Born November 4, 1943 in Rowan County, he was the son of the late Mary Lou Mayhew and George Dean. He was a 1962 graduate of West Rowan High School. He was a veteran of the United States Army and retired from Norfolk-Southern Railway.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, who he married June 30, 1962, Louise Watson Dean on April, 22, 2025; brothers, Harry Dean, Lonnie Dean, Floyd Dean, Clyde Dean; and sisters, Addie McDaniel, Helen Bringle, Betty Dean, Nancy Dean, Jean Hayes, Myrtle Curlee, Faye Ellenburg, Verie McCoy, Bertie Klutz; and sister-in-law, Jean Shoaf nieces and nephews Brad Dean, Duran Dean, David Ellenburg, Sherry Curlee and Kenny Kesler.

Left to cherish his memory are his brothers, Wayne Dean (Jean) of Huntingdon, TN, Steve Dean of Salisbury; sister, Kathy Cesario of Salisbury; brother-in-law, Larry Watson; nieces and Nephews Tonya Barber (Jason), Jimmy Shoaf III (Jennifer), Craig Cesario (Stephanie), Andy Cesario (Natalie), Dusty Dean (Lisa), Danny Ellenburg (Jan), April Dean, Megan Dean, Billy Kesler (Lisa), Mike Curlee and Lisa Curlee, great-nieces, Paige Barber, McKenzie Shoaf, Kaitlyn Sells (Lee); great-nephews, Shane Barber, Chase Shoaf; brother-in-law, Jimmy Shoaf, Jr.

The family will receive friends 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Monday (January 5) at Salem

Lutheran Church. The funeral service will follow at 12 p.m. with Rev. Ernie Sheldon officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

The family would like to recognize Cathy Misenheimer a devoted care giver who was much more than a caregiver. She was family, a constant presence and a source of comfort and love.

Memorials may be made to Salem Lutheran Church, 5080 Sherrills Ford Road, Salisbury, NC 28147.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Dean family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Salem Lutheran Church Cemetery

5080 Sherrills Ford Rd.
Salisbury, NC 28147

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Salem Lutheran Church
Sherrills Ford Rd.
Salisbury, NC 28147

Funeral Service

JAN 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

Salem Lutheran Church
Sherrills Ford Rd.
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Tribute Wall

EM

“ Joe was such a wonderful talented man. Always smiling and willing to help anyone. Heaven gained a good one and is now rejoining his wonderful wife Louise.
Eric Moore

Eric Moore - January 04 at 05:47 PM

PW

“ So very sorry to hear of Mr. Dean's passing. He was one of my very favorite patients. Always said hello to me by name and was so sweet and kind. Prayers to his family. He will be so missed!! Patti W.


Patti Watt - January 04 at 04:48 PM

CF

“ I was sorry to hear of Joe's Passing, I worked with on the railroad and he was a very good man, and I am sure he will be missed

Carl Fugate - January 04 at 12:28 PM

ES

“ Uncle Joe was one of the best I've ever had. He was a kind and loving man. He was always there for us during difficult times of my family's sickness and loss. I will forever love  him and Aunt Louise. Heaven gained a wonderful man.



Elaine Dean Smith - January 03 at 05:53 PM

MW

“ Mae Woodwood lit a candle in memory of George Allen Dean



Mae Woodwood - January 03 at 05:52 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George Allen "Joe" Dean.



January 03 at 04:56 PM

JF

“ Jimmy & Rachel Dean Hucks & Family lit a candle in memory of George Allen Dean



Jimmy & Rachel Dean Hucks & Family - January 02 at 11:42 PM

LM

“ I have known Joe for many years,he always had a smile on his face.To his family my thoughts and prayers are with all of you.Joe will be missed.



Linda Messick - January 02 at 07:06 PM