



## Mr. Willie Paul Dean

September 12, 1937 - November 27, 2016

Mr. Willie Paul Dean, 79, of Comer, GA passed away on Sunday, November 27, 2016, at the Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center in Athens, GA.

Mr. Dean was born in Danielsville, GA on September 12, 1937, son of the late Robert Dean and the late Cora McElreath Dean. He was a steward on Air Force One and retired from the United States Air Force. Mr. Dean was of the Southern Baptist faith.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Gloria Jean Golden Dean; and brother, Carlise "Bud" Dean.

Survivors include his daughter, Stephanie Fragmin of Stonewood, WV; son, Robert Edward Dean of Comer, GA; sister, Sara Nitkowski of FL; grandchildren, Willie O'Neil, Victoria Patterson, Bryan, Laurel, and Madeline Dean.

Funeral services for Mr. Dean will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 30, 2016, in the Pruitt Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. James Gunn officiating. Interment will follow in the Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be to the charity of one's choice.

Pruitt Funeral Home in Royston, GA is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery

275 Friendship Church Road  
Danielsville, GA 30633

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 30. 3:00 PM (ET)

Pruitt Funeral Home Chapel  
47 Franklin Springs Street  
Royston, GA 30662

# Tribute Wall

LH

“ So sorry that I just found this. My heartfelt condolences to Stephanie and Robert. Paul was my First Sergeant at Vandenberg AFB in 1978-1981. He was a great cook, and a fine pinochle player. Spent many nights at the Dean house playing cards and drinking beer with Paul and Gloria. Helped Paul put a basketball hoop over their garage door for Bob and played catch with Stephanie in the backyard. A true gentleman who loved his family, friends, and above all the U.S. Air Force.  
Forever in my thoughts.

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**Lee Hinchler** - August 28, 2020 at 10:01 AM

WP

“ Paul Dean and I were young Airmen in the 41st ATS at Charleston AFB, beginning late 1959, I think it was. We were ( in our minds ) " hot shots ", being crew members on the C-121 " Super Connie ". We paled around together quite a bit. Later, Paul and I were reassigned to Andrews AFB, but to separate units. We remained good friends, but never as close as we had been. He got to help crew Airforce One, while I went to Night-Watch: The National Emergency Airborne Command Post ( NEACP ) . I'm sorry my ole buddy is gone.....

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**Willard Partin** - September 20, 2017 at 05:26 PM

NS

“ I knew Mr. Dean from when I was just a teenager and young woman. I knew his son Rob for many years. Coincidentally may very best friends moved from Florida where I live to Athens Georgia. I visited Paul every time I came to visit Athens. I use to keep in touch with Mr. Dean once or twice a year but lost contact with Rob and Paul for several years. One memory I have of Mr. Dean is him sitting in his living room which always reminded me from a scene of a Wild West movie. He would sit for hours cleaning his weapons. I miss Mrs. Dean as well. I still have the dolls she crochet a pink and white dress for her and gave it to me as gift of Love while we were sitting on their wooden front porch steps right before I left to go back home to Florida. I hope Rob is doing well. Please send him my condolences and love. Blessings to your family . The Dean's have always had a place in my heart . I am truly saddened to find out that Paul has passed before I could get to talk to him at least one more time. 😞

Nicole Silk - June 28, 2017 at 02:06 AM

WP

Your comment (Nicole Silk) about Paul "cleaning his weapons " reminds me of his love of old western movies. When he and I were at Charleston AFB and Andrews AFB, he could name the supporting players In an old movie as well as main characters. It is a shame Paul and I did not get together after we two retired from the USAF. Only recently did I learn of his passing. Best regards to the family...

Willard Partin - September 20, 2017 at 04:43 PM

WS

“ Wanda Strickland sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Paul Dean



Wanda Strickland - November 30, 2016 at 05:42 PM

WS

“ We are so sorry that we did not know this until tonight. We send our sympathy to the family. Paul was such a nice man and even though we did not see him often, we were always glad to see him. We send our prayers and love to all his family. Thomas (cousin) and Wanda Strickland

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**Wanda Strickland** - November 30, 2016 at 05:16 PM

LW

“ I remember Paul always came by to visit our family when he came home on leave. My mom was Aunt Cora's twin sister. I'm sorry I didn't know about his passing until today. So sorry I couldn't get by to see the family. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. My name is Linda Strickland Witcher

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**Linda witcher** - November 30, 2016 at 12:51 PM