



Rev. Dr. William W. "Bill" Dean

February 15, 1947 - May 16, 2024

Rev. Dr. William W. "Bill" Dean age 77 of Bourbonnais, passed away Thursday, May 16, 2024, at his home. He was born February 15, 1947, in Salem, Virginia, the son of E.W. and Dorothy (Mills) Dean. Bill married Joan Whitby on June 5, 1970, at Evangelical Methodist Church in Friendship, TN. Bill was a professor and a pastor. He devoted his life to the Lord and to his family. Bill wrote that he was "A teacher by trade and a pastor by calling." He was a scholar, and invested his knowledge and time into those around him. He loved spending time outside and had a love for gardening.

Bill was a member of the Zoar Community Church, Reddick, IL.

Surviving is his wife Joan of Bourbonnais; two sons, Michael (Erin) Dean of Momence, Philip (Kim) Dean of Lisbon, IA; three sisters, Carol Dean of Richmond, VA, Elizabeth (Mike) Adams of Orlando, FL, Becky (Dan) Kongs of Seattle, WA; nine grandchildren, EmmaJo, Percy (Katie), Sadie, Josiah, Leeza, Grace, Kasia, Abrielle, Josie; special family friends, Sandi Kelly, Vincent Michwanazi, Leslie Ruszkowski, and Idalia Cano.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents and one infant brother, David.

Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Saturday, May 25, 2024 at River Valley Christian Fellowship Church, Bourbonnais.

Cremation rites will be accorded following the service. Inurnment will be at Bellevernon Cemetery in Friendship, TN.

Arrangements are by Schreffler Funeral Homes, Kankakee.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **25**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

River Valley Christian Fellowship Church
800 Cardinal Drive
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Funeral Service

MAY **25**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

WS

“ I am really sad to learn of the passing of Dr. Dean. He was my history professor at ONU. He helped me bridge the gap between fact and fiction in my historical studies. He was my favorite professor and the one who had the most profound change on my academic life. He will be missed.

Walter Stucke - March 11, 2025 at 09:52 PM

SD

“ Joan and Family - I am so very sorry to learn of Bill's passing. So thankful for the hope of Heaven and pray the Lord lift you and carry you through your grief, sadness and loneliness. Love, Susan Hobbs Draine

Susan Draine - September 08, 2024 at 08:54 PM



“ He was a great mentor of mine, and helped inspire me to a vocation as a historian.

Christopher Allison - June 06, 2024 at 08:32 AM

SE

“ Always loved him for his kindness and laughter. Gary and I asked Joan and Bill to marry us during Covid. Go and enjoy heaven.

Sherri Eich - May 28, 2024 at 06:49 PM

EH

“ We're very sorry for your family's loss but know that he is in heaven, the place he longed to be.

Emilie Hinton - May 18, 2024 at 05:10 PM

JB

“ Bill Married my husband & Me when we got married at the Renaissance Fair up here in Minnesota on Sunday of Labor day holiday in 1999 (Sept. 5). He forgot his bible & had to wing it... it was a good "wing" & I walked up & down the aisle with assistance (stroke March 30, 1999). Sending Prayers & Love.

Joan Baruch - May 18, 2024 at 01:43 PM

KW

I'm sorry hear about your bill it so sad 🥹🥹

Katherine wilt - May 18, 2024 at 02:35 PM

LR

“ Love Steve and Cyndy Ruszkowski purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Rev. Dr. William W. "Bill" Dean.



Love Steve and Cyndy Ruszkowski - May 18, 2024 at 10:45 AM