



Richard Dean

June 22, 1944 - October 20, 2010

Richard Thomas Dean, known to most people as "Dick," was born June 22, 1944, in St. Louis, Mo., to Lawrence Linden and Margaret Charlotte Seeburger Dean. He died at his home in Searcy Oct. 20, 2010, after a yearlong battle with cancer. He was 66.

Dick is survived by his wife, Retta Martin Dean, of the home; a daughter, Leigh Ashlie Galyan, and her husband, Jim, of Searcy; a son, Kent Richard Dean, of Ft. Worth, Texas; a granddaughter, Larke Elizabeth Ayres Galyan, a student at Texas Christian University; and a brother, Christopher A. Dean, of Branson West, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Lawrence Charles Dean.

Dick spent most of his adulthood as a football coach/teacher or apartment owner/manager. He and Retta had been married almost 45 years. He was a member of the College church of Christ.

Visitation will be Saturday, Oct. 23, from noon to 2 p.m., followed by a memorial service at 2 p.m., at the College church. Dr. Clifton L. Ganus Jr., who performed the wedding ceremony for Dick and Retta, called Dick "a friend and a trustworthy servant of God." His lifelong friend, Harold Valentine, said, "His truly servant attitude and way of life were cherished by all with whom he came in contact."

Memorials may be made to the Dean Brothers Scholarship Fund at Harding University, 915 E. Market Ave., #12238, Searcy, AR 72149.

Tribute Wall



“ I remember Coach Dean well coaching me in junior high football at Pleasant Grove Christian in 1968. I always had a lot of respect for Coach Dean and am very sorry to read of his passing.

January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Coach Dean's passing. It's been a long time since DC at Pleasant Grove with him coaching and you teaching Biology.

October 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Dean, Ashley, Kent and family - I am so sorry for your loss and I remember Mr. Dean with fondness. He was always amazingly nice to me - and let me go to Huddle Group there at your home all 4 years :). I have some very happy memories in your home, and think of you often. You all are in my prayers.

October 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Retta and family: Max and I offer our sincere condolences for the loss of Dick. I have known Retta since childhood and think highly of her. She is responsible for my attending Camp Wyldewood and Harding. Our love and prayers continue during this difficult time.

October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM