



Terry Joe "TJ" Dean

April 22, 1952 - August 25, 2021

Memorial services for Terry Joe Dean, 69, of Gilmer, Texas are scheduled for 2:00 pm, Sunday, August 29, 2021, in the chapel of McWhorter Funeral Home. The family will receive friends at 1:00 pm prior to the service.

Terry Joe was born April 22, 1952, in Gilmer, Texas to Bill and Virginia Bowden Dean and passed from this life August 25, 2021, surrounded by his family.

Terry Joe (better known as T J) was a lifetime resident of Gilmer, Texas and attended Gilmer High School. He started driving a log truck at the age of 14 and began his lifetime career of operating heavy equipment. He coached little league baseball in the Dixie Youth Baseball League and led his winning team to the State Championship and the World Series in the early 1980's. T J was an easy going, simple man, who cherished attending all of his children and grandchildren's activities. He enjoyed going to rodeos and was a lifelong fan of NHRA Drag Racing. He was a phenomenal cook and often cooked for family gatherings. He valued spending time with his friends at the local coffee shop.

T J was an active and devoted life partner, dad, pappy, son, brother, uncle, cousin, and life coach to many youth over the years. Great memories of his wonderful sense of humor and his example of true dedication to his loved ones will live on through his family for generations to come. He was truly loved by all that knew him.

Those left to cherish his memory are his son, Eric Dean; daughter, Liz Couch

(Randy); his parents, Bill and Virginia Dean; brother, Billy Ray Dean (Brenda); sister, Ginger Kay Cargal; grandchildren, Lauren Couch, Mahri Dean, Paisley Dean, Brooke Couch, Charlotte Dean, Jex Noah Dean; Desireé Pierce (Jake); great grandchild, Bohdi Pierce;; life partner, Mary Hawthorne and family, Tabitha Allen, Teri Roberts, Michael Hawthorne, Alicia Trimble, Bailee Albright, Daniel Roberts Jr, Mackenzie Allen, Bre Albright, Brooklyn Allen, Levi Roberts, Lynden Hawthorne, and Clara Hawthorne; and numerous nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Honorary pallbearers are Brian Light, Michael Dean Gage, James Wesley Cargal, David Pickett, Scott Sisson, Luke Dean, Elliott Dean, and Joe Finney. After losing a beloved nephew and niece to cancer related illnesses, T J has always wanted to support children battling the disease and their families. In lieu of flowers please make a memorial donation to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Stjude.org.

Please visit Terry Joe's on-line registration book at www.mcwhorterfh.com to leave a memory for the family.

Previous Events

Service

AUG **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Terry Joe Dean Service*



McWhorter Funeral Home - September 01, 2021 at 04:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Terry Joe "TJ" Dean.



August 30, 2021 at 02:00 PM



“ *Just moved back to Gilmer a few months ago and was going to look Terry up. Had a lot of fun in school together and at skating rink.*

Dana Hughes - August 29, 2021 at 01:19 PM



“ 192 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



McWhorter Funeral Home - August 28, 2021 at 08:24 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



McWhorter Funeral Home - August 28, 2021 at 05:33 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray* was purchased for the family of Terry Joe "TJ" Dean.



August 27, 2021 at 10:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Terry Joe "TJ" Dean.*



August 27, 2021 at 10:17 PM



“ *Terry was a great friend growing up. we had a lot of fun skating every Friday and Saturday night. I was so looking forward to seeing my friend at our 50th reunion coming up on September 4th. May you rest in peace Terry Joe.*

Arnold Walters

Arnold Walters - August 27, 2021 at 07:14 PM



“ *Andy and I are so so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Andy and Liz Richardson

liz richardson - August 27, 2021 at 10:40 AM



“ *Darlene (Hunter) & James Barber lit a candle in memory of Terry Joe "TJ" Dean*



Darlene (Hunter) & James Barber - August 27, 2021 at 08:40 AM

DB

So sorry for your loss. Continued prayers for Terry's family and friends.

Darlene (Hunter) & James Barber - August 27, 2021 at 08:41 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Terry Joe "TJ" Dean.*



August 27, 2021 at 08:14 AM

DS

“ *so sorry to learn of my classmate TJ, passing. Nothing but fond memories of Terry Joe , going thru school and classes with him. My condolences and prayers for his family with this great loss*

Dwayne Studdard - August 27, 2021 at 08:02 AM

JA

“ *Prayers for the family!*

june Turner Alvey - August 26, 2021 at 07:11 PM

HM

“ *Praying for the Dean family during this sad time. May your days ahead be brighter. Lots of fun memories of TJ. Never a dull moment when he was around. RIP, TJ.*

Hazel Pilgrim Moore

Hazel Moore - August 26, 2021 at 04:06 PM