



Billie L. Dean

April 10, 1931 - September 5, 2020

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting a donation be made "In memory of Mr. Billie L. Dean" to the 123 Agricultural Scholarship Fund.

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Apopka, Florida 32704

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Billie Lewis Dean was born April 10, 1931 to Arthur and Ida Dean in Clermont, Florida. The oldest of three children, Billie was raised in a family that loved God. He grew up as an active member of Jacobs Chapel Baptist Church of Clermont.

Billie believed in perseverance, hard work, integrity and was a social icon that could be described as never meeting a stranger.

In the 1940's, there were no high schools for African-American children in Clermont. Determined that their son would receive an education, when Billie

turned 14, his parents rented him a room in Orlando. He relocated and attended Jones High School. He would catch the Greyhound bus home every Friday afternoon and return to Orlando every Sunday, after church.

During his senior year at Jones High School, Lake County School Board decided to transport African-American students from Clermont to Eustis Vocational High. It was then that Billie moved back in with his parents. He traveled 26 miles daily to receive an education.

After high school, Billie attended Florida Agriculture & Mechanical University in Tallahassee, Florida. While attending college, he was drafted into the United States Army. He served as sergeant in the Korean Conflict. In 1954, he was a double recipient of Bronze Stars with Valor for Heroism. Following his completion of the military, Billie returned to FAMU and resumed his education. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture and Master's Degree in Agriculture and Administration & Supervision.

Billie began his teaching career in Clermont, where he worked as a science teacher for two years. For thirty-six years, he taught as an Agriculture Instructor in Apopka at Phyllis Wheatley High and Apopka High School. He was a mentor and role model for many.

In 1979, Billie relocated to Apopka and made it his home. In 1994, he became Apopka's second Black City Commissioner. He was a "Commissioner for All People." He served as Commissioner for 24 years and as Vice Mayor for the last 2 years.

He was an entrepreneur where he owned and operated his own landscaping business and real estate properties throughout Central Florida. For more than 50 years, Billie served as Senior Male Attendant for Marvin C. Zanders Funeral Home.

Highlights of his accomplishments are: Member of the Florida League of Cities, CARET Representative for Land Grant Colleges and Universities on behalf of Florida A&M University, 100 Black Men of America and Board Member of the Lake Apopka Natural Gas. He served as a Monitor for Orange County School's desegregation plan. Billie was the Recipient of the 2001 Florida A&M Distinguished Alumni Award.

In 2007, he received The Marvin C. Zanders Humanitarian Award.

In 2010, with the assistance of his colleagues (John Cloran, Peter Jordan, Alexander Smith) and the City of Apopka, he established the Billie L. Dean Community Garden.

In 2014, Billie was inducted into the Florida A&M University College of Agriculture and Food Sciences-Gallery of Distinction. He was also inducted into the Apopka Sports Hall of Fame as a Civic Honoree for his many years of community service and dedication to the City of Apopka. He received the Orlando Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity award for Great Community Service and the Rufus C. Brooks Civil Rights Award from the Orange County Branch of the NAACP. December 2019, the City of Apopka dedicated The Billie L, Dean Community Center in his honor.

He was a dedicated and faithful member of Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church of Orlando. He served as a member of the Trustee Board.

Billie lived a long and prosperous life, leaving a legacy that will be cherished by all who loved him. Those who knew him would say without a shadow of a doubt, he was a humble man who love to serve, lend a hand and be of help wherever he was needed.

He was preceded in death by his Parents: Arthur and Ida Dean; Daughter: Cassandra Dean Christie; Granddaughter: Alexandra Christie Johnson; Brother: Albert Dean.

He leaves to cherish his legacy and memories: a loving and devoted wife of 44 years: Isadora Moye Dean; Children: Sabrina Dean Brockenbury, Kimberly Dean both of Clermont, Kitrina Dean Henderson (Norris) of Apopka, Ryan Lewis Dean, Orlando; Grandchildren: William Brockenbury, Justin Isom, Tyler Isom, Jacob "Baby Boy" Henderson; Sister: Amy Dean Jones, Alexandria, VA; Aunt: Taisy Parker, Trenton, NJ; Brother-in-law: Isaac McCall (Lillie Dell) Quincy, FL; Sister-in-laws: Ametta Moye, Orlando, FL, Daisy Saunders, Sarasota, FL, Beth Dean, Orlando, FL, Juanita Johnson and Corine McCall both of Quincy, FL; Two Devoted Nephews: Demetrius Jones, Washington, DC and Glen Jones (Maria), Long Island, NY; Devoted Niece: Deanna Darlington (Linhord), Washington, D C. One Goddaughter: Jennifer Neal Mitchell; Four Godsons: Michael Wilkerson (Brenda), Rev. Alexander H. Smith (Linda), Sean Bradford and Pastor Timothy L. Ford (Cassandra), a host of other relatives and sorrowing friends.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

801 East Avenue
Clermont, FL 34711

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

New Jacob's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
410 W. Highway 50
Clermont, FL 34711

Visitation

SEP 12. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Zanders Memorial Chapel
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.
Apopka, FL 32703
(407) 886-3388

Service

SEP 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Orlando
3000 S. John Young Parkway
Orlando, FL 32819

Tribute Wall



“ *Billie L. Dean*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *I am sending my deepest condolences. He Accomplished so much and he definitely left his mark on this earth.*

Melanie Beckett - October 01, 2020 at 05:13 PM



“ *A virtual gift was sent in memory of Mr.Dean*



class 75 - September 18, 2020 at 07:20 PM



Rest In Peace, my Brother in Christ!!!

Kathy Ann Cooper-Carr - September 30, 2020 at 03:15 PM



“ *From the class of 75 Apopka Memorial High School thank you Mr.Dean*



class of 75 - September 18, 2020 at 07:15 PM

DN

“ *Mr. Dean you will be truly miss by the Newsome family Dot Pam and Audrey and Mrs Newsome we are praying for the Dean family may god bless and be strong it not easy to lose your love one.*

Dot Newsome - September 16, 2020 at 12:03 PM

MS

“ *Praying for the family of Mr. Dean. Sending my respect and condolences*



Mazaria Smith - September 15, 2020 at 01:09 PM

DJ

“ *Mrs. Isadora and family,*

I and all of Lake Apopka Natural Gas District mourn the loss of our former Board member and friend, Billie. We never have doubted his commitment to the well-being of our District, its leadership and its customers. He was truly our friend, and we loved him, as he loved us. May God bless you all in the days ahead and may you find comfort in the hope of a sweet reunion. Your friends at Lake Apopka Natural Gas District

Deborah Johnson - September 14, 2020 at 09:55 AM

DM

“ *My sympathy to Isadora and the Dean family. I have many fond memories of our days as colleagues at Apopka High School and the students we served. Such blessings are cherished and last forever.*

Donna Miller

Donna Miller - September 14, 2020 at 07:56 AM



“ *Thinking of you and your family today Mrs. Dean. Praying for God to be a comforter for you all.*

Love,

Roshawna Bridges and family.

Shawna Bryydgezz - September 13, 2020 at 01:54 PM



“ *I wanted to express my sincerest condolences for the loss of my good friend and former colleague. Enjoyed and will cherish our friendship. We loss a man of deep faith, a true statesman, a true public servant and one who made a significant contribution to society. I will miss our touching base with each other and our many conversations. Oh, and by the way, a true 'Porsche' enthusiast! :). Rest in eternity my Brother and to the family, I pray your strength. God bless! Leo E. Longworth - Bartow, Florida*

Leo E Longworth - September 13, 2020 at 11:13 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Billie L. Dean.*



September 13, 2020 at 10:39 AM

MJ

“ *Marlene Jackson lit a candle in memory of Billie L. Dean*



Marlene Jackson - September 13, 2020 at 09:46 AM

KB

“ *Kenya Bradley lit a candle in memory of Billie L. Dean*



Kenya Bradley - September 12, 2020 at 07:57 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Billie L. Dean.*



September 12, 2020 at 04:35 PM

WI

“ *Mr. Billy Dean - my life-long idol and much admired mentor. I'm blessed to have had Mr. Dean in my life. I looked up to him from childhood. If there was one thing I did right about knowing Mr. Dean....it was to give him his flowers while he could enjoy him. I often told him how much I admired him as a person. Thank-you, Sir!
-willard-*

Willard - September 12, 2020 at 01:40 PM

BS

“ Beverly Sweet lit a candle in memory of Billie L. Dean



Beverly Sweet - September 12, 2020 at 11:54 AM

AF

“ My sincere condolences to the Dean Family. Mr. Dean was always the truth. Tell you like it is and love you up after. Thank you for being a man of excellence. May you Rest in Power ♥

Angi Wynn Graham & Family - September 12, 2020 at 10:29 AM

CD

“ Carldernett Davis lit a candle in memory of Billie L. Dean



Carldernett Davis - September 12, 2020 at 09:57 AM

JS

“ Joselean Slydell lit a candle in memory of Billie L. Dean



Joselean Slydell - September 12, 2020 at 09:22 AM



“ Thanks Mr. Dean for all the wisdom that you shared with me as a young man starting out in life. You will be truly missed by a lot of young men that you inspired to be great.



Danny Baldwin - September 11, 2020 at 08:02 PM

RP

“ I will never forget my high school mentor, Mr Billie Dean. As a member of FFA at Apopka Memorial High School when being told about event attendance I would say let me ask my dad. He had already asked and paid my expenses. Rest In Peace Sir.

Ronald Pollard, OESPA president - September 11, 2020 at 06:06 PM

SH

“ The Hall family sends our deepest condolences to the family. Mr. Dean was one of a kind! A true gentleman full of compassion, laughter and truth! Thank you for all of the support and all you have done for the community. Your legacy will live on.

Sylvester and Linda Hall - September 11, 2020 at 05:36 PM

VA

“ Thank you Mr. Billie Dean for being a strong voice for the residents of South Apopka. You achieved much through collaboration and a friendly smile. Due to your dedicated service the quality of life is better in our community. Rest in peace!

*Valerie Andrews
Class of 1970*

Valerie Andrews - September 11, 2020 at 02:45 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Billie L. Dean.*



September 11, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ *Tarana Hadley lit a candle in memory of Billie L. Dean*



Tarana Hadley - September 11, 2020 at 07:36 AM



“ *Thank you, Mr. Dean. You were an inspiration to so many.*



Donna Ballard - September 10, 2020 at 04:55 PM



“ *My prayers and comfort to the Dean Family, Mr. Dean was an inspiration to many Apopka High Students and the community 🙏 Rest In Peace*



Regina McGruder-Jones - September 10, 2020 at 02:27 PM

JM

“ *Joan Mason lit a candle in memory of Billie L. Dean*



Joan Mason - September 10, 2020 at 12:32 PM

JM

“ *Sending My Condolences To The Dean Family and Friends ❤️ Praying For Healing and Comfort That Only God Can Give !!*



Jennifer Moss - September 10, 2020 at 12:28 PM

JM

“ *Mr. Billie Dean, Thank You So Very Much For Your Kindness To Help Others !! God Bless You and May You Rest In God's Heavenly Paradise ❤️ Gone But Never Ever Forgotten !!💔💔💔💔🌹🌹😊😊🙏🙏*



Jennifer Moss - September 10, 2020 at 12:26 PM

RF

“ *Rod/Quandra Love & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Billie L. Dean.*



Rod/Quandra Love & Family - September 10, 2020 at 11:21 AM

SS

“ To the family, so sorry for your lost. may god give you the strength to heal and carry on his dreams. RIP in Mr Billie L. Dean.



Shaunelia Scott - September 10, 2020 at 09:25 AM



“ Commissioner Dean the Mowatt Johnson family will miss you. You had an impact on all three of my children. From the two oldest to the youngest. Ryanna our youngest remembers when you was so proud of her when she won the oratorical contest at Apopka Elementary. You will be missed❤️ Thank you for for all of your encouraging words!

Kim Johnson - September 10, 2020 at 07:03 AM



“ I was just talking to one of my twin daughters who graduated from Apopka High School and FAMU. I did not know that it was one of her talks with Commissioner Dean that helped her make her decision to go to FAMU. He told her that “FAMU would value her and she would not be just a number”. That was what she needed to hear. She went on to FAMU & is having a successful career in Journalism. Thanks Commissioner Dean for your love of young people in our church & community. You will forever be remembered



Kim Johnson - September 10, 2020 at 06:58 AM



“ *Lois Morss lit a candle in memory of Billie L. Dean*



Lois Morss - September 10, 2020 at 05:55 AM

MA

“ *May God Bless you'll, The Alston Family.*



Mary Alston - September 10, 2020 at 01:38 AM

EB

“ *Elaine Bolden lit a candle in memory of Billie L. Dean*



Elaine Bolden - September 10, 2020 at 01:06 AM

DS

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



daisy saunders - September 09, 2020 at 09:24 PM

CG

“ *Charlottle Gant lit a candle in memory of Billie L. Dean*



Charlottle Gant - September 09, 2020 at 09:17 PM



“ *Rosalind Freeman Miller sent a virtual gift in memory of Billie L. Dean*



Rosalind Freeman Miller - September 09, 2020 at 08:11 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to Mrs. Dean and the Dean family. I pray that you will be comforted by the presence of the Lord in this time of grieving* 🕊️

Rosalind Freeman Miller - September 09, 2020 at 08:11 PM

RH

“ *To Isadora and family. We are so sorry if Billie's passing. He was a great neighbor and will miss not seeing him outside. RIP Billie. God has gained another angel. Rick and Debbie Hartzell*



Rick and Debbie Hartzell - September 09, 2020 at 06:25 PM



“ *Val Jackson lit a candle in memory of Billie L. Dean*



Val Jackson - September 09, 2020 at 06:16 PM



“ *Billie Dean Billie Dean I'm really going to miss you with your fun crazy self. Whenever I would see you, you always had a smile and then I would have to come along and pop you. Going to miss you..RIP.*



Mary Kirnes - September 09, 2020 at 05:13 PM



“ *Fannie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Billie L. Dean*



fannie johnson - September 09, 2020 at 01:40 PM



“ *To the family of Mr. Dean hold to Gods Unchanging hand. Peace be still Rest in Heaven. Jaunita Marayne Glass*

Jaunita Marayne Glass - September 09, 2020 at 11:24 AM



“ *MsLady Bostic sent a virtual gift in memory of Billie L. Dean*



MsLady Bostic - September 09, 2020 at 10:25 AM

CF

“ *R. I.P. Mr. Dean I will always remember the rides while working for Mr. Zanders .*



Charles Foster - September 09, 2020 at 10:09 AM

TB

“ *Tangela Bellamy-Brown lit a candle in memory of Billie L. Dean*



Tangela Bellamy-Brown - September 09, 2020 at 09:35 AM

SL

“ *Sadie Lowman sent a virtual gift in memory of Billie L. Dean*



Sadie Lowman - September 08, 2020 at 11:41 PM

SL

“ *Sadie Lowman lit a candle in memory of Billie L. Dean*



Sadie Lowman - September 08, 2020 at 11:40 PM

HB

“ *Commissioner Billie Dean supported me during my runs for Commissioner in Winter Garden. I really appreciated his advice. I was shocked to hear of his passing. I pray for comfort for the family.*

Harold L. Boulter - September 08, 2020 at 09:22 PM

VP

“ *The Pollard Family will always keep you in our heart forever RIP our dearest friend Mr. Billie Dean*



Vert Pollard - September 08, 2020 at 07:31 PM

AB

“ *Angela Britten sent a virtual gift in memory of Billie L. Dean*



Angela Britten - September 08, 2020 at 06:38 PM

DB

“ *Daytonia Bolden sent a virtual gift in memory of Billie L. Dean*



Daytonia bolden - September 08, 2020 at 06:28 PM

DB

“ *Praying for the Dean family. Mr. Dean will be truly miss.*



Daytonia bolden - September 08, 2020 at 06:27 PM

AB

“ *Anthony Brunson sent a virtual gift in memory of Billie L. Dean*



Anthony Brunson - September 08, 2020 at 04:41 PM

EM

“ *To The Dean Family,*

*It is with sadness that I contribute to the many tributes that will be voiced. I like many others engaged in conversations with Mr. Billy Dean. He was a listener and a down to Earth man. He gave constructive yet valuable comments to help ease any situation. A man of value as well. I know you the family already miss him and as so many will I do too.
My deepest sympathy.*

Eddie Marayne

Eddie L Marayne - September 08, 2020 at 01:35 PM



TD

“ *Terric and Candace Durden lit a candle in memory of Billie L. Dean*



Terric Durden - September 08, 2020 at 01:10 PM

PN

“ *Pam Newsome lit a candle in memory of Billie L. Dean*



Pam Newsome - September 08, 2020 at 01:08 PM

AN

“ Audrey and Annie Newsome lit a candle in memory of Billie L. Dean



Audrey Newsome - September 08, 2020 at 01:06 PM

DN

“ Dot Newsome sent a Virtual gift in memory of Billie L Dean



Dot Newsome - September 08, 2020 at 01:03 PM

DN

“ The Newsome Family lit a candle in memory of Billie L. Dean



Dot Newsome - September 08, 2020 at 01:00 PM

AN

“ Audrey Newsome lit a candle in memory of Billie L. Dean



Audrey Newsome - September 08, 2020 at 12:35 PM

TC

“ To Mrs. Isadora and the Dean family,

Nothing in life can prepare us for the death of a loved one. It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we learned of the passing of our beloved friend Billy Dean. It goes without question that he was a committed and dedicated member of Mt. Pleasant. Personally, I always look up to him as a confidant and role model. I admired the fact that he didn't hesitate to tell you what was on his mind. He was always encouraging to me as a young deacon and a minister in the church. He will be dearly missed by our family.

Matthew 5:4 states that.. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted".

Remember, God sees the pain in your heart. He sees you right now and He knows, but rest assure that He cares! My brother, my friend and my mentor has earned his wings. Rest in peace Mr. Dean.

Sincerely,

Minister Tony and Dss. Wendy Covington

Tony & Wendy Covington - September 08, 2020 at 11:32 AM

AN

“ Grover Newsome Family, Gone but not forgotten 🙏

Audrey Newsome - September 08, 2020 at 10:58 AM

BH

“ To The Dean Family :
So Sorry For Your Loss
Praying For U All 🙏❤️
The Hughley's
Belinda & Roberta



Belinda / Roberta Hughley - September 08, 2020 at 10:53 AM

VC

“ Valerie Cockfield-Gore lit a candle in memory
of Billie L. Dean



Valerie Cockfield-Gore - September 08, 2020 at 08:54 AM

RT

“ Rosa TaylorBrown lit a candle in memory of
Billie L. Dean



Rosa TaylorBrown - September 08, 2020 at 02:00 AM

CD

“ Clara Desue sent a virtual gift in memory of
Billie L. Dean



Clara Desue - September 08, 2020 at 01:41 AM

GB

“ A man amongst many full of integrity and a genuine "FAMU RATTLER" will be missed, you have earned your wings take your well deserved rest "Commissioner Billie Dean.



Gussie Baker - September 07, 2020 at 09:42 PM

MD

The family of Art Dean (cousin), would like to Express our deepest condolences, on the passing of Billie. Mary Dean and daughter's

Mary Dean - September 09, 2020 at 10:22 PM

AA

Billie was a honorable man who always made it to the FAMU great harvest festival every year. He was loved and always spoke his mind. He will be missed dearly.

Anthony Ananga - March 03, 2021 at 10:39 AM