



## Hardy R. Dean Jr.

April 30, 1938 - June 14, 2021

Hardy Robinson Dean, Jr. (Robbie) passed away peacefully at his home overlooking the Suwannee River, in Old Town, FL the morning of June 14, 2021. He was 83 years young.

Mr. Dean was born in Gainesville, Florida on April 30, 1938 to Florene and Hardy Dean, Sr. After traveling to the west coast for the Navy, and living in California the majority of his life, he returned home to Florida in 1996 with his wife Nancy, to spend the remainder of his Golden years.

After graduating from college, he proudly served his country in the United States Navy on the USS Coral Sea during the Vietnam war.

Always a people person, Hardy found success by creating relationships as a sales representative for Moore Business Forms. He spent the next 30 years working for Moore until retirement.

As an active member of his community, Hardy was a part of a local car club called the Stop Watchers LTD and the Livermore, CA. Jaycee's, where he was able to give back to his community. Once he retired and returned to Florida, he continued to help his community by joining and becoming very active with the First United Methodist Church of Chiefland, and their United Methodist Men's group. In his down time he and his wife enjoyed cruisin' down the river

on their boat, with the Suwannee River Cruisers boat club.

Mr. Dean was a loving son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Nancy Dean, his children Lynette Ingman (Hal), Michele Heathorn (David), Matthew Dean, and his siblings Verley Dean, Patricia Beddow (William) and Susan Bowden (Larry), seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and many other extended family members. His brother Steven Dean preceded him in death.

A celebration of life service will be held for Mr. Dean at the First United Methodist Church of Chiefland on Saturday June 26, 2021 at 11AM.

Hardy was an avid University of Florida Gator fan. Please consider wearing Gator colors (Orange & Blue), in his honor.

In Lieu of flowers, please send donations in Hardy's name to Haven Hospice or the First United Methodist Church of Chiefland.

For those who cannot attend the celebration in person, please sign the online guest book at [rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com](http://rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com)

Arrangements have been placed under the care of the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City Chapel, with locations in Cross City 352-498-5400 and Chiefland 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guest book at [rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com](http://rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

JUN **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Chiefland  
707 N. Main St.  
Chiefland, FL 32626  
<http://www.fumcchiefland.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ Rick Gooding Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Hardy R. Dean Jr.



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**Rick Gooding Funeral Homes** - June 28, 2021 at 12:53 PM



“ Hardy R. Dean Jr.

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October 08, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ Hardy R. Dean Jr.

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January 30, 2023 at 01:26 AM



“ Hardy Dean was a great man who was an active member of the First United Methodist Church's group of United Methodist Men. He had a wonderful sense of humor and helped many people. I miss seeing him, and I am sorry for his loss from the Dean family, and from the bigger family of all of us humans. I am certain he is in Heaven because I know he was a Christian. I pray that God continues to give comfort to everyone who misses this kind man. --  
Jeff M. Hardison

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**Jeff M. Hardison** - September 12, 2021 at 07:10 AM

GS

“ We all know him as Hardy Dean unless you were a member of “DaCrew” where he chose to be known as the “Senior Captain” onboard. Yep, he was older than all of us and he commanded a certain amount of respect for his age and wisdom or so he thought. Those were the days when a group of Livermore, California Jaycees liked each other so much that they locked themselves up annually for very memorable, one week houseboat trip. Shasta, Oroville, McClure, Don Pedro would find DaCrew and Captain Hardy onboard. Hardy always had a smile for his Crew and their ladies. He was the boss on board or at least we let him think he was the boss. Of course, he could tell a good joke, make a mean Bloody Mary, spread compliments graciously, knew how to party and cared deeply about his family and friends. Hardy was a fun guy to be around, always had kind words and compliments for those he cared about, always had a good joke and always sincerely interested in his friends and his community. As members of “Da Crew”, our lives were enriched by knowing Hardy Dean. Rest in peace, Hardy, at least until we get there and see you again.  
The Souza’s Gillette’s, Komlofske’s, English’s and the Dean’s – DA Crew



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**Gib Souza** - July 05, 2021 at 02:24 PM

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“ We had the joy of knowing Hardy and Nancy during our time in Chiefland, their friendship and hospitality were greatly appreciated and we have many wonderful memories. Rest in peace dear friend.  
Tina and Tony Rennett

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**Tina and Tony Rennett** - July 04, 2021 at 01:09 PM

BD

“ Patricia and Verly ~ seeing that Robbie has passed, brought back childhood memories. Our families spent a lot of time together. I especially remember Hardy Sr. bringing our family into his home during one of our strong hurricanes of the 50's We kids were little & had fun. Robbie kept us little ones in check. Let good memories sustain you during the sad times. My sympathy, Betty Henderson Dicks

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**Betty H. Dicks** - June 28, 2021 at 12:16 PM

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“ Our sincere condolences to the Dean Family.

*Love, and Prayers*

*Leon & Sue S. Clyatt*

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**Sue Sanchez Clyatt** - June 26, 2021 at 09:47 AM

KW

“ Always enjoyed seeing Hardy come by work. He was always busy helping others. Praying for Nancy and the kids.

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**Karen Webster** - June 25, 2021 at 10:02 AM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Hardy R. Dean Jr..



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June 23, 2021 at 08:14 PM

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“ Tommy and Emily from louis lunch would like to send our condolence to you and your family of Hardy passing. we are sorry we can not be there. You are in are thoughts and prayers.

tommy pennisi - June 23, 2021 at 04:00 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hardy R. Dean Jr..



June 23, 2021 at 12:03 AM

RC

“ Heart felt condolences for your loss - Dee & Reid Cooper

Reid Cooper - June 22, 2021 at 07:09 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Hardy R. Dean Jr..



June 21, 2021 at 06:45 PM