



## Verner W. "Red" Dean

July 21, 1919 - May 11, 2013

Dean, Verner Winfield "Red" was born July 21, 1919 in Joelton, TN and died May 11, 2013. He is preceded in death by his wife; Elinor Odum Dean and his sisters; Dottie Dean, Marjorie Fleming, Anna Word and Elizabeth Hargis. He is survived by his daughter; Lisa Nelson (Barry), his son; Doug Dean, a sister; Millie Osment, a granddaughter; Lisa Nichole Moser, a great granddaughter; McKynzye Moser, a great grandson; Graysyn Moser, several nieces and nephews and brother-in-law; James Fleming. Red was employed by the DuPont Company in Old Hickory and in Aiden, S.C. He retired from the State of Tennessee, and later worked for the Castner-Knott Accounting Department. He was a member of the Old Hickory First Baptist Church, serving many years as a Sunday school teacher, a deacon and on many committees. He participated in the G.R.O.W. program. He served most recently on the Pastor Search Team. He was a lifetime member of the Old Hickory American Legion Post 91, serving as Chaplin. He was a member of the Middle Tennessee Chapter of Ex P.O.W.'s , serving as Chaplin and Treasurer. He also served as State Treasurer. He was a charter member of the Old Hickory Area Chamber of Commerce, serving many years on the Board of Directors. He served two different times on the Historic Old Hickory Village Committee, formerly the Old Hickory Village Neighborhood Association. He was a charter member of the Christian Community Outreach Center Board of Directors. He was a charter member of the Curtan Club and the Sertoma Club while they were in existence. He was a lifetime member of the D.A.V. He was a member of the

Hermitage AARP, meeting at McKendree Manor. He was a veteran of WWII, having been a P.O.W. the last six months. He was given a lifetime membership in the Old Hickory Area Chamber of Commerce "for a lifetime of service by the people of Old Hickory." He was a graduate of DuPont Grammer School, and DuPont High School, playing baseball and basketball. He was a graduate of Vanderbilt University, a strong supporter of Vanderbilt athletics. He was a member of the National Commodore Club, the Vanderbilt Hoops Crew and the Vanderbilt Alumni Association. He was a season ticket holder for the football team, men's basketball team, the women's basketball team and the baseball team. He participated in the Church of Christ Disaster Relief Program. He attended the Old Hickory Church of Christ Thursday Morning Bible Class and many other Church of Christ events. He was on the board of the Old Hickory Veterans Committee. He still watched Lawrence Welk. He still said "thank you", "please", and "excuse me." He was voted the Old Hickory Senior Adult of the Year in 1999, the Outstanding Community Leader in 2002 and DuPont High School Alumni of the Year in 2006. Visitation will be held Monday 4-8PM and Tuesday 2-8PM at the PHILLIPS-ROBINSON FUNERAL HOME, Hadley Chapel, 1700 Hadley Ave., Old Hickory. Funeral service will be conducted from the Old Hickory First Baptist Church, 1106 Hadley Ave., 12PM Wednesday with visitation beginning two hour prior at 10AM. Bros. G.B. Howell, Don Loftis and Don Choate officiating. Burial with Military Honors will follow in the Commerce Cemetery. Bud Tucker, Jason Odum, Travis Odum, Chase Adams, Cody Tucker, Jamye Few will serve as pallbearers. Maynard Word, Wally Fleming, Donnie Odum and Jerry Adams will serve as honorary pallbearers. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the American EX-POW Chapter of Middle TN, Veterans Park of Old Hickory or a charity of your choice. PHILLIPS-ROBINSON FUNERAL HOME, Hadley Chapel is proud to be family owned and operated for over 83 years.

# Tribute Wall



“ Verner W. "Red" Dean

October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ he will be missed!!!

bruce odom - May 22, 2013 at 04:13 PM



“ I have just learned of the passing of Mr. Dean. He was a good Christian man and a true gentleman. I looked forward to seeing him at the credit union and 4th Sunday of August at Mt. Sharon CP Church.

Mary Ellen Neal - May 15, 2013 at 11:37 PM



“ A GREAT AMERICAN!  
WHAT A GREAT MAN OF INSPIRATION, COURAGE,  
DEDICATION and WISDOM! I WILL TRULY MISS YOU AT  
VANDERBILT GAMES AND THE THURSDAY BUSINESS LUNCH  
AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.  
YOUR FRIEND and DOUG'S FRIEND,

TONY BANNIZA

TONY BANNIZA - May 15, 2013 at 01:56 PM



“ Red was an amazing man. If you get the opportunity to listen to his story go to [www.OldHickoryTales.org](http://www.OldHickoryTales.org)

Jerry Barnes - May 15, 2013 at 12:59 PM

CB

“ *What a wonderful man. Always had a smile on his face. I was very blessed to have met him.*

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**Cathy Burian** - May 15, 2013 at 12:32 PM

DC

“ *What a great man !!! I knew him from Vanderbilt call-in shows and the games--he was one of the nicest men I have ever met. I always told him I loved his gold converse tennis shoes. He will be greatly missed.*

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**Dana Cothorn** - May 14, 2013 at 04:09 PM

DB

“ *I was so saddened to hear of Red's passing. I always looked forward to seeing his smile and talking to him at the TBL lunch at First Baptist downtown on Thursdays. Red was an amazing man with many stories to tell and great advice to give. I feel honored to have known him.*

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**Davene Blankenship** - May 14, 2013 at 01:59 PM

JC

“ *I am a richer person for having had the opportunity to know Mr. Red. My sisters and I enjoyed our seats at the VU ladies' games near his. He is my definition of "A Great American."*

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**Jo Anne Corbitt** - May 14, 2013 at 12:52 PM

BH

“ *"Red" was one of the most faithful and hard working members of First Baptist, OH. He was a GREAT help to me as his pastor. I always counted him a friend.*

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**Bro. Jud Hays** - May 14, 2013 at 12:36 PM

PD

“ I have never known a more faithful, ardent Vanderbilt fan than my friend, "Red." I had the honor and privilege of getting to know him and talk Vandy at the 1st Baptist Downtown, Thursday lunch for retirees and business men and women, and a time I looked forward to and will miss so much. I'll never forget his riding in the Veteran's Day parade last year, having walked in prior years, and me kidding him about riding in a convertible. You could always spot his car with Old Glory and his Vandy flag flying. You will be missed, "Red."

Paul Darden - May 14, 2013 at 11:43 AM

WO

“ God has called home one of his best ambassadors. Give aunt elinor a hug for us uncle red. RIP.

wanda odum - May 13, 2013 at 01:14 PM

EG

“ Truly a man of God, a friend to all who knew him. Red will be missed.

Eugene Griffin - May 13, 2013 at 01:14 PM

MC

“ my condolences for the loss of such a giving man

mickey clark - May 12, 2013 at 11:07 PM

SA

“ My favorite uncle; and the best person I have ever known. RIP,Red.

Sherry D. Adams - May 12, 2013 at 08:56 PM