



Mary Helen Dean

June 30, 1933 - February 27, 2025

Mary Helen Dean, 91, of Primm Springs, Tennessee, was called home to be with her Heavenly Father in Franklin, Tennessee, on February 27, 2025.. Born on June 30, 1933, in Franklin, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Esther Vaughan Fox.

Mary Helen was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 54 years, Murphree Dean, as well as her four sisters and two brothers. She leaves behind her loving daughter, Debbie (Pat) Neal; son, Dicky (Elaine) Dean; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; her sister Alma Gossett; and a host of extended family and friends who will remember her with deep affection.

A woman of many talents, Mary Helen cherished quilting and all forms of needlework, farming, gardening, and tending to her beautiful flowers. She was also known for her exceptional cooking. Her kind and compassionate nature made her a cherished friend and an inspiring Christian role model. Mary Helen was always ready to lend a helping hand and put others before herself. Her love for God and her family was unwavering and fierce.

Mary Helen will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Her legacy of love, faith, and friendship will live on in the hearts of those she touched.

McDonald Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Dean family.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Pleasant Cemetery
Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Road
Primm Springs, TN 38476

Tribute Wall

KI

“ We are sorry to hear of your loss. Our prayers are with you and your family during this time.

Dr. Tarquine, Kirsten, Nancy and Ty MDVIP



Kirsten - March 03, 2025 at 03:15 PM

TE

“ Terri lit a candle in memory of Mary Helen Dean



Terri - March 02, 2025 at 09:35 PM

RK

“ Dicky, I am so sorry to hear about your mother passing. My prayers for you and all your family.



Ricky King - March 02, 2025 at 08:46 PM

CB

“ Connie Bowen lit a candle in memory of Mary Helen Dean



Connie Bowen - March 01, 2025 at 06:16 PM

BI

“ *Brenda Isbell lit a candle in memory of Mary Helen Dean*



Brenda Isbell - March 01, 2025 at 04:34 PM

GG

“ *Sympathy to this dear family. Mary Helen will be deeply missed.*

Gary and Gayle - March 01, 2025 at 02:15 PM

RG

“ *Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of Mary Helen Dean*



Ronald Gammons - March 01, 2025 at 12:35 PM

VB

“ *Vicky Beagle lit a candle in memory of Mary Helen Dean*



Vicky Beagle - March 01, 2025 at 10:09 AM

MS

“ Mom always thought so much of Mary Helen...so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Melody Skelton - March 01, 2025 at 09:45 AM

SG

“ Stanley & Judy Gordon lit a candle in memory of Mary Helen Dean



Stanley & Judy Gordon - February 28, 2025 at 08:06 PM

KB

“ Karen Bowen lit a candle in memory of Mary Helen Dean



Karen Bowen - February 28, 2025 at 06:49 PM

LD

“ LaCorya Donley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Helen Dean



LaCorya Donley - February 28, 2025 at 06:12 PM

JS

“ *She was a true woman of faith, strength and determination! This woman was an amazing role model. She was a blessing to be around. She cared deeply. Loved her heart and wittiness. My heart is breaking for all of you. I know she is loving being in heaven. My heart and prayers for comfort and strength for each of through the days ahead.*

Jennifer Spann - February 28, 2025 at 05:44 PM

KT

“ *So sorry to hear of Mary Helen's passing. She was a great lady. and I enjoyed knowing her. She would be out in the road with a shovel filling up potholes when I would arrive at her mailbox. I told the county crew they should be ashamed, little old ladies out doing their job. Loved her and Murphy both. Kathy Tucker*

Kathy Tucker - February 28, 2025 at 05:24 PM

JW

“ *Janet Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Helen Dean*



Janet Wright - February 28, 2025 at 05:03 PM

SA

“ *Steve A Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Mary Helen Dean*



Steve A Atkinson - February 28, 2025 at 04:04 PM

SA

“ *Few times I was was around Ms Mary, it was a honor just to talk to her. She live life full of great experiences. She will be greatly missed.*

Steve A Atkinson - February 28, 2025 at 04:04 PM

TA

She was a very interesting lady! She had a great sense of humor! She was so proud of her family.

Terri Atkinson - February 28, 2025 at 05:57 PM

MB

“ *Michael Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Helen Dean*



Michael Bates - February 28, 2025 at 03:16 PM

LA

“ *So many memories of Mary Helen and all of you! We will miss her so much. All of our love. Laura and Chris Velie, Hunter and Elle. xo*

Laura - February 28, 2025 at 03:12 PM

TE

“ *Terri lit a candle in memory of Mary Helen Dean*



Terri - February 28, 2025 at 03:01 PM

JS

“ So shocked as well as DEEPLY saddened when I learned of the passing of "Miss" Mary. Please know our prayers are with EACH of you during this time. May God CONTINUE to be with you ALL!

Joyce Smith - February 28, 2025 at 02:20 PM

MF

“ Mark And Melissa Filson lit a candle in memory of Mary Helen Dean



Mark and Melissa Filson - February 28, 2025 at 02:15 PM

JB

“ Such fond memories of this sweet Lady. She was always so good to my family and me. I loved her greatly.



John Blade - February 28, 2025 at 01:41 PM

ES

“ Ed And Melinda Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Mary Helen Dean



Ed and Melinda Sullivan - February 28, 2025 at 01:38 PM

TE

I remember all the fun times we had at Uncle Allen and Aunt Lucille's house in Primm Springs, Tennessee. I cherish those memories so very much. I am so sorry for your loss Dickiy and Debbie 🌹🌹🌹

Terr - February 28, 2025 at 02:52 PM

TU

Mary Helen was always a good friend and neighbor. She was helpful and sincere. My deepest sympathy to Debbie and Dickey

Terrie Utley - March 01, 2025 at 09:46 AM