



Jimmy Glenn Dean

July 2, 1945 - January 26, 2026

Jimmy Glenn Dean, age 80, of Cedar Bluff, passed away on January 26, 2026, at Atrium Floyd Hospital in Rome, Georgia.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday January 31, 2026 at 2:00pm in the chapel of Perry Funeral Home, burial will follow at Daniels Chapel Cemetery, the family will receive friends from 12:00pm till the time of service at the funeral home.

Mr. Dean was born in 1945 in Cedar Bluff to the late Hardy and Leona Dean. He was a lifelong resident of the community and a proud graduate of Cedar Bluff High School. He continued his education at Berea College in Berea, Kentucky, and later attended Virginia Tech University.

Following college, Mr. Dean began a long and dedicated career in education. He taught at Cedar Bluff School until 1993, serving the final seven years of his tenure as principal. After retiring from Cedar Bluff, he continued his service in education as an administrator at Chattooga High School in Summerville, Georgia, where he worked for 20 years until 2013 as assistant principal and the vocational school director. In addition, he taught college mathematics courses at Gadsden State Junior College's Centre, Alabama campus.

Mr. Dean was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, friend, and teacher whose impact on students and colleagues spanned decades.

He is survived by his wife, Lynn Dean of Cedar Bluff; his son, Todd Dean of Cedar Bluff; his sister, Wanda Hammond of Fort Payne; his daughters, Alison (Patrick) Martin of Kennesaw, Georgia, and Jennifer (Mack) Sawyer of

Opelika, Alabama; and his grandsons, Tyler and Jackson Martin and Nicholas and Mark Sawyer.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Billy Joe, Fred, and Max Dean, and his sister, Shelba Lindley.

Pallbearers will be Tyler Martin, Jackson Martin, Nick Sawyer, Mark Sawyer, Greg Dean, Shane Dean, and Allen Dean.

The family will receive flowers or donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Perry Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

www.perryfuneral.net

Cemetery Details

Daniels Chapel Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Perry Funeral Home, Inc.
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Funeral Service

JAN 31. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BC

“ On behalf of the entire Berea College community, I write to mourn the loss of a beloved Berea alum. I send sincere condolences from 26,000 Berea College alumni. With deepest sympathy, Chad Berry, Vice President for Alumni, Communications and Philanthropy

Berea College - January 31 at 11:59 AM

TR

“ I was a difficult student when I was young and had many trips to the office. On one of those trips, Mr. Dean was playing with what got me in trouble. He complimented me on being creative and then explained about how some things needed to stay at home. I also remember struggling with Algebra and not entirely being able to grasp some of the concepts. I spent one hour with Mr. Dean teaching me a different way and started making top grades in class. He was truly a talented teacher and a fair disciplinarian if you did something wrong. -Terry J. Rogers c/o 92

Terry Rogers - January 31 at 08:41 AM

KM

“ Mr. Dean was one of my principals at Rinehart Elementary School at Rinehart, near Gaylesville. Many years have passed since then.

Kathy Hartline Marshall - January 30 at 06:02 PM

JH

“ Mr. Dean was a great man !! Always so nice!! Prayers go out to those who love him ❤️❤️

Jennifer Hunter - January 29 at 04:18 PM

LB

“ Jimmy accepted graciously that he was to be a leader of his Cedar Bluff High School class, later its teacher and principal. One of its outstanding football players, a captain of his basketball team, an outstanding teacher of mathematics, then a wonderful principal of his alma mater. He accepted his outstanding role in life, and he accepted that all earthly things come to an end. The motto of Berea College from where he earned his undergraduate degree expresses his acceptance of what wonderful things life had in store for him: “And [God] hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation.” A truly outstanding individual. Every person who had the privilege of knowing him was blessed.

Larry Barkley
CBHS class of 1963

Larry Barkley - January 29 at 01:29 PM

SG

“ Mr. Dean was one of my favorite teachers at Cedar Bluff. He was a wonderful teacher who made learning advanced mathematics a subject I did not like fun and enjoyable. He told us many stories about being a country boy going to school at Berea, he was entertaining. I can still see him striding into the classroom with that ever present smile on his face. He was such a positive influence on me. May you rest in peace Mr. Dean.



Sheila Leath Green - January 28 at 05:36 PM

GD

“ Jimmy Dean was one of the best people that you could ever hope to meet. He was five years ahead of me at cedar bluff and he was so nice to all of us much younger students which is not always the case. He treated everyone as though they were special. He was a very good athlete and one that we looked up to because of the person he was. I was not fortunate to have had Jimmy as a teacher as I had graduated the year before. But I immediately heard what a great teacher he was. And he taught math which is often not students favorite subject. But they liked math under Jimmy. When Jimmy became principal, I heard the same things about him as an administrator. It is rare to have an administrator who is loved by both students and faculty as it's such a tough job, but Jimmy was. He was the best of the best. He did Cedar Bluff proud.

To Lynn, Todd ,and the rest of his family, I am so sorry for your loss.

Greg Davis

Greg Davis - January 28 at 04:14 PM

BS

“ A lot of memories of a true gentleman. Always enjoyed being in his company. God rest your soul Jimmy. Bobby Scott



Bobby Scott - January 28 at 01:44 PM

SK

“ I worked with Mr. Dean at Chattooga High School for a few years after he became Assistant Principal there. He was a very friendly man, firm but fair. I think he was well liked by everyone. Prayers for the family. Steve Kaylor

Steven Kaylor - January 28 at 12:57 PM

KB

“ Sending my condolences to the family 🙏.
Jimmy Dean was the best teacher on the face
of this earth. Thanks to him math has
always, and always will be my best subject.
Because of him that is the only thing I ever
learned in school. He was a precious soul with a lot of patience.



Kathy Brumbelow - January 28 at 12:52 PM