



Gary L. Dean

September 27, 1950 - May 22, 2026

Gary L. Dean entered into the presence of the Lord on Friday, May 22, 2026. He was born on September 27, 1950, to Dexter and Marguerite Westfall Dean. On August 15, 1981, he married the love of his life, Debbie Fleming Dean.

Gary retired from Corhart Refractories after 36 years of dedicated service. During retirement, he enjoyed buying, selling, and trading guns, antiques, and coins. He loved fishing, hunting, playing cornhole, dominoes, and cards, but his greatest joy was spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Gary cherished family traditions and created many treasured memories through annual ramp digs, sled riding adventures, boating trips, and jet skiing with those he loved most. He was a devoted Christian and attended Kesling Mill Community Church for most of his life.

He is survived by his loving wife, Debbie Dean; his daughter, Shelly Skelton and husband Keith; his sons, Jeff Dean and wife Sue, and Josh Dean and wife Anna. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Taylor Tenney, Isaac Skelton and wife Kaitlyn, Dalton Dean, Kaylynn Dean, Brooke Dean, and Grace Dean; and by his great-grandson, Clark Tenney.

Also surviving are his siblings, Margaret Strouth, Dwayne Dean and wife Vickie, and Debbie Rice and husband Kenny; sisters-in-law, Shirley Dean and Darlene Dean; and brother-in-law, Hubert Fleming and wife Chris and many beloved nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his in-laws Tommy and Ruth Fleming, his brothers, David Dean and Maynard Dean; his brother-in-law, Joe Strouth and niece Vicki Jo Strouth Billie.

Friends will be received at the Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, from 4-7 PM. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 11:00 AM at the Funeral Chapel with Pastor Eric Rice officiating. Interment will follow in the Kesling Mill Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Kesling Mill Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 26. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel and Cremation Services
940 Route 20 South Road
Buckhannon, WV 26201
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Funeral Service

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Graveside

MAY 27.

Kesling Mill Cemetery

Tribute Wall

JH

“ *Debi & the Dean family, prayers for peace & comfort* ”

Jean Howard - June 01 at 03:52 PM

DH

“ *Debbie and family, I am so sorry to hear about Gary. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God surround you all with love and grant you peace during this very difficult time.* ”



Dee Kesling Hefner - May 27 at 10:44 AM

TF

“ *Tracy and Melissa and family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Gary L. Dean.* ”



Tracy and Melissa and family - May 26 at 12:15 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Gary L. Dean.* ”



May 26 at 09:48 AM

NC

“ Nick Calcanes purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary L. Dean.



Nick Calcanes - May 26 at 08:07 AM

JF

“ John, Lisa, Rochelle and families purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Gary L. Dean.



John, Lisa, Rochelle and families - May 25 at 05:59 PM

RF

“ Ronald and Connie Hebb and Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Gary L. Dean.



Ronald and Connie Hebb and Family - May 25 at 01:38 PM

RF

“ Ronald and Connie Hebb and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary L. Dean.

Ronald and Connie Hebb and Family - May 25 at 01:38 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gary L. Dean.*



May 25 at 12:00 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss*



patty Gregory - May 25 at 11:41 AM



“ *Roger@ Cindy Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Gary L. Dean*



Roger@ Cindy Carpenter - May 25 at 08:48 AM



“ *He was a very good friend and the best business partner I ever had may god surround you with his love and peace god bless our love and prayers are with you Ivan and Dianne tenney*

ivan tenney - May 24 at 03:49 PM

CG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Carl Jr. and Mary Goodwin - May 24 at 01:48 PM

MS

“ *Thoughts and prayers to family. Gary enjoyed playing tricks on me at Corhart. Gary and Dave Post were always up to something. Memories with a smile.*

Melodie Stemple - May 24 at 11:29 AM

LP

“ *Sorry to hear of his death lorma suder piper*

Lorma Piper - May 24 at 08:59 AM

BH

“ *My condolences to Gary's family and friends. I went to high school with him and enjoyed our conversations as we crossed paths through the years.*

Bob Hardman - May 24 at 08:40 AM

RG

“ *Rich, Ted & Glenda purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary L. Dean.*



Rich, Ted & Glenda - May 24 at 06:43 AM

MK

“ *Mary Tim Karickhoff lit a candle in memory of Gary L. Dean*



mary tim karickhoff - May 24 at 06:06 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary L. Dean.*



May 24 at 05:27 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary L. Dean.*

May 24 at 05:27 AM

HF

“ *Heidi Snyder and family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Gary L. Dean.*



Heidi Snyder and family - May 23 at 08:58 PM

HF

“ Heidi Snyder and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary L. Dean.

Heidi Snyder and family - May 23 at 08:58 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary L. Dean.



May 23 at 08:24 PM

LE

“ So sorry to hear about Gary. My thoughts and prayers are with the family ❤️. Sandy

Leggett - May 23 at 06:11 PM

KA

“ Debbie, Sincere love and prayers to your family.



Karen - May 23 at 05:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary L. Dean.*



May 23 at 05:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary L. Dean.

May 23 at 05:13 PM



“ *Hubert F. purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Gary L. Dean.*



Hubert F. - May 23 at 04:34 PM



“ *Hubert F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary L. Dean.*

Hubert F. - May 23 at 04:34 PM