



Mrs. Mae Dean Smith

November 23, 1936 - June 8, 2021

Mae Dean Smith, 84, of Magnolia Springs, passed away peacefully on June 8, 2021, at her home in Baldwin County, Alabama. She was born November 23, 1936 in Sweetwater, Texas, the elder of two daughters born to Willie Almon Ellington and Leno Lockhart Ellington.

After attending Baylor University, Mae Dean began her career in Dallas, Texas, where she met and eventually married U.S. Army Specialist Wendell Smith. She and Wendell raised two daughters, oftentimes taking the girls on family camping trips, which inspired Mae Dean's love of traveling. After retirement, she and Wendell traded their city life for a motorhome to begin a new adventure as full-time RV'ers. Orange Beach was a favorite vacation spot, and they eventually retired to Baldwin County. She is currently a member of First Presbyterian Church of Foley.

Mae Dean is preceded in death by Wendell, her husband of 57 years, and her granddaughter Lori Fontenot. Her spirit is continued by her daughters, Angie Smith of Memphis, Tennessee, and Carla Thomas (Tim) of Olive Branch, Mississippi; her sister, Ella Jane Hatfield of Clovis, California; two grandchildren, Neal Thomas of Olive Branch and Sarah Thomas of Phoenix, Arizona; and a great-granddaughter, Maggie Fontenot of Lafayette, Louisiana.

The family will receive friends at Pine Rest Funeral Home in Foley on Saturday, June 12, at 1:00 PM, followed by a 2:00 PM memorial service.

Events

JUN **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Pine Rest Funeral Home

16541 U.S. 98 Post Office Box 328, Foley, AL, US, 36535

JUN **Memorial Service** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ My aunt Mae Dean, I always thought, had a bit of the rebel and the philosopher in her. She was curious, interested, and thoughtful, and asked unconventional questions whenever we got to talk. I can't claim to know what made her tick, but she had her own distinctive window on to the world, and she sometimes sent me things about writing or reading that rang a bell with me. I was grateful for those gifts, which came out of her own experience. I wish I had been able to visit with her more these past few years. I will miss talking to her and learning about her life. She was a lovely, original person, and I'll always remember her fondly. Sending out love to her daughters, my cousins Angie and Carla, and to all her family and loved ones, everywhere. RIP Mae Dean.

Charles Hatfield - June 15, 2021 at 05:17 PM



“ TYSM Chuck you'd memories mean so much to us.

Carla Thomas - August 31, 2021 at 05:13 PM



“ TYSM Chuck. Your memories mean so much to Angie and me.

Carla Thomas - August 31, 2021 at 05:14 PM



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Pine Rest Funeral Home and Memorial Park, LLC - June 12, 2021 at 10:35 AM



“ Kerby Smith & Bobbie Mooneyhan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Mae Dean Smith.



Kerby Smith & Bobbie Mooneyhan - June 11, 2021 at 01:09 PM



“ Bob & I always loved Mae Dean's humor! She was such a pleasure to be around and I know she was dearly loved by everyone in her community of Country Place! Our prayers are with her family as they celebrate her life and all of their memories! With sympathy, Bob & Pat Welty

Robert & Patricia Welty - June 10, 2021 at 12:33 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mae Dean Smith.



June 09, 2021 at 04:25 PM



“ Remembering our wild venture to Slidell LA to see Mae Dean’s friend Dick. And how she thought we were going to rescue & retrieve Dick away from this assisted living quarters his family had placed for his good.
She finally understood it was best not to “Kidnap” Dick. That he was where he needed to be at this time on his life.
We will definitely miss her walking the park & looking after things. Picking up sticks as she went about her “merry” way. She always enjoy the gazebo gatherings so much. We will miss her funniness.

Erilda and Ron Coleman - June 09, 2021 at 02:51 PM



“ Marilyn Hamner

Mae Dean was a dear, loving friend. We shared many adventures and road trips looking for lost purses, lost keys, lost phone, lost checkbooks, etc.. several times I had to go pick her up because she’d locked her keys in the car, let her in her house because she couldn’t find her keys. After each adventure we would have a relived laugh and thank God for helping us to find misplaced items. I loved our long visits, deep and/or silly discussions; watching movies and pigging out on popcorn; listening to music and singing/dancing along with it. I’m going to miss her going with me to the Senior Center, shopping, running errands, etc.. I had a good, long, enjoyable visit with her Monday night. I was truly blessed to have her for a friend for many years. She will be greatly missed. Go with God Mae Dean and start your new adventure.

Marilyn Hamner - June 11, 2021 at 05:35 PM



“ Erilda And Ron Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mae Dean Smith



Erilda and Ron Coleman - June 09, 2021 at 02:35 PM