



Mr. James "Jimmy" Dean

June 27, 1966 - February 22, 2020

James (Jimmy) Dean entered the gracious home of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the early morning hours of February 22, 2020.

He was born on June 27, 1966 in Atmore, AL to Shelvia Keel Dean and Robert Earl Dean. He attended Escambia County High School where he lettered in baseball and football. He was a member of the 1983 state championship football team. The Blue Devils went 13-2 that season to take the 3A state title, an accomplishment that Jimmy was forever proud to be a part of. After graduating in the spring of 1984, Jimmy pursued a collegiate baseball career that began at Patrick Henry Junior College, where he led the team in hitting his freshman year. He then transferred to the University of Montevallo for a short time before finishing his career at Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM). He was named Offensive Player of the Year while at AUM.

Jimmy was a respected law enforcement officer with over 25 years of experience, serving the city of Atmore, the state of Alabama, and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. In 1995, he became a graduate of the Alabama State Trooper Academy Class 94-A. He served the State of Alabama for 22 years, retiring in 2016. Shortly following his retirement, he continued to serve his community as a Tribal Police Officer with the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

Jimmy played many roles in many lives. Aside from his role within his family, Jimmy was a friend, coach, and servant of God, something he proclaimed until his death. His personality, selflessness, and genuine care for others attracted so many over the years. His ability to make people laugh will forever be remembered. The stories are endless and will forever be held dear to our hearts.

Jimmy is preceded in death by his father, Robert Earl Dean; maternal grandmother and grandfather, Carolyn Louise Keel and J.C. Keel; paternal grandmother and grandfather, Edna Earl Sadler and Robert Comer Sadler, Jr.; daughter, Maggie Pearl Caraway; and father-in-law, John A. McGhee.

He is survived by his mother, Shelvia Keel Dean of Atmore; one brother, Ricky Dean of Atmore; one sister, Jena (Perry) Duke of Mobile; wife, Kimberly Dean of Atmore; three sons, Jon (Malori) Dean of Atmore, James (Emily) Dean of Atmore, and Mason (Catie) Dean of Atmore; one daughter, Miranda (Brandon) Hudson of Atmore; two grandchildren, Porter James Dean and Carson Elizabeth Johnson, both of Atmore; and numerous other extended family members, close friends, and his Alabama State Trooper Family.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 10:00 AM at the McCullough Christian Center with Rev. Josh Long and Bro. Don Davis officiating.

Burial will follow at Serenity Garden Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, February 26, 2020 from 6 to 9 PM at the Petty-Eastside Chapel Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Doug Darby, John Fields, Willie Locke, Brian McGill, John Stallworth, Justin Williams, Craig Helton and Norman McCallister.

Honorary Pallbearers will be the Poarch Creek Tribal Police Department and all other Law Enforcement and First Responders.

Petty-Eastside Chapel Funeral Homes, LLC in charge of all arrangements, Atmore, Alabama.

Cemetery Details

Serenity Gardens Cemetery

Atmore, AL 36502

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **26**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Petty Funeral Homes LLC
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Atmore, AL 36502
(251) 368-4540
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Service

FEB **27**. 10:00 AM (CT)

McCullough Christian Center
240 Booneville Road
Atmore, AL 36502

Tribute Wall

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“ *Samantha Johnson & Family purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Mr. James "Jimmy" Dean.*



Samantha Johnson & Family - February 27, 2020 at 12:30 AM

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“ *Kimberly D. Vickers purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Mr. James "Jimmy" Dean.*



Kimberly D. Vickers - February 26, 2020 at 04:46 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mr. James "Jimmy" Dean.*



February 24, 2020 at 08:44 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James "Jimmy" Dean.*



February 24, 2020 at 05:52 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. James "Jimmy" Dean.*



February 24, 2020 at 03:19 PM



“ *Red, White & Blue Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. James "Jimmy" Dean.*



February 24, 2020 at 01:29 PM



“ *Kim, Jon, James I want you all to know how much I love all of you. There are no words that I can say that will ease your loss and pain. I thought of your Daddy and husband as a friend who was always able to lift others spirits. I will never forget having the privilege to teach both of you. I'll never forget him walking into my classroom and finding a word I miss spelled on a big poster board. He never let me forget that one. He loved his family and was so proud of each of you. You were his life and set a great example of what a wonderful Daddy and Husband should be, this is a gift you can always carry with you. May God surround you with love and comfort that is beyond understanding.*

Renee Wolfe - February 24, 2020 at 12:58 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. James "Jimmy" Dean.*



February 24, 2020 at 12:40 PM



“ *Clayton and Debra Coon purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Mr. James "Jimmy" Dean.*



Clayton and Debra Coon - February 24, 2020 at 12:29 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



John Skipper - February 24, 2020 at 10:59 AM



“ *Jimmy will be greatly missed. He was a friend to many, and a servant to all. Love you my friend, until we meet again... 🙏😭*

Sammy Lee - February 24, 2020 at 10:49 AM

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“ 2 files added to the album *Memories Album*



BOB - February 24, 2020 at 09:30 AM