



Earnest Dean Jr.

August 13, 1948 - October 3, 2025

Earnest Dean, Jr., 77, of Naugatuck, WV, went home to be with the Lord on October 3, 2025. Born in Holden, WV, on August 13, 1948, he was the son of the late Earnest Dean, Sr., and Gertrude (White) Dean. He was also preceded in death by his beloved wife, Dora J. (Davis) Dean; brothers, Willard Lambert and David Dean; and sisters, Aileen Hinkle and Betty Marcum.

A retired coal miner, Earnest's true calling was his ministry. He faithfully pastored The Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ in Naugatuck for over 25 years, dedicating his life to sharing the love of Jesus Christ with everyone he met. His faith was the foundation of his life and the message he carried to all. Earnest was a passionate collector, known for his vast assortment of memorabilia—everything from sports cards and comic books to coins, dolls, and hats. His enthusiasm for antique cars and classic vehicles was well known throughout Mingo County and beyond. Many fond memories were made in the garage alongside his sons, his brother Donald Dean, grandsons, and life-long friend, Curtis Collins.

Above all, Earnest was a devoted family man. His love, loyalty, and affection for his family were unwavering. He found his greatest joy in his grandchildren, constantly sharing stories and pride in their accomplishments with anyone who would listen.

He is survived by his children: sons, Gary Dean and Steven Scott Dean; daughters, Leslie "Lekili" Michell Dean and Crystal Marie (Patrick) Hairston; grandchildren, Kimberly Dobrzynski, Rebecca Crank, Anthony Dean, Sal

Dean, Kyla Hairston, Patrick Hairston Jr., and Yoshua Hairston; and great-grandchildren, Jonathon and Riley.

He also leaves behind his brothers, Donald Dean and Bobby (Angie) Dean; and sisters, Madeline Marcum, Nyoka Crank, Alice (David) Newsome Maynard, Drema Marcum, and Martha Porter.

Visitation will be held at The Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ in Naugatuck (by Tug Valley High School) on Thursday, October 9, 2025. Family visitation begins at 4:00 PM, followed by public visitation from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. A special service will take place at 7:00 PM.

Homegoing Service will be held on Friday, October 10, 2025, at 1:00 PM at The Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ with Rev. Curt Collins officiating. Burial to follow at Jarvis Cemetery at Winco Block.

Pallbearers: Gary Dean, Steven Dean, Anthony Dean, Sal Dean, Donald Dean, Patrick Hairston, Patrick Hairston Jr., Yoshua Hairston, R.J. Jones, Allen Davis, and Luke Bartram.

Chafin Funeral Home has been honored to serve the Dean family for over 20 years.

Cemetery Details

Jarvis Cemetery

Winco Block, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **9**. 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM (ET)

Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Naugatuck, WV

Service

OCT **10**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Naugatuck, WV

Tribute Wall

CF

“ Crystal Good and Family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earnest Dean Jr..

Crystal Good and Family. - October 09, 2025 at 11:10 PM

CF

“ Crystal Good and Family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Earnest Dean Jr..



Crystal Good and Family. - October 09, 2025 at 11:10 PM

LM

“ Lee and Amy Marcum purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Earnest Dean Jr..



Lee and Amy Marcum - October 08, 2025 at 05:29 PM

LM

“ Lee and Amy Marcum planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earnest Dean Jr..

Lee and Amy Marcum - October 08, 2025 at 05:29 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Earnest Dean Jr..*



October 08, 2025 at 07:37 AM



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

October 08, 2025 at 07:37 AM



“ *Aunt Clydette purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Earnest Dean Jr..*



Aunt Clydette - October 07, 2025 at 09:10 PM



“ *Earl and Shirleyin California purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Earnest Dean Jr..*



Earl and Shirleyin California - October 07, 2025 at 08:36 PM

ML

“ Sal and Lily, I am so sorry for your loss. He never missed games and had such a warm and loving personality. Love you all and sending prayers for your comfort and just realize that he is dancing and shouting all over heaven! Miss LJ

Miss LJ - October 07, 2025 at 12:13 PM

CC

“ Such a very nice man. I always enjoyed just being with him and talking with him. He had a way of making the day so much better. Rest In Peace,
Chip Cnterbury

Chip Canterbury - October 07, 2025 at 10:20 AM

RF

“ Raymond Davis and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earnest Dean Jr..

Raymond Davis and Family - October 07, 2025 at 08:30 AM

RF

“ Raymond Davis and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Earnest Dean Jr..



Raymond Davis and Family - October 07, 2025 at 08:30 AM

RF

“ Roscoe Davis and Family, planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earnest Dean Jr..

Roscoe Davis and Family, - October 07, 2025 at 08:28 AM

RF

“ Roscoe Davis and Family, purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Earnest Dean Jr..



Roscoe Davis and Family, - October 07, 2025 at 08:28 AM

MP

“ Junior was always the same each time you saw him. He was a happy fellow who really enjoyed life. He will surely be missed by everyone who knew him. RIP until we all meet again.

Margie Parsley - October 06, 2025 at 09:32 PM

LD

“ Love, Dale and Diane purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Earnest Dean Jr..



Love, Dale and Diane - October 06, 2025 at 07:36 PM