



Paul Dean Ground

APR 3, 1935 - OCT 7, 2017



Scan to Visit



COMPLETE FUNERAL SERVICES

Table of Contents

Obituary	Page 3
Tribute Wall	Page 5



Paul Dean Ground

APR 3, 1935 - OCT 7, 2017

Decatur – Paul Dean Ground, 82, of Decatur, passed away Saturday, October 7, 2017, in his home surrounded by his family.

Dean was born April 3, 1935 in Dalton City, Illinois, the son of Paul and Bonnie (Nihiser) Ground. He graduated from Decatur High School in 1953 and attended Millikin University. Dean married Phyllis Smithers, June 19, 1955, in Decatur and was happily married for over 62 years. He was a member of Mound Chapel Church Of God (where he served as a Trustee for many years), served in the U.S. Army Reserves, and worked at Taystee Bread for 10 years. Dean retired as an Archway Cookie Distributor after 30 years.

Dean was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend. He loved his family and loved the Lord. He will be greatly missed by his loving wife, Phyllis; son, Stephen Ground; grandchildren: Samantha Ground and Dylan Ground; sister-in-law, Betty (Smithers) Marlow; and many special nieces, nephews, cousins and wonderful friends.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents; step-father, Ted Harris; brothers: Ted Ground and Harry Ground; sisters-in-law: Connie Ground and Carol Ground; and brother-in-law, Glenn Marlow.

Services to celebrate Dean's life will be 10:30 am, Wednesday, October 11, 2017, in Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Visitation will be Tuesday, October 10, 2017, from 5 to 7 pm, in the funeral home. Burial will be in Mt. Zion Township Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mound Chapel Church Of God. Dean requested casual dress for his celebration of life.

The family of Paul Dean Ground is being served by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 2091 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, IL 62526. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



Obituary

Paul Dean Ground

APR 3, 1935 - OCT 7, 2017

Video Tribute for Paul Dean Ground:

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/ML7X2J4SLNSJZ75R>



Tribute Wall

Paul Dean Ground

APR 3, 1935 - OCT 7, 2017

CT

Charles And Lucille Tubb posted:

Dear Phyllis, We are so sorry for your loss but comforted to know that Dean is now with the Lord in Heaven. Remembering all the blessed times we had at Mound Chapel Church and we loved both of you. We remember Dean as a friendly, quiet guy and enjoyed his humor. We are thinking and praying for you and Stephen and family. In Christ's love. Charles and Lucille Tubb, Gold Canyon, AZ

October 9 at 4:53 PM

WR

Wendell Dean Rose posted:

Phyllis and Stephen:I am so sorry for your loss. I know you may not recognize my name as Wendell. But Stephen I worked with you as a car salesman. I always went by my middle name which is the same as your dad's Dean Rose.My wife and I will be praying for strength for you and your Mother. I really enjoyed joking with Mr Ground when I was Pastoring in the Churches of God. I was around Mound a lot because of Pastor McMillion.God bless and keep you and cause His countenance to shine upon you and give you peace.Dean

October 9 at 7:31 AM

DM

Diana Markins posted:

My memories of Dean are very special. My family moved to Decatur to become the new pastor of Mound Chapel (1954). I recall Dean and Phyllis dating (the cutest couple ever!) I was delighted to attend their wedding in which my mom was the soloist and my father performed their ceremony. I was delighted as a teenager to babysit for Stephen when He was just a baby as I knew Dean was cautious as to even held him.(ha!) I always admired the way Dean took care of his beautiful wife, Phyllis. They certainly adored each other.Could never forget those Archway cookies and his generosity to donate year after year to Vacation Bible School. Because of Dean (chairperson) my parents were gifted a new car!Dean truly had a heart of gold!!!Heaven is rejoicing! John and Diana

October 9 at 7:30 AM

KR

K Scot Reynolds posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Paul Dean Ground

October 9 at 4:46 AM



Tribute Wall

Paul Dean Ground

APR 3, 1935 - OCT 7, 2017



Randy Janes posted:

So sorry to hear of Dean's passing. We saw each other almost daily when I worked for A&P, Crane Potato Chips and Frito-Lay over the years. He was such a great guy. We always had a great conversation when we met even after his retirement. I went to school with his nephew Paul at Eisenhower. Prayers to the family.

October 9 at 3:13 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Paul by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



Scan to Visit



COMPLETE FUNERAL SERVICES