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Lawrence "Dizzy" Dean Davis, 78, of Decatur, formerly of Melbourne, Arkansas, passed away Friday, December 9, 2016, at St. Mary's Hospital after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

Dean was born November 26, 1938, in Decatur, Illinois, the son of August and Naomi (Fisher) Davis. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy aboard the U.S.S. Independence. Dean retired from N&S Railroad and worked for many years as a carpet installer. Dean was an active member of New Hope Interdenominational Church in Calico Rock, Arkansas. He was an Assistant Fire Chief of the Ruthie Mountain Volunteer Fire Department in Mt. Olive, Arkansas.

"Dizzy" Dean was one of a kind. He lived life to the fullest and loved to laugh. He enjoyed playing practical jokes, music, dancing, bowling, fishing and people. Dean was always the first to help anyone whenever he could. He was proud that he taught several of his sons to lay carpet and make a living from that. Dean laughed and made others laugh. His happy, broad smile will be greatly missed.

Dean married his soul mate and the love of his life, Darlene Jean (Liston/Eckart) on April 26, 1980, in Decatur, Illinois. She preceded him in death on October 29, 2014. Dean leaves behind his children, Tina (Terry) Parrish, Charles Davis, Donnie (Rhonda) Davis, Sonnie (Robert) Davis, Stanley (Cassie) Davis, Mark (Marian) Eckart, David (Connie) Eckart and Donna (Scott) Harris; forty-one grandchildren, sixty-six great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; three brothers, Butch (Joyce) Davis, Steve Brazle, Mike Brazle; four sisters, Beverly Whinery, Sandra Enlow, Barbara Hodges and Pam (Rick) Nanna.

Dean was reunited in heaven with his parents, wife, brothers, Dale Davis, Stanley Davis and Dennis Brazle; and two children, Donald Eckart and Mary Ann Sheets. The family of Lawrence Davis would like to extend a special thank you to Mason Point and the St. Mary's ER, ICU, 4th and 7th nursing staff for exceptional care and



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compassion during this difficult transition. And a very, very, special thanks to Butch and Joyce Davis for opening up their home and hearts; taking care of not only Dean but also Darlene in their time of struggle; and being there through to the end of their lives on this earth.

Funeral services to celebrate the life of Lawrence Dean Davis will be 1 p.m. Thursday, December 15, 2016, at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, December 14, 2016, at the funeral home. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery where full military rites will be conducted by the Macon County Honor Guard. Memorials may be directed to the family or Alzheimer's Association.

The family of Lawrence "Dizzy" Dean Davis is being served by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur, IL. View the online obituary and send condolences to the family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.

Video Tribute for Lawrence "Dizzy" Dean Davis:

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/F3W6RLPPJCKSSJMG>



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PP

Patty (Wiliams) Peterman posted:

Pam -So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to the whole family. Love you guys.

December 12 at 2:46 PM

VI

Vicky posted:

I am so sorry for your loss he was a very gracious man treated us with kindness by letting us stay at his trailer during Ronnie Morgans funeral and was very thoughtful may he rest in peace sympathies for all

December 11 at 6:07 AM

VI

Vicky posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Lawrence "Dizzy" Dean Davis

December 11 at 6:04 AM

PD

Paula Durbin posted:

My familys prayers are with you and your family at this time of losss dean was a very sweet man he treated us like one of his own

December 11 at 4:18 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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