



Charles E Dean

December 29, 1940 - November 20, 2022

Charles Edward Dean, Sr. was born in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma on December 29, 1940 to George and Oleta Dean. He died on November 20, 2022 at home in Norman, Oklahoma. He is survived by his children: Rhonda Carol (Kyncl) and her husband, David, of Norman; Charles Edward, Jr. and his wife, Cassy, of Osceola, Missouri; his grandchildren Trevor Clay Dean, Mary Eleanor Kyncl, Maddison Paige Dean, and Jonathan David Kyncl; and his younger brother, Harvey and his wife Sharon of Pittsburg, Kansas.

Charles served as a pastor for over 50 years. His pastoral calling was unmistakable. He was fond of saying that, "Some were called; some were chosen; and some just got up and went." Charles was called. His pastoral philosophy and lifestyle were simple: show up and choose love. He served churches, first, in the Assemblies of God denomination in Byng, Oklahoma; Independence, Kansas; Colby, Kansas; Durant, Oklahoma and Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. Even after his official retirement as a full-time pastor in 2007 and subsequent move to Norman, he continued to shepherd: first, for the Norman Community Church of the Nazarene, and finally, for CrossPointe Church. In these final appointments, Charles was first an encouragement to those in leadership. He also responded quickly to any and every need he was made aware of. He visited many in the hospital and in nursing homes, accompanied many as they navigated life's trials, and he faithfully stewarded those experiencing loss.

His prayers were born from his own experience of loss; Charles deeply felt the death of his wife of 58 years, Carolyn, in August of last year. He felt her absence profoundly and true to his Godly commitment, he responded by generously serving others. He served in CrossPointe's Food Pantry weekly as well as at the Men's Prayer Breakfast. In turn, he was sustained by his church family, enjoying their fellowship, their hospitality, the food they consistently provided, and a couple of fishing trips to Branson.

Charles was a most attentive father, grandfather, brother, and uncle. His brother and sister-in-law, Harvey and Sharon Dean, his sister-in-law, Evelyn Stevens, and his children and grandchildren were especially significant to him in the last year. He loved us extravagantly. He never ended a conversation or an event without reminding us of that love. He enjoyed burgers every Saturday at the 405 Burger Bar with us and lunch every Sunday. And even in the most challenging last four weeks of his life, at the end of each and every interaction, he never failed to say again that, "[He] sure did love us."

In his hobbies and recreational pursuits, Charles also demonstrated his care and concern for others. He was fond of visiting "the greens," the golf greens that is, and there too, he was a source of encouragement, offering joyful conversation, prayers, and marrying services. He was also fond of donut shops and had significant "coffee house ministries" wherever he lived and worked. He had a contagious sense of humor and never took himself too seriously. He was quick to laugh, unceasingly patient, and always chose to believe that good would prevail.

If you were known by Charles Dean, you were loved by Charles Dean. And that love was attentive, gentle, and unconditional...a radiant example for us all.

Cemetery Details

Antioch Cemetery

Antioch, OK

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

CrossPointe Church
2601 24th Ave SE
Norman, OK 73071
<https://www.crosspointe.tv/>

Tribute Wall

KJ

“ I’m so sorry to learn that Charles passed away. My heart goes out to the family. I have known the Deans all my life and always felt that we were family rather than friends. I’ll be praying for you all as we wait to see our loved ones again.

Kathy Jones - January 10, 2023 at 11:42 AM

SH

“ I will truly miss Mr Dean! He was a great friend and customer at our bank. He would always say, "Thank you for your time and your trouble!" I guarantee, he was never any trouble, just a great blessing to all who knew him! I love, and will miss you, Mr. Dean!
Sherry Hocker

Sherry Hocker - November 23, 2022 at 10:44 AM

WH

“ Love to the family. Charles was a very special Christ-like man and friend. Wanda Hart

Wanda Hart - November 22, 2022 at 12:25 PM

PT

I dearly loved Charlie Dean. I always enjoyed our conversations at family reunions. A great Godly man who will be missed.

Patty Stevens Timmons - November 22, 2022 at 08:26 PM

KB

He was a special man and we loved him. He has completed his joutney, he has made it home.

Larry and Kathy Bean

Kathy Bean - November 23, 2022 at 05:34 PM



I have loved Charlie since childhood when we went to school in a two-room country school. I was in the same class as his younger brother. Charlie was a person always cutting up and joking all the way through high school, but always so nice. When we ran into each other in a grocery store when he first came to my home town of Pauls Valley telling me he was a minister, I thought he was joking and didn't believe him at first; but he convinced me. It didn't take long for me to see how he was such a good Christian, generous and kind. We had lots of good conversations. I missed him after he left town. Rest in Peace. my good friend. My love and prayers go to the family left behind to grieve for his loss, but to have all the good memories he left you.

Wilma Jones - December 02, 2022 at 03:44 AM