

# JAMES J. DEAN



James J. Dean, passed away on Monday, September 23, 2024.

Born in Wilkesburg, he was the son of James A. and Margaret B. Dean; and husband for 53 years to his beloved Connie, who predeceased him in 2012. His son, Jeffery J. Dean, of Houston, PA, predeceased him by five days. His infant children, John Christopher, Mary Margaret, and Jude also predeceased him. Surviving

him is his daughter, Maura (Molly) Dean Bittner; son-in-law, Stephen J. Bittner; and grandsons, Robert James Bittner and James Dean Bittner, all of Richmond, VA. Brother of the late Sister Margaret Dean of the Divine Providence Order, the late Gretchen R. Johnson of Plano, TX, and the late Timothy J. Dean of Leechburg, PA. He had many beloved nieces and nephews, and those who remember him as Uncle Jim, related or not.

Jim graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1949, and Duquesne University in 1959, where he was listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy, Korean War era, 1951-1955, and thankful for the GI Bill that allowed him to attend Duquesne.

While in college, he founded, and later sold, James J. Dean X-Ray Chemical Services. After college, he was employed by Sun Oil Co. as a company representative.

In 1965, he co-founded, and later became owner and manager for 35 years of Key Entry Service Company, as well as PayDayCorp.

He was a member of and past President of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Data Processing Management Association. He was active in the Special Olympics, primarily managing swimming events, and initiating the Seven Springs skiing event, while serving on the Pennsylvania Special Olympics State Board of Directors. He took great joy in being a part of the growth of the Special Olympics in Pennsylvania, and seeing the achievements of the athletes, especially those of his son, Jeff. He was proud that Jeff became an international Special Olympic champion in 1979 in swimming, and was chosen to represent the United States at the first United Kingdom Special Olympics Games in Liverpool, England, in 1982.

A devout member of St. Benedict the Abbot Church in Peters Township for over 50 years, he served as usher for over 30 years.

He enjoyed participating in golfing and bowling with the Lindenwood Golf Club's Senior Group for over 15 years, as well as the Silver Sneakers. His wonderful sense of humor and friendship will be greatly missed.

A viewing for both Jim and his son Jeff will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2024, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the **BEINHAEUER FUNERAL HOME**, 2828 Washington Road, McMurray, (724-941-3211). Mass of Christian Burial for both Jim and Jeff will be celebrated on Friday, September 27, 2024, at 10:30 a.m., at St. John XXIII Parish, St. Benedict the Abbot Church in McMurray. Interment will be held on Friday, October 11, 2024, at 2:30 p.m. at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies in Bridgeville. A celebration of Jim's and Jeff's lives will take place on October 12, at noon, at Al's Café in Bethel Park.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the ARC of Washington County, Donate - Arc Human Services.

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