



Joseph R. Dean, Jr.

May 31, 1936 - December 9, 2012

Joseph R. Dean, Jr., 76, of 112 West Road, Adams, died early Sunday morning, December 9, 2012, at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield. He was born in Pittsfield on May 31, 1936, a son of the late Joseph R. and Florence (Hannon) Dean, and attended Adams schools. He served with the Massachusetts National Guard for several years.

Mr. Dean was the current operator, with his sons, of Dean's Repair Shop on West Road in Adams. He worked as a sales representative at McAndrews-King GMC-Buick in Adams from 1989 until 2007; and at the former Donahue and Shapiro Chevrolet dealerships in North Adams from 1978 until 1989. He also owned and operated the former Dean's Exxon on Commercial St. in Adams for many years.

Long active in town affairs, Mr. Dean was currently serving as Town Moderator in Adams, a position he was first elected to in 2010. He was a member of the Board of Selectmen from 1972 until 1989, and served again from 1991 until 2012. He also served for one term as a Berkshire County Commissioner from 1982 until 1984. He had also served for several years on the Adams Planning Board.

A longtime Adams firefighter, Mr. Dean was elected to membership in the Alert Hose Company on June 2, 1964, and served as Secretary from 1991 to 1994, and as Foreman from August of 1998 until 2000. At the time of his passing, he had completed 48 years of service to the Company.

He was a member of the First Congregational Church of Adams. He was a

member of the Maple Grove Civic Club; a member of the Greylock Glen Advisory Board; a member of the Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Committee and was the town's Hazardous Waste Coordinator. He was a member and past president of the Board of Directors of the Adams Ambulance Service. He was a former member and past president of the Berkshire County Selectmen's Association.

He is survived by his wife, the former Patricia C. Kondel, whom he married on March 15, 1974;

4 Sons, Thomas Dean and his wife, Linda, of Fort Pierce, FL; David Dean and his wife, Kathy, of Adams;

Randy Dean of Hayes, VA and Aaron Dean and his wife, Jennifer, of Adams; a brother, James Dean of North Adams; a sister, JoAnn Gelheiser of Adams; 4 Grandchildren, Jennifer Dodge, and Ainsley, Kaeli and Jayden Dean; 3 Great Grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

He was predeceased by 2 brothers, John "Jack" Dean and William Dean.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 12th, at 9:00 AM from the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams, followed by services at 10:00 AM in the First Congregational Church, Park St. (Rte. 8) Adams. Rev. Mike Mullany, Pastor, will officiate.

Burial will follow in the family lot in Bellevue Cemetery, Adams.

Calling hours are Tuesday from 4 to 7 PM at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alert Hose Company, 3 Columbia St. Adams, MA 01220.

To leave a message of condolence, or for directions, please go online to www.paciorekfuneral.com

Tribute Wall



“ I want to send by condolences to Jo's wife and family. My cousin sent me the write up in the paper. Joe really did a lot for Adams. You must be very proud of him.I was a neighbor of his when we were kids. I lived across the brook on Fisk Road.I have happy memories of the Dean boys. My sister, Ginger, went to school with Joe and I was in the same grade as Jim. zzl'm sorry for your loss. Lorraine Bieniek Snyder of Ft LOnesome, Florida.

December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Pat and family,
Words are sometimes hard to find to convey our sympathy to those who have lost a loved one such as your Joe. He had a smile for everyone and a love for and a dedication to our little town of Adams. He loved his family and was proud to be your husband, Pat and a dad to his children. Adams has lost a wonderful and kind man and you all have my sympathy for your personal loss. You are in my thoughts at this time. Charlotte Avery

December 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ It is with great sadness to hear of Joe's passing. He was a great friend to me for many years.I will miss him dearly. To Pat and family, I cannot be selfish, for he was a true family man. He deserved a longer stay here. Our hearts go out to you. Love Bob&Shirl

December 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *My prayers to Pat and family...I've known Pat and Joe for many years as a great man and wonderful husband and father, he will be sadly missed.*

December 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our hearts are sadden to hear the lose of Joe. Our love and condolences to the Dean Family. Joe touched many lifes and will be forever remembered as the great inspiration to the town of Adams.*

December 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I was saddened to hear of Joes passing. Please extend my condolences to the members of your family. Conventional wisdom tells us that our legacy resides in the memories of our families and friends. Please allow me to share a few personal thoughts with you.

In Joes case that legacy extends to the community at large. His many years of unselfish service as a member of the Alerts and as a leader in town government are indeed a legacy that all of the citizens of Adams can point to with pride and admiration. His record of service to our town stands as an inspirational example of contributing to the greater good.

On a more personal note; T. J.(my sisters grandson) and his vehicle were frequently in need of Joes skills as a mechanic. Along with expertly diagnosing and repairing T. J.s ailing engine, Joe, more importantly often gave his teenage customer fatherly advice on not only maintaining his car, but applying a mechanics common sense lessons to life itself.

I firmly believe that our loved ones who have passed are in a much better position to help us in our daily lives. Joe Dean not only nurtured and loved his family, but loved, and served his community as well and will continue to do so. I think that I shall never to able to walk past our town hall or the Alerts fire station without feeling Joes spirit that will forever reside there. My town is a better place because of Joe Dean, and the lives of so many people such as T. J. were enriched by having known Joe.

Paul Clermont

December 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Pat and family:*

We are very sorry to learn of Joe's passing. We hold him in the highest regard as a great public servant. We remember fondly our time in Adams and especially the way Joe reached out to us to make welcome and at home.

All our sympathies any prayers are with you.

With respect,

*-Henry and Debbie Hill
Frisco, Texas*

December 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am sorry to hear about your loss .My family was always treated well and with respect.I am grateful to have known Mr.Dean and his family.I will miss Joe and his honesty and kind heart .If there is anything my family could ever do to help please dont hesitate to call.I will always have Joe in my prayers .*

Thank you again

Rick ,Rachel DeRose and family

December 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *My sincere sympathy on the loss of your Husband father and brother.He was a good friend and a good man. I will never forget what he did for me when I lost my folks.A brother FireFighter of the finest kind. Lucy Czaja*

December 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Words cannot begin to express how sad we are for your loss. Joe was a great guy and will be missed by so many people. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

December 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Patricia, Jim, the rest of the family - my condolences at the death of my friend Joe - the fine firefighter, best car repairman, excellent snowplow operator, fine town official and wonderful news source, all to me in my 17 years in Adams. My prayers are with you all. Charlie Hoye, ex-Transcript. (Hobbs, New Mexico)

December 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My prayers and condolences to the Dean family.

It was a pleasure and an honor to have known and served with Joe on the Adams boards over the years. He will be missed, and the Town will no doubt suffer a long time before another leader of his stature comes forward.

You are all in my thoughts.

December 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Pat and family.

I am so sorry for your loss. Joe's passing is also a tremendous loss for our community. Thanks to him, and to all of you, for his many years of public service. You will certainly be kept close in prayer during this difficult time. Hugs. Beth

December 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM