



## Dianna L. Dean

November 12, 1945 - August 14, 2015

Dianna L. Dean, age 69, of Huntington, died Friday morning (August 14, 2015) at her home.

Visitation will be held from 3 - 7 p.m. Tuesday (August 18, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday (August 19, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Pastor Sam Ward officiating. There will be one hour of visitation prior to the service. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory in Huntington County.

Preferred memorials are to American Diabetes Association, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana, 46750.

Dianna was born on November 12, 1945 in Marion, Indiana, the daughter of Omar and Helen (Sims) Byers. She graduated from high school in Van Buren in 1964 and married David Paul Dean on February 6, 1965 in Van Buren. Dianna was a special needs aid for the Huntington County Community School Corporation for many years. She was a member of Emmanuel Community Church in Fort Wayne and was active in the Huntington Acting Guild and the Pulse Opera House in Warren. She was involved in several community skits.

Survivors include her husband of 50 years - David P. Dean of Huntington; a son - David P. (Betsy) Dean II of Huntington two daughters - Dacia Baxter of

Conyers, Georgia and Dannah (Jonathan) Hill of Chicago, Illinois; and nine grandchildren - Josh Baxter, Alex Dean, Hannah Dean, Brady Baxter, Bailin Baxter, Brecken Baxter, Mazzy Hill, and Asher Hill. Her parents and two brothers - David Woolley and Danny Byers precede her in death.

Those unable to attend may view the service on the Bailey-Love Mortuary channel at <https://livestream.com/accounts/5172236>. Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Dianna L. Dean.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 18. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary  
35 West Park Drive  
Huntington, IN 46750  
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## Visitation

AUG 19. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

AUG 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Dianna L. Dean



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - August 18, 2015 at 08:49 AM

SR

*What a beautiful tribute. I love her and miss her very much*

Sharon Rook - August 16, 2017 at 08:29 AM

CS

*I remember that beautiful smile she always had.*

Cheryl Troyer Smith - August 16, 2017 at 10:02 AM

LB



Lynda Brankle - August 17, 2017 at 01:09 PM

DH

“ *I am still praying for your family. Dianna shone with the kindness and the beauty of the Lord. Debbie Hersey*

Debbie Hersey - September 12, 2015 at 08:26 AM

TB

“ *Travis Benson lit a candle in memory of Dianna L. Dean*



travis benson - August 20, 2015 at 09:22 PM

PH

“ *The kids and I enjoyed the time we got to spend with you in the time we lived next to you. So sorry we were not able to make it to the viewing. Valerie and Caleb send their regards from Georgia too. Love in Christ, Patty Huffman and family*

Patty Huffman - August 19, 2015 at 08:53 AM

JR

“ *So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. Dianna was a jewel!*



Jane (Schenkel) Robbins - August 18, 2015 at 06:05 PM

KH

“ *I remember Dianna's energy and positivity back in "the day" @ Van Buren High. my sincere condolences to Dave and family. Karen (Abbott) Hoover*



Karen (Abbott) Hoover - August 18, 2015 at 02:01 PM

BL

“ 24 files added to the album Life Tributes



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Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - August 18, 2015 at 08:37 AM

JV

“ Dear David and Family,

*I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your wonderful Mother. I know this is a terrible time for you. Although I haven't seen you in many years, I think of you often and hope that you are doing well. Many thoughts and prayers are with you and I am praying for God to help ease your pain. Your Mom was a fantastic person and she will not be forgotten. I hope it helps to know that so many people are sending you strength. Heaven is a better place with her in it!*



*With Deepest Sympathy,*

*Jane Hale Varney*

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Jane Hale Varney - August 18, 2015 at 07:40 AM

RL

“ Ryan, Babette, Zack Rakoczy & Michaela, Nate, Hailey Larkin purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dianna L. Dean.



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**Ryan, Babette, Zack Rakoczy & Michaela, Nate, Hailey Larkin**  
- August 17, 2015 at 08:00 PM



Babette  
Rakoczy

“ Dianna, where do I start? I am grateful for your influence in my life along with the rest of your family. You showed so much compassion and willing to help me while the rest of our family lived elsewhere. We would bring Zack over for Halloween each year. You and Dave would make him feel special. You both were his substitute grandparents when he would not see his own. Your kind heart was very full of love and you never faltered to share it either. I know you are with your mom, dad, and brothers along with my grandma and sister and many more of the family. I am sure there is one hoot of a reunion up there. I will physically miss you but one day we will reunite until then R.I.H. Much love Babette...

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**Babette Rakoczy** - August 17, 2015 at 07:25 PM

NH

“ Natalie Hall lit a candle in memory of Dianna L. Dean



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**Natalie Hall** - August 17, 2015 at 05:04 PM

NH

“ Thoughts & Prayers of Comfort for all of you!

Natalie Hall - August 17, 2015 at 05:04 PM

JE

“ John & Charlene Eddingfield lit a candle in memory of Dianna L. Dean



John & Charlene Eddingfield - August 17, 2015 at 02:03 PM

LC

“ Love, Cassandra Rakoczy & Julie Crain purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dianna L. Dean.



Love, Cassandra Rakoczy & Julie Crain - August 17, 2015 at 12:24 PM

TW

“ Tiffani Hammer, Erica Riecke & Lois Wiegmann purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dianna L. Dean.



Tiffani Hammer, Erica Riecke & Lois Wiegmann - August 17, 2015 at 12:14 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dianna L. Dean.



August 17, 2015 at 11:12 AM



“ Dacia, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I know you are in a fog right now, but use this time to lean on family and friends!! Remember this time is for YOU guys, your mom is in a beautiful place, and my Mama Kat was there to welcome her as well!!! I LOVE YOU

John T. Stough - August 17, 2015 at 08:52 AM



“ i was the lucky one! I was truly grateful for my time with Dianna. I will miss you my friend!

Pat Guithues - August 17, 2015 at 06:18 AM



“ I have not seen Dianna for a long time. We worked together at my day care in Huntington years ago. We laughed daily until we cried, she had such a good sense of humor. So talented and loving. Her children were her joy and she talked about them often. She left us with many wonderful memories. David and children may God give you peace and joy in knowing she's in heaven with Him. Connie Pennington



Connie (Woodcox)Pennington - August 17, 2015 at 01:05 AM



“ This is a woman who exemplified the heart of Christ through her physical, emotional and spiritual outreach. She is one of the very first people in my life who loved me and served me, as if I had true value in this world. I know I am not the only person who can make that claim, because I watched as child after child approached her, when she was at the old Horace Mann, and she spoke to them with kindness, she gave them eye contact, and responded to them all with a smile. I knew her son and her daughter Dannah, and as little as they may have thought it all meant, as a child, the attention they showed me and the laughter they blessed me with, was some of the most memorable moments of my childhood. That little house on the corner of Drover street, still to this day brings me warm feelings. The legacy this beautiful woman left behind is evident in her children, and the children she loved and took time for everywhere she went. I will always thank my God for the seeds she and her family planted in my heart with just a simple peanut butter and jelly sandwich and a hug. Oh dear lady, your life was a light to many, I thank you for your dedication and faithfulness to the good works that Our Father set aside just for you.

*P.S. would you please give my momma a big hug for me when you see her, I am quite certain she will be pretty close to the entrance, she was only 12 weeks ahead of you.*

- Sabrina (Cohee) Mason

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**Sabrina Mason** - August 17, 2015 at 12:18 AM

CS

“ Dianna lived a few doors down from me. Such a wonderful woman! Never a unkind word came out of her mouth. Actually...She is known as lovable Grandma Dean on Lynnwood Drive. She will be missed by many here. I am incredibly sorry for your loss.

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**Candy Smith** - August 16, 2015 at 11:33 PM

JL

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Dean family. What a wonderful spirit she had. She will be missed by so many whose lives were better for having known her.

Judy and Paul Lewis - August 16, 2015 at 10:46 PM

SD

“ Susie & Dan Dieringer lit a candle in memory of Dianna L. Dean



Susie & Dan Dieringer - August 16, 2015 at 09:26 PM

SU

We loved Dianna Dean

Susie - August 16, 2015 at 09:28 PM

HS

My sons and I will sure miss seeing her smiling and waving at us from her front porch across the street on Lynnwood Dr. She was a sweet lady and kind neighbor.

Holly Saunders - August 17, 2015 at 08:11 AM

SD

“ To the Dean family, I am so sorry to hear of Dianna's passing, she was a wonderful Lady, Mother, friend, Christian encourager, always willing to listen and share her prayers. She had a beautiful smile, a lovely singing voice, loved doing skits and funny things to make people laugh and see them smiling. I just want to say to all of you Cherish the Memories and share them with your children. Sending prayers to all of you in your time of loss. Susie and Dan Dieringer

Susie & Dan Dieringer - August 16, 2015 at 09:21 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Dianna L. Dean.*



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August 16, 2015 at 08:09 PM



“ *To David and the family:  
So sorry to hear of your loss. I have known Dianna from the 5th grade through our senior year in high school. I will never forget her smile and laughter. She was a wonderful person and I was so happy to visit with her at the high school reunion last year.*  
*Gary Adams*

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**Gary Adams** - August 16, 2015 at 06:48 PM



“ *Our sympathies and prayers to the whole Dean family. We remember her as we shared many good memories from the Pulse Opera House.*  
*Charly & Eileen Dye*

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**Charly & Eileen Dye** - August 16, 2015 at 05:41 PM

SB

“ *Dianna was such a wonderful person. Even though I haven't seen her in some time, I still remember her fondly. She shares a birthday with me and I have so many wonderful memories of being neighbors on Henry Street. One of my favorite memories is the time she and my Mom took David and myself to the Natl Guard Armory to a Halloween contest. She just dressed David up in whatever was handy, not sure if you would have considered his costume a clown out fit or what but neverthe less he won his age group. I guess that was the beginning of his comedic career! Dianna was a bright shining star and Heaven gained another beautiful angel! I will continue to pray for all of you during this time that you will find comfort in knowing that she is with Jesus and now watching over you from above. Hugs to you all*

*Susan Dancer Barnett*

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**Susan Dancer Barnett** - August 16, 2015 at 03:58 PM

KJ

“ *Kelly Johnson-Weinley lit a candle in memory of Dianna L. Dean*



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**Kelly Johnson-Weinley** - August 16, 2015 at 01:03 PM

AS

“ *So sorry for the loss of your mother. All of you will be in my thoughts and prayers.*



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**Andi Schlemmer** - August 16, 2015 at 11:32 AM

AW

“ *Ami Saunders Waters lit a candle in memory of Dianna L. Dean*



Ami Saunders Waters - August 16, 2015 at 11:12 AM

RW

“ *Ronald Woolley lit a candle in memory of Dianna L. Dean*



Ronald Woolley - August 16, 2015 at 11:06 AM

RW

*my thoughts and prayers are with all you guys,love you.*

Ronald Woolley - August 16, 2015 at 11:06 AM

AB

“ *Anne Betterly sent a virtual gift in memory of Dianna L. Dean*



Anne Betterly - August 15, 2015 at 10:11 PM

 Linda Willard

“ *Dianna was one of the very first ones to hold my daughter Lina at the Theater Guild production of Sound of Music. She was so good with all the kids in the show. I really liked it this summer to have her in the audience for Addams Family. She was always smiling and laughing. She was also singing along with us. I will miss her.*

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**Linda Willard** - August 15, 2015 at 07:55 PM

EK

“ *Esther Kauffman lit a candle in memory of Dianna L. Dean*



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**Esther Kauffman** - August 15, 2015 at 06:33 PM

TS

“ *When we were little kids, I had a huge crush on Dannah Dean. Years later, Diane would tell me stories of how I used to bring Dannah picked dandelions for flowers and ride Dannah to church on the handle bars of my bicycle; neither of which I remembered. I do remember going over to their house and playing with Dannah and Diane was always very gracious and patient. I can't remember a single time I ever saw Diane without a smile on her face and happy step in her walk. I know this is a terrible loss for everyone that knew her. We love the Dean's and we will be praying for you all.*

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**Troy Stephens** - August 15, 2015 at 05:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dianna L. Dean.*



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August 15, 2015 at 01:47 PM



“ *Julie Mckinzie lit a candle in memory of Dianna L. Dean*



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**Julie Mckinzie** - August 15, 2015 at 01:01 PM



*Prayers and God bless as you celebrate the marvelous life of this amazing lady - Cherish the memories and enjoy all that she has endowed you with-love, laughter, family, courage, and enjoyment of the little things God has given. She was one of a kind and a blessing to all who met her !!*

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**Sue Ellet** - August 15, 2015 at 02:51 PM



“ *What a wonderful lady. She brought so many laughter. God bless you with so many memories.*



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**Marlene Johnston** - August 15, 2015 at 09:43 AM

TM

“ Sorry to hear of Dianna's passing. She was always a wonderful friend to my mother. Tanner Michael

Tanner Michael - August 15, 2015 at 09:39 AM

DA

“ I can't even remember a time when she wasn't in my life!!! From kindergarten on! She made sure I went to church and even as an adult, when I was struggling with that, she made me go!! The trips, the overnights, the laughter, the love. She was the light of Jesus in my world. My brain cannot comprehend a world without her but I know that Heaven is a lovelier place today because of her!!! May God comfort all of you in this time of sadness. I love you all.....Anna Sue

Deanna Albertson - August 15, 2015 at 08:22 AM

DD

Our hearts are so sad for the loss of her smile, laughter, bright eyes and faithful spirit. The memories of so many wonderful conversations, entertaining times from the stage during Follies and during other productions she participated in....her laughter will always be a part of our memory. A kind, giving, caring, loving lady who has left her handprint on all of our hearts. To all of you love and hugs and prayers as we celebrate her very special life on this earth. What a life to celebrate. God bless you all!!!!

Dave & Debbie Dyer - August 16, 2015 at 11:20 AM

BS

David & Betsy...sending my deepest sympathy at the passing of your mother. I know there is a celebration going on in Heaven as God welcomes His daughter home.

Beth Stahl - August 16, 2015 at 01:27 PM



*David and family, so sorry for the loss of Dianna. You and your family are in my prayers and thoughts.*

*Betty Sparks White*

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**Betty White** - August 16, 2015 at 03:49 PM