



Ronald Dean Sr.

October 21, 1938 - April 10, 2012

Ronald Wayne Dean, Sr. was born to John and Jerine Dean on October 21, 1938 in Los

Angeles, California. Ron and his brother Ralph were raised by hardworking and loving parents.

Raised in church and active in school Ron developed a love for God and a heart for ministry.

When Ron was age 15 the family welcomed Ron's baby brother Dan. After graduation from

Bell Gardens High School in 1956 Ron traveled to Joplin, Missouri and won the heart of

Madalyn Sue Smith. The couple married in July of 1957 and shared 54 years together. The

couple moved to Los Angeles where Ron attended Life Bible College and served as choir

director in his grandparent's church. In 1959, Ron and Sue were blessed with the birth of Ron Jr.

followed by the birth of Dennis in 1960. Ron Sr. and Sue served as Pastors at churches in

Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arizona, Nevada and California before settling in Joplin, Missouri

and retiring from Community Chapel in 2005. During his time in ministry Ron built two

churches from the ground up, but ministry for Ron went beyond the walls of the church and into the community. Ron was involved with the Kiwanis Club, Rescue Missions, and Habitat for Humanity, and served as Police Chaplain in Joplin, Missouri and Coffeerville, Kansas. In 2006 Ron and Sue moved to Muskogee, Oklahoma to be near their son and grandchildren. Ronald Dean, Sr. joined his Father, Mother and son Dennis in heaven on April 10, 2012. Ron is survived by his loving wife Sue Dean, of Muskogee; his son Ron Dean, Jr. and wife Rainey of Muskogee, a brother Ralph Dean and wife Shelva of Fountain Valley, California, a brother Dan Dean and wife Dee of Bishop, California, and one Aunt, Reverend Edith Heard of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, ten grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, numerous brother and sister in-laws, nieces, nephews, and a special adopted daughter Melody Nivens of Joplin, Missouri. Services will be held at Timothy Baptist Church on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at one o'clock. The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to The Gideon's International.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Dean Sr.*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Kervyn Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Ronald Dean Sr.*



Kervyn Smith - April 16, 2012 at 12:16 AM



“ *Frank And Vivian Vance lit a candle in memory of Ronald Dean Sr.*



Frank and Vivian Vance - April 12, 2012 at 10:30 AM



“ *We have known Ron and Sue for over 30 years. His smile and laughter were always contagious because they emanated from a genuinely loving heart! Although you will be missed down here, Ron, we envy you in your new residence!*

Al and Nancy Carnine

Albert and Nancy Carnine - April 12, 2012 at 10:01 AM

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Ron was our associate pastor at Frisco Church in Webb City for yrs and did a fantastic job. A terrific teacher that loved instant responses from his students...no sleeping in his class on sunday mornings. Loved Sue and her mother especially..

Can't wait to see Ron in heaven with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May His peace comfort and guide you and may you feel our hugs and love until that day of our forever family reunion...

Kervyn and Diane Smith

Joplin MO

Kervyn Smith - April 16, 2012 at 12:14 AM