



James Lea Dean Jr.

February 23, 1944 - April 13, 2023

James Lea Dean, Jr., age 79, passed away peacefully in the loving company of his family.

Dixi, as he was known to be called by many, really knew how to live life and he was a wonderful role model for everyone. He was a hard working, enthusiastic, and loving Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother, and Friend to all. He loved his family so very much and he was always participating in their lives by cheering them on in their sports, academics, and careers.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Lynn, of almost 58 years of marriage; his two living children, Jim Dean (James DeWald) and Cece Gottman (Scott), grandson (Dean Gottman), and granddaughters (Abby Gottman and Charli Dean-DeWald). Scott Dean, his second son pre-deceased him in 2010. He is also survived by his sister, Mary Dean, and brother, Peter Dean.

Jim was born in Madison, Wisconsin in 1944. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1966 with a degree in Finance. He was a member of the Chi Csi fraternity where he still maintained friendships until his passing. He then went on to law school at the University of Wisconsin and graduated in 1969 with a Law Degree. He rose to chief justice at the University of Wisconsin Law School Supreme Court. That fueled his passion in politics, where he fought to oust the SDS, Students of Democratic Society, from the

University campus. He proudly won that case in 1968 at the height of the Vietnam War.

Jim became a member of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange in 1977 and was a legendary trader in the Euro Dollar pit. He loved to mentor young people who had an interest in going into Finance.

He will be remembered by his family and friends as a wonderful and loving father and husband, a man with a great sense of humor, a strong political opinion, and for sure as someone who truly liked to have a lot of fun! We will miss him dearly.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations in memory of Jim may be made to Lake Forest Open Lands Association, 350 N. Waukegan Road, Lake Forest at 847-234-3880 or online at <https://www.lfola.org/gifts>.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Lynn, So very sad to hear of Jim's passing. He was such a good fiend to many especially some of my family thru who I got to know your dear Jim as well as you. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. And now you begin a new chapter in your book filled with treasured memories of a wonderful man. Take good care and all His love and blessings be with you. Hugs, love and prayers,
Susie LeClercq

Susie LeClercq - April 20, 2023 at 09:28 AM

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“ Oh, what fun we had and what good times we shared!!!

Taffie Eiff - April 19, 2023 at 01:29 PM

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“ I'll never forget when we were all swimming in the pool and Mr. Dean fired off the cannon. He was a force of nature. My thoughts go out to the Deans.

Charlie Finn - April 17, 2023 at 11:55 PM

JD

“ I will never forget the first time I met Dixi. He was a brut force but at the same time so gentle and accepting. He always wanted to know how you were and was genuinely interested in your life. He cared for people and loved his family. I will miss him so much but at the same time I am glad he is with God and at peace. We will miss you dearly.



James DeWald - April 14, 2023 at 11:15 PM

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He is holding his granddaughter so softly and sweetly you can feel his love for her. A wonderful man.

Kathleen Kennedy - April 20, 2023 at 02:10 AM