



Aubrey Aldean “Dean” Marion

August 22, 1931 – March 19, 2018

(From Lotzfuneralhomesalem.com)

Aubrey Aldean (Dean), 86, of Salem, Virginia transitioned to Heaven on March 19, 2018. He was surrounded at home by his oldest daughter, Deana Bea, and a loving doctor who came running when called upon for assistance. The family wishes to express their gratitude to Salem’s EMT’s for their kind and professional support.

Dean was blessed with a full, healthy and active life. Born in Brooks, West Virginia on August 22, 1931, he was the son of Hazel V. Marion and Ada Alice Marion. He had two brothers and two sisters, and the family lived at the entrance to the New River Valley Gorge.

Dean was preceded in death by his loving wife, Beatrice L. Marion. He is survived by daughters, Deana Bea Marion of Salem, and Mary Pat Griffith and husband, Curtis; grandchildren, Kimberly Griffith, and Grace McNeal and husband, Benjamin, and two great grandchildren, all of Georgia; first cousin, Sandra Goins and husband, Joe, of Hinton, West Virginia; sister, Helen Nicolaisen of Ukiah, California, and sister-in-law, Rita Marion of Mt. Washington, Kentucky.

Throughout his life Dean personified “the patience of Job.” He was a faithful member of Grace Baptist Church for over 40 years and always greeted members and visitors with a smile, handshake and bulletin. He was instrumental in numerous church building projects and did custom woodwork throughout the church facility. Dean served in the United States Air Force and was stationed in

Cape Canaveral, Florida. Prior to retirement he was a tool and die maker/designer with General Electric in Salem. Dean and Bea cherished camping trips with dear family friends, including the annual church trip to Philpott Lake in the 70's when they often arrived early and stayed late, along with gospel singing events at Watermelon Park and The Smokies during the 80's and 90's.

Funeral services will be held at New Grace Baptist Church, 1527 Gilford Avenue at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, March 23rd. Interment will follow in Sherwood Memorial Park with Dr. Bob Radford officiating. The family will receive friends at New Grace Baptist Church commencing at 1 p.m.