



Merle Dean Bachelder

August 2, 1930 - December 9, 2016

Dean Bachelder, age 86, of Rensselaer, Indiana passed away on December 9, 2016 at Franciscan Health Rensselaer. Dean was born in Rensselaer, Indiana on August 2, 1930, the son of John and Olga (Zacher) Bachelder.

Dean graduated from Rensselaer High School with the class of 1948, He was also a graduate of the Dale Carnegie Course.

On December 20, 1953, in DeMotte, IN, Dean married Dorothy J. Hunter who survives.

Dean worked as a sales representative at Jackson Monuments and Memory Gardens of Rensselaer. He was previously employed at the Sears Roebuck & Company of Rensselaer for 20 years. During his retirement, he volunteered at Jasper County Head Start.

Dean was a 70 year member of the Rensselaer Lion's Club, where he was a Recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellow Award for his dedicated humanitarian services. He was also a member of the International Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F) and a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Dean worked with many youth services. He was a little league coach, a former Cub Scout Master, was involved with Farm Bureau for Rural Youth, and he

volunteered his time with Trinity United Methodist Church youth program where he was affectionately known as Mr. Dean.

He is survived by his loving wife, Dorthy of Rensselaer, numerous nieces and nephews, & one sister, Dorothy Bialk of Michigan.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and one brother.

Friends may call at the Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer Monday, December 12, 2016 from 3:00 - 6:00 P.M. with a Lion's Club service at 6:00 PM. Funeral services will be held at the Trinity United Methodist Church of Rensselaer on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 10:30 AM with Pastor John Hostetter officiating. Burial will follow at Memory Gardens of Rensselaer. Memorials may be made to the Rensselaer Lions Club or the Trinity United Methodist Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 12. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
P.O. Box 70
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5123
info@jacksonfuneral.com
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

Lion's Service

DEC 12. 6:00 PM (CT)

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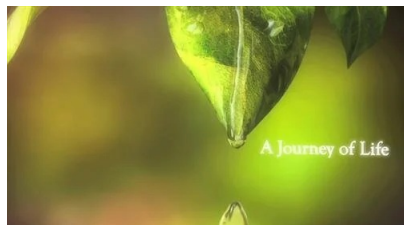
DEC 13. 10:30 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church
107 E. Angelica Street
Rensselaer, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Merle Dean Bachelder*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - December 10, 2016 at 05:04 PM

DW

“ *Don & Gloria Waymouth lit a candle in memory of Merle Dean Bachelder*



Don & Gloria Waymouth - December 15, 2016 at 12:13 PM

LK

“ *So sorry we couldn't make Dean's wake. Larry had a knee replacement last week. Dean was a great guy and always brought a smile with him everywhere he went. You have our sympathy. Larry and Judy Kuebcke*

Larry and Judy Kuebcke - December 13, 2016 at 05:30 PM

GR

“ *Many prayers for you Dorothy, please know we are thinking of you. Dean always had a smile and a laugh. He will be missed. Georgiana and Charlie Roadruck*

georgiana roadruck - December 12, 2016 at 03:18 PM

BZ

“ *Gods peace Dorthy,
Linda and I have been sharing some childhood memories about
Dean
Pick up truck and tractor rides
He always seemed to have a smile
Brings a smile now as I think back, good times*

Bill Zacher - December 12, 2016 at 01:42 PM



“ *5 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - December 12, 2016 at 11:55 AM

JH

“ *Janice HopkinsMalchow lit a candle in
memory of Merle Dean Bachelder*



Janice HopkinsMalchow - December 11, 2016 at 06:06 PM

RW

“ Dean always had a great sense of humor. Dean and Don Stewart liked to pick on me at church. They were ushers and I was in charge of acolytes and set toward the back to help the acolytes. One Sunday they hid my shoes since I took them off many times during the service. They teased me about finding a boyfriend for me. I joking said maybe I'll find one in my Christmas stocking. Well Dean made sure my wish came true. He presented me with a Christmas stocking with a Ken doll in it at church. What fun times we had. miss you, Ornery.

Regina Warfel - December 11, 2016 at 09:46 AM

JS

“ I enjoyed times with Dean and Dorthy in Rural Youth. They worked hard together. Our sympathy to Dorthy and her family.

Judy Smith - December 11, 2016 at 12:50 AM

DB

“ I graduated with Dean and was in several clubs and was a member of the Rensselaer methodist church. Dean was always a loving giving man I will allways rember him. Dale H. Blacklidge

dale Blacklidge - December 10, 2016 at 10:29 PM

DH

“ Debbie And David HUNTER lit a candle in memory of Merle Dean Bachelder



Debbie and David HUNTER - December 10, 2016 at 06:23 PM



“ 47 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - December 10, 2016 at 03:24 PM

CS

“ *My Uncle Dean & Aunt Dorothy were the best summer vacation companions a kid could have: fishing, the county fair, card games with ice cream, and so much more. We were always on the move. I cherish these memories. Thank you both! Love Christy (Daughter of Frances Bachelder, Dean's sister)*

Chris Schantz Strickland - December 10, 2016 at 12:34 PM

CS

“ *Chris Schantz Strickland lit a candle in memory of Merle Dean Bachelder*

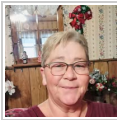


Chris Schantz Strickland - December 10, 2016 at 12:25 PM

MJ

“ I have so many fond memories of Dean on the farm, but my favorite is fishing in the ditches at night with Dean and Dad. I got to hold the flashlight. Sometimes all we got was lots of good laughs and memories. Our deepest sympathies, Mary Jarrette and family and Bill Zimmer and family

Mary Jarrette - December 10, 2016 at 10:19 AM



Was our neighbor for years when I was a child. Then helped at daycare for my youngest son. He thought the world of Mr. Dean as he called him. Rest in peace.

Sheila Powell - December 10, 2016 at 11:46 AM

SZ

“ Sherri Zickmund lit a candle in memory of Merle Dean Bachelder



Sherri Zickmund - December 10, 2016 at 04:06 AM

RH

“ Rich & Dale Huhn lit a candle in memory of Merle Dean Bachelder



Rich & Dale Huhn - December 09, 2016 at 09:04 PM

RP

“ *Ruth Paulsen lit a candle in memory of Merle Dean Bachelder*



ruth paulsen - December 09, 2016 at 08:51 PM

ML

“ *Marilyn Lowry lit a candle in memory of Merle Dean Bachelder*



Marilyn Lowry - December 09, 2016 at 06:10 PM