



Dean Thomas Horsley

February 8, 1966 - April 23, 2024

Dean Thomas Horsley, age 58 of Mattoon, IL passed away Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center surrounded by his family.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 2 pm CDT at New Beginnings Church, 18108 County Road 1140N, Charleston, IL 61920. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is assisting the family.

Dean was born on February 8, 1966, in Benton, IL to David W. and the late Lonnie M. (Switzer) Horsley. He married his longtime love Robyn M. Potter on October 17, 2020, at Lincoln Log Cabin in Charleston, IL. She survives and resides in Mattoon, IL. He is survived by his daughter, Allison Merriman of Decatur, IL; son, Cameron Horsley and fiancée Kirsten Covington of San Marcos, TX; two stepsons, Dan and Rob Potter of Mattoon, IL; three grandchildren, Easton, Rhett Merriman, Sylvie Brown; his father, David Horsley of Xenia, IL; and two sisters, Heather Abernathy of Centralia, IL and Dawn Gray of Xenia, IL.

Dean honorably and proudly served our country in the United States Army. He later worked in sales for the newspaper industry and lastly at Blue Cross Blue Shield. Dean was a self-proclaimed “lawn mower whisperer”, avid fisherman, and loved hiking in Glacier National Park in Montana.

He was a committed father who put his children above himself and absolutely adored his grandchildren. He had an infectious laugh that always brought joy to those around him. He will be remembered as one of the greatest men

around that lit up the room.

A GoFundMe account has been created to help with funeral expenses @ <https://gofund.me/08338fc3>.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

Previous Events

Service

MAY 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

New Beginnings Church
18108 County Road 1140N
Charleston, IL 61920

Tribute Wall



“ Dennis S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dean Thomas Horsley.

Dennis S. - May 01, 2024 at 11:04 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - May 01, 2024 at 01:02 PM



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Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - April 29, 2024 at 06:20 PM

CA

“ *Dean was our neighbor and friend in West Frankfort. Our kids grew up together. He was such a good father and nice man. Rest in peace friend. Gone, but not forgotten.*

Cathy - April 27, 2024 at 09:35 AM

HE

“ *My brother Dean was quite the guy I will miss him so much for my heart is sad I am also aware that he has gone to a better place with no more pain. He caught me so many things A lot about love family God. I will miss our very long talks on the phone I will miss hearing your voice I already miss you bro. I will see you again May you be in peace.*

Heather - April 26, 2024 at 11:45 PM



“ *Dad loved his grandkids...so much. He loved those boys to pieces. You'll be missed so very much. Love you dad.*



Allison Merriman - April 26, 2024 at 04:09 PM

GV

Sorry for your loss, will miss our talks.

Greg Voudrie - April 26, 2024 at 04:27 PM



Thank you for all of the wonderful memories that we shared during our childhood. You will live on in our hearts forever. Prayers to your wife, Dave, Dawn & Heather and for your children and grandchildren. He is now rejoicing with Jesus and he is in no more pain. ❤️ RIP Dean!! ❤️

Julie Briscoe - April 26, 2024 at 05:29 PM

KH

Allison and Cameron... prayers for you. The best part of all of this is that we know that your dad is healed and no longer facing doctor's appointments, hospitalizations, and everything else that came with his diagnosis. He loved you so much. ❤️ I do too!

Kim Hennes - April 27, 2024 at 02:54 PM

DR

Allison, you and your children have been in my prayers. I loved him and I loved his voice for God. That man could sing and really move you. I'll miss chatting with him. He sure loved you and those boys of yours.

Dawn Robinson - April 27, 2024 at 05:46 PM

RB

Dean was such a good guy with a wonderful sense of humor! He made me laugh many times!!! I've been praying for him. I know he now walks with God.

Rose Baffi - April 28, 2024 at 03:53 PM