



James "Buddy" Dear

June 20, 2019

James Winston Dear was born to Ruby and Clarence Dear on June 20, 1933 in Largo, Florida. He was the youngest of 5 children. James went into the arms of Jesus on June 15, 2019. Known as "Buddy" to his family, James had to live with his grandmother Minnie and other extended family members when his parents died early. As a young schoolboy, he attended Central School in McAlpin, Florida. It was a one room schoolhouse and it would be here as an eighth grader that he would meet his future wife, Iva, who was a fifth grader at the time. He graduated from Suwannee High School, Live Oak, Florida in 1951. Not long after, he joined the Marine Corps. He married Ivadean Daughtry, April 8, 1956.

James was in the Marine Corps for 20 years and retired as a Gunnery Sergeant. The Marines sent him to many places including Korea, Guadalcanal, and Vietnam. After retiring in 1971, James, Iva, and their three children, Jill, Joseph, Jan, settled on three acres in the Jonesville area outside of Gainesville, FL. After working for Tom's Peanuts and Harbor Chevrolet, James would start a new career as a Water Line Locator with the City of Gainesville. While with the City, he became a member of the Communications Workers of America and worked diligently for good of his fellow members. He retired from the City in 1998. James and Iva were married for 63 years as of April 8, 2019.

James, "Buddy" has learned lessons of hard work from his grandmother. James loves God, valued responsibility and commitment, and following the Golden Rule by doing good to others. James has hobbies such as playing golf, attending Gators games, and spending time on the computer. Although James did not always express his love, when you heard him say that he loved you, you knew he meant it. He believed in things being done right and if you didn't get results at first, you were to continue to pursue the goal.

James leaves behind his wife Ivadean, his three children, Jill, Joseph, Jan, 6 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, a niece and 7 nephews. Being loved by Iva's family as well, he leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be on June 22, 2019 at Christian Life Fellowship Church, 19817 W. Newberry Rd., Newberry, FL. A visitation will start from 10:00-11:00 am with services beginning at 11:00 am.

A graveside service will follow at the Forest Meadows Memorial Park East, 3700 S.E. Hawthorne Rd., Gainesville, FL. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Disabled American Veterans at dav.org.

A reception will follow the graveside service at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 21, 1150 NE Waldo Rd. in Gainesville, FL.

Tribute Wall

PM

“ I am just now seeing this, as I used to help Mr.Dear and his bride Iva with their meds. What a sweet, sweet man. He loved Iva and it showed. Thank you for the privilege of helping him and his beautiful wife. My heart is with the family.

Pharmacist Lorraine Mobley - August 11, 2020 at 02:32 AM

RE

“ *semper fi* brother from north Carolina from fox 2/1 viet nam 67-68

randall epps - August 07, 2019 at 01:01 AM

BL

“ I met "Gunny Dear" in Vietnam. He was the acting Intelligence Chief when we were both involved with S-2 Scout Intelligence gathering. I respected the man so much and he always looked out for underlings and protected us from the enemy as well as those in leadership. Gunny Dear had the common sense that allowed us to survive.

Thank you Gunny Dear for your dedication to your men. We still love you, Gunny and you will never be forgotten by me and others in the unit.

Semper Fidelis!

-RED-

Bob "RED" Lindgren - August 02, 2019 at 04:06 PM

PO

“ RIP BUDDY - May the force of GOD be with you and your Beautiful Family.
May the promises of GOD grant them peace and understanding while they walk through the Valley of Grief.
SEMPER FI - GUNNY

PHIL ODOM - August 02, 2019 at 01:48 PM

VB

“ Buddy will always be in the hearts and minds of all who knew him. A Great Marine and Warrior! Semper Fi

Vinnie Burdziuk - August 02, 2019 at 02:52 AM

RW

“ We are sorry fo your loss. We were unable to attend as we were out of town. God bless your family as we are sure you will miss Buddy.

RODNEY WHITTLE - June 25, 2019 at 02:28 PM

JA

“ Literally can't get our last encounter out of my head. I asked about our next visit....you cracking a joke and saying see you later. It plays in my head over and over again. Then the phone call telling me what happened...I still can't believe it till this very moment. I don't think I'll ever have another client like you. You definitely kept me on my toes. I mean you were stubborn..hard headed..spoke your mind no matter what..and you were sooo funny especially when you would do your little two step dance when you got good news. Your family is in my prayers during this hard time. Jill, Jan, & Joe Thank you for the privilege of getting to know all of you.

Jasmine Walker - Comfort Keeper Aide - June 22, 2019 at 05:41 AM

LW

“ Sorry I am unable to be in attendance, my traveling days are over. Buddy and I were more brother and sister than cousins. We had an incredible childhood with lots of memories. We loved each other❤️
I am happy he is at peace in the Lords loving presence today

Lucile (Dear) Walterson - June 22, 2019 at 12:51 AM

TS

“ So sorry for the family's loss, Rest In Heaven Buddy.

Tammy Minton Sargent - June 21, 2019 at 09:38 PM

LA

“ Mr. Dear - I only had the pleasure of meeting you for a short four hours, but during that time, I learned so much about your life and how much you got to do and see in almost 86 years! I found it very incredible that you were in S. Korea in the '60s, and I enjoyed sharing photos of what it looks like now in comparison. Thank you for your efforts in helping to establish my "second home country" in the past - it has become a great country today! Sending warm wishes to your family, and hoping you are at peace.

Laura - June 21, 2019 at 04:52 PM

FD

“ You will truly be missed. My condolences to the family. - Flore Delva

Flore Delva - June 21, 2019 at 04:47 PM

SM

“ We pray blessings over this family at this time, Lord. I did not have phone no left with your message, Jill, but will see if I can make some contact before you leave the area. love to you, Mrs. Iva, Jan and Joe. Sylvia Mccullars

sylvia MCCULLARS - June 21, 2019 at 04:22 PM

MA

“ Mr. Dear, what can I say. You were a good man. You tried so hard to take care of your wife, your children, your home.
May you rest in peace and know that everything you did was not in vain.
God Bless you and be at peace.
My condolences to the family. Jill, Joe, Jan, he spoke very highly of you. All he wants is for "mama" to be taken care of. She was and will be the live if his life
God be with you all and may he bring you peace at this difficult time.

Maria Molina-Comfort Keepers Aide - June 21, 2019 at 04:09 PM

SF

“ I've had the pleasure of knowing and working with Mr. Dear and his family for the past two years. As I read over his obituary I can't help but shake my head in agreement with a couple of statements: he valued responsibility and commitment; he didn't always express his love verbally; and if he didn't get results at first he would continue to pursue the goal.

Mr. Dear certainly kept our agency in line, whether it was billing or scheduling needs, he expected top notch service and our commitment to his and Mrs. Dear's care. Although I can see him being reserved with his verbal displays of love and affection it was no question that he LOVED his lady Iva. Lastly, there's not enough space to list the examples of Mr. Dear holding firm to the "not giving up" and pushing until he got what he wanted :) My guess would be that it's no surprise he could be extremely stubborn, but I loved him regardless as this was his God given personality. I will cheer a little harder and louder during Gator football season in remembrance of him! Prayers for Jill, Joe, Jan and Iva - thank you all for allowing me and our caregivers into your parents' home and be a part of the team it took to take care of them both. With love, Samantha

Samantha Fleming - June 21, 2019 at 03:43 PM

MH

“ Keeping you all in my prayers during this difficult time. Jan and Kat please know we love you very much!

Melissa, Kaitlyn and Calista Headrick - June 21, 2019 at 01:22 PM

RI

“ Uncle buddy you will be missed

Robert Dear II - June 21, 2019 at 11:32 AM