

# Herbert Arthur Dean

September 1, 1918 – September 21, 2008

Herbert Arthur Dean passed away on Sunday, September 21, 2008, in Bryan, of longterm diabetes of 62 years. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, September 24, at Hillier Funeral Home. Graveside services are set for 4 p.m. Wednesday at Southpark Cemetery of Pearland, Texas.

Dean was born on September 1, 1918, in Damon, Texas, to Albert "Auescar" and Lizzie Lee McClendon Dean. His family moved to McAllen in 1925. He graduated from McAllen High School in 1936 and attended Pan American (then Edinburg Jr. College) for one year, graduated from Texas A&M University in 1940 with a Bachelor of Science in entomology, where he also received his master's degree in 1949.

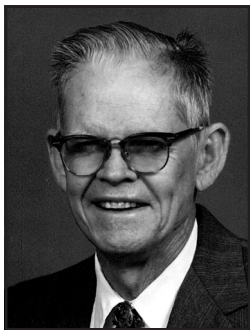
Dean served in the U.S. Navy for four and a half years. The first tour of duty was as a hospital corpsman in the invasion of the Solomon Islands on a troop transport for one year. He received his Ensign rating in 1943, and was sent to Panama, and served on two different minesweepers guarding the Panama Canal on the Pacific side, the second one serving as skipper. In 1944, he was sent to Seattle for commissioning a new minesweeper, and as a Lieutenant j.g. was sent to the Caroline Islands, later to sweep mines before the invasion of Okinawa. He returned to the U.S., landing in San Francisco on August 15, 1945 (V.J. Day). On August 19, 1945, he married Betty Laughlin of Houston.

Dean was on the staff of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at College Station, a branch of Texas A&M University System, moving to Weslaco in 1950 to work on citrus insects. After 35 years, he retired in 1981 as an associate professor. He was known in many parts of the world for his work in research on citrus pests, especially Integrated Pest Management. He received the Arthur T. Potts Award for his "Pioneering Research in Biological Control and Integrated Pest Management on Citrus in the Valley" by the Rio Grande Valley Horticultural Association in 1987, and has been honored with an endowed Entomology Scholarship at Texas A&M University in 2006. Dean was active in Boy Scouts for many years, receiving his Eagle Scout rating in 1935. He served as both Scoutmaster and Assistant of Troop 34 for 10 years. He was active in PTA, and in the Weslaco Band Boosters, serving as president in 1965. He was an elder of the First Christian Church in Weslaco since 1955, later as elder in the Donna Christian Church, also serving as President of C.M.F. in Weslaco Church. He was a master woodworker, specializing in non-commercial woods.

He was a member of the Hidalgo/Starr County A&M Former Students Club, and a Century Club Member, an emeritus member of the Entomological Society of America, and a Life Member of the Disabled American Veterans.

Survivors include his loving wife of 63 years; sons and daughters-in-law, Allen and Susan Dean and Barry and Judy Dean; grandson, David and wife, Sheri; granddaughters, Jennifer Dean and Brandi Dean; two great-grandsons, Cody Lee Dean and Jake Dean; great-granddaughter, Kellie Morris; brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Ruth Dean; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International; Diabetes Research Foundation, P.O. Box 5050, Sterling, VA 20167-9832; SouthernCare Hospice of College Station; Texas A&M University, with checks made payable to the Texas A&M Foundation and sent to the Department of Entomology; or a charity of your choice.



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