



Joseph Murray Dean, age 95, of Bad Axe, passed away on Tuesday June 5, 2018 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Joseph was born in Bad Axe on January 17, 1923, son of the late Willis and Loretta (Murray) Dean. He married Doris McArdle in November 1946. She preceded him in death February 1982. He married Ruth Begandt McArdle in August 1983.

Joe was the wheelsman for the City of Detroit III before joining the Navy. During WWII, he served on the ship U.S.S. Pillsbury. After his discharge from the Navy, he moved his family to Bad Axe to work the family farm.

He was an accomplished builder, farmer and was appointed to the U.S. Post Office by President John F. Kennedy in 1962. There he served 25 years. From 1968 to 1978 he served as secretary of the draft board in the Saginaw Valley area. He was a member of the Bad Axe Rotary. He was a historian by nature who enjoyed reading, traveling, sailing and was a self-taught woodworking craftsman. Joe was a loving husband, father, brother, friend and neighbor.

Joe is survived by:

His wife Ruth Dean of Bad Axe.

1 Sister – Eleanor Currie of Harbor Beach.

9 Children – Franklin Dean of Bay City, Paul Dean of Bad Axe, Joseph (Kim) Dean of Capac, Raymond Dean of Bad Axe, John (Brenda) Dean of Bad Axe, Loretta (James) Wieszciecinski of Bay City, James Dean of Bad Axe, Mary (Terry) Avery of Bay City, Patricia (Dan) Corcoran of Traverse City.

3 Step-children – Louise (Jim) Dinsmore of Sanford, Dale (David) Anderson of Midland, Carl (Bonnie) McArdle of Marlette.

Grandchildren – Michael (Leslie) Dean, Jennifer (John) Root, Jerome Dean, Doris (Kiju) Victoria, Pam (Jim) Justin, Raymond Dean, Jr., Amanda (Cory) Gunn, Brandon Dean, Candice (Dan) Ahrens, Deidre, Dylan, and David Wieszciecinski, Danielle Avery, STS Brent (Makaila) Avery, Monica (Kyle) Melton, Ryan Corcoran.

Step-Grandchildren – Melanie LaLonde, Darren Dinsmore, Deborah Anderson, Carmen Chaffee, Chad McArdle, Nathan McArdle, Jamie McArdle, Keshia Shadley.

Many Great-grandchildren.

2 Cousins – Joann Gilleran of Royal Oak and Jim Heller of CA.

Many nieces and nephews.

Joe was preceded in death by:

1 Sister – MaryAnn and husband Doug Miller.

2 Brothers – Willis “Jack” Dean and wife Marie, Robert Dean and wife Frieda.

1 Brother-in-law – Doug Currie.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 am on Saturday, June 9 2018 at St. Hubert’s Parish – Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Officiating will be Fr. Rob Howe. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Friends may call at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe on Friday, June 8, 2018 from 1- 8 pm or Saturday at the Church from 9 am until the Mass at 10 am.

A scripture service will be offered Friday at the Kaufman Funeral Home at 4 pm, with Janis Stein reading a life story.