



Dean David Dunning

May 2, 1951 - September 12, 2021

Dean David Dunning, 70 years old, passed away peacefully on Sunday evening, September 12, 2021.

Dean was born May 2, 1951, to Dr. Arlo and Maria (Timmerman) Dunning, in Moses Lake, Washington. He was a man of adventure and his zest for life began at a young age. As a child, Dean spent his days running around the neighborhood, despite his mother's wishes, completely barefoot; a habit that continued throughout the rest of his life. His brother vividly recalls fond childhood memories of Dean, from shooting off arrows straight up in the air, just to see how close they would hit, to rock fights with the neighborhood kids- in which Dean could always "finish".

After graduating from Moses Lake High School in 1969, he attended Big Bend Community College as an airplane mechanic. He shifted careers and took pride in being a carpenter. One of his most memorable projects includes building a home for his parents. After an unexpected work injury in 1995, Dean changed careers paths and retired as a fiber optics engineer from the Grant County PUD in 2018.

In his past time, Dean was an avid outdoor enthusiast. You could find him fishing, cycling, hiking, camping, boating, canoeing, and skiing, and motocross in his younger years. He enjoyed continuous learning so he was very

knowledgeable in a variety of subjects. From gardening to mechanics, outdoor survival to tiling, he was truly a jack-of-all-trades and a craftsman. Anyone who knows Dean, also knows he was a master linguist and storyteller, and he passionately shared his knowledge with others. Dean was a man with a light spirit. He always knew how to make you laugh and could always see the positive and good in every situation. Somehow, he just knew how to comfort others with words of wisdom. He gave the best big hugs, topped with wise words from God.

Throughout his life, he was very involved and active in the church. Most recently he was head elder for Apostolic Lutheran Church, and his church family was very near and dear to his heart. Dean served faithfully and was a devoted Lutheran.

Dean joins his parents Dr. Arlo and Maria Dunning in ever lasting life. Those left to cherish his memory include his brother, Ed Dunning and wife, Melissa; his four children: Allyson and her husband, Beau Keightley; Laura and her husband, Brandon Somerville; Samuel Dunning and his wife, Stephanie; Keenan Dunning; his six grandchildren: Bristol, Aspen, Camden, and Nora Keightley, and Brody and Asher Dunning; his niece and nephew: Madelyn Dunning and Egan Dunning; his cousins: Glen Timmerman, Roy Timmerman, Peggy White, Kara Mantey.

Dean, of blessed memory, was a beloved father, grandfather, godfather, and friend. Above all, he was a Christian. He was a great saint, whose love and zeal for Christ was apparent in all he did. As such, and as it is with most great saints, his work and love will go largely unsung and unnoticed by the world, but not his family, both by blood and baptism (his church family), and any who share his love and honor for Jesus. He was fervent in prayer, beloved by all, and adored by his children.

In lieu of flowers, by contributing to The Dean Dunning Memorial with the Apolitical Lutheran Church, you will be helping our family continue the legacy of our beloved father's work and passion.

Dean's memorial services will be held at Kayser's Chapel, Saturday, September 25, at 1:00 pm.

Cemetery Details

Pioneer Memorial Gardens

14403 Rd. 2 Ne
Moses Lake, WA

Previous Events

Service

SEP 25. 1:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories
831 S. Pioneer Way
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall

KL

“ My condolences to Dean’s family. My heart dropped when I saw he had passed. My friendship with Dean was from within our church when I was very young. He was one of the sweetest. most light hearted people I ever knew and was always ready with a smile. I vividly still remember seeing him cruise around in his orange corvette. Oh my, that was a long time ago. I hadn’t seen him for many many years, until my Dads services a few years back. I am so deeply sorry for your loss and I pray your hearts can be at peace.

Karen Benson Luciani - November 04, 2021 at 02:06 AM

AF

“ Dean had such a warm and inviting personality. You are all held fervently in thought and more importantly in prayer as you mourn. My memories of Dean go way back to when I was in Just a child and he was as kind as kind could be. This world and all who knew him will miss him but rejoice that he is eternally in the presence of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Gods blessings.

Amy Fettkether - September 25, 2021 at 02:12 PM

KM

“ Dean you will be greatly missed here on earth, but the joy and happiness in heaven must beyond what we know.

Kara Mantey - September 24, 2021 at 09:21 PM

KM

“ *Kara Mantey lit a candle in memory of Dean David Dunning*



Kara Mantey - September 24, 2021 at 09:18 PM

RB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Dean was a great guy. Seek peace in knowing that he is home in Heaven.
God's blessings,
Rachele and Barry Bakes*

Rachele Bakes - September 22, 2021 at 07:00 PM

MA

“ *Marcia lit a candle in memory of Dean David Dunning*



Marcia - September 21, 2021 at 12:07 AM

MA

“ *I will always cherish our Alaskan adventure, our hikes along the Icicle Creek, and bringing 4 wonderful children into this world with you. They will carry on your legacy knowing that your love for God showed through in everything you did. Heaven truly is your home. Until we meet again, Marcia*

Marcia - September 20, 2021 at 07:35 PM

CP

“ I'm sorry to hear about Dean's passing. I'd like to add a link to his obituary from our employee newsletter at Grant PUD. I'd appreciate it if someone from his family could post a nice photo of him. Thank you and, again, my condolences. -- Christine Pratt, Grant PUD Public Affairs.

Christine Pratt - September 20, 2021 at 05:36 PM

AK

There is one attached now. Thank you for catching that.

Ally Keightley - September 24, 2021 at 02:09 PM