



## Willie Lariel Dean McIntosh

October 8, 1934 - January 27, 2024

IN MEMORY OF:

Willie Lariel "Dean" McIntosh

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – DONGOLA

106 NW Front Street, Dongola, Illinois

Willie Lariel "Dean" McIntosh, age 89, of Marion, Illinois, formerly of Dongola, Illinois, went home to be with Jesus on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 5:08 a.m.

He was born October 8, 1934 to Curtis Wayne and Edna Myrl (Coffman) McIntosh in Dongola, Illinois. Dean attended a one-room schoolhouse at Swanpond School before going on to Dongola High School. He worked at various jobs in his youth including the Shell Gas Station in Dongola for 2 years where he noticed the love of his life, Linda, walking by on her way to Dongola High School. They were engaged in 1957.

On May 1, 1959, he married Linda Lou Eddleman at Second Baptist Church

Parsonage in Marion with Rev. John Corbitt officiating. The couple moved to Marion and have shared over 64 years together.

Dean was a veteran of the United States Army, working as a detachment clerk, stationed in Verdun, France from 1957-1959. After that, he worked for Blankenship/Federated Auto Parts for over 45 years, primarily working as manager of the Harrisburg and Marion stores and later as an adviser to several locations.

God, family, and working hard were Dean's priorities in life. After retirement, he helped to take care of his grandchildren and loved to spoil them. He loved to read western books and watch westerns on television.

Dean was a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Dongola after being saved in his youth. He was baptized in Goodman Pond. After moving to Marion, he attended Second Baptist Church for approximately 60 years until his health would not allow it.

He is survived by his wife; daughter, Debra (Harrel) Lerch; son, Barry (Teresa) McIntosh; grandchildren, Matthew Dean Lerch and Kaelyn Renee McIntosh; and sister, Rita (Gary) Dale, sister-in-law, Emelia Eddleman, and many nieces and nephews.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Edsel McIntosh; sister-in-law, Hallie McIntosh; nephew, Ronal Joe McIntosh; and niece, Rhonda Breckenridge.

Visitation will be Thursday, February 1, 2024 from 11:00 AM until 12:00 PM at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Dongola. Funeral will follow at 12:00 PM at the church with Pastor Ashby Tillery and Pastor Danny Ward officiating.

Interment will follow the service at Meisenheimer Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be made to Meisenheimer Cemetery for its upkeep.

Crain Funeral Home, Dongola, Illinois is in charge of funeral arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Meisenheimer Cemetery

Dongola, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

Mt Olive Baptist Church  
1465 Mt Olive Rd  
Dongola, IL 62926  
(618) 833-5774

## Funeral Service

FEB 1. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (cst)

Mt. Olive Baptist Church  
Dongola, IL

## Interment

FEB 1. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (cst)

Meisenheimer Cemetery  
Dongola, IL

# Tribute Wall

EH

“ I am sorry to hear of Dean's passing. I met Dean many years ago, when I worked at the UMS warehouse. I would occasionally see him around town. Always friendly.

Eric Harrison - February 01, 2024 at 09:23 AM

DL

Hi Eric, Thank you for your comment. We miss him so much. We know we will be with him again some day. Deb

Debra Lerch - February 02, 2024 at 09:54 PM

JT

“ I have work for Blankenship / Federated auto parts for over 50 years in Anna. Worked with Dean many times over the years he was a great guy. Jim Thornton

James Thornton - January 31, 2024 at 08:44 AM

DL

Hi, I remember Dad talking about you and he thought highly of you also. He deserves his rest, but we miss him so much. Thank you for your nice comment. Deb

Debra Lerch - February 02, 2024 at 09:50 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Willie Lariel Dean McIntosh.



January 30, 2024 at 02:40 PM

BB

“ *Bill Bloodworth lit a candle in memory of Willie McIntosh*



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**Bill Bloodworth** - January 30, 2024 at 10:02 AM

DL

*Thank you, Bill!! He is already missed so much. Deb*

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**Debra Lerch** - February 02, 2024 at 09:51 PM

JW

“ *Debbie, I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Our love and prayers are with you and all the family.*

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**June Wollard** - January 29, 2024 at 07:46 PM

DL

*Thank you so much for your prayers! Those prayers are what is getting us through each day without him. Love ya, Deb*

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**Debra Lerch** - February 02, 2024 at 09:42 PM