



Dr. Deane E. Doolen Jr.

October 6, 1930 - May 12, 2019

Dr. Deane E. Doolen, 88, of Havana, Illinois, passed away at his home on Sunday, May 12, 2019. He is survived by his wife, Ann; three children: Martha Knight (Greg Krusz), Paul (Mitzi) Doolen and Sara (Greg) Mathis; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. One sister, Dianne (Bill) Geijsbeek, and two nephews live in Seattle.

Deane was born in Lincoln, Illinois, on October 6, 1930. He practiced private dentistry in Lincoln for 50 years, and served many community organizations and professional dental associations. In the latter part of his career, he provided dental care services for nursing homes.

Deane willed his body to be donated to science. Services will be private. If you would like to pay respects and tribute, memorial donations may be made to

Hickory Ridge Concert Series (at Dickson Mounds Museum) or University of Illinois, College of Dentistry. Checks can be mailed to:

Hickory Ridge Concerts, PO Box 144, Macomb IL 61455

or

The University of Illinois Foundation, Class of 1955 Leo and Wanda Sabien Scholarship Fund c/o Ms. Ana Lisa Ogbac

Office of Advancement (M/C 621), Room 404EB

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Deane E. Doolen Jr.*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Ann and family--I smile when I think of Deane, my oldest first cousin. He was such a good guy, and I have wonderful memories of our family gatherings where he was an enthusiastic participant in our time-honored performances of recitations and songs. I will always think of him as the leader of the Keys Klan Kuzzins and I can still hear him laughing about the Jonee hand warmer.*

Jo Anderson Williams - June 09, 2019 at 09:29 AM



“ *Ann, Martha, Sara, Paul, Rachel and Matt; This world has lost a gentle man and a Gentleman...he leaves behind a hole in many hearts. I am blessed to have met him and to have experienced his big smile and even bigger heart. Please know that I have you in my thoughts and wish you each the strength you need. With love, Jill Massey Luft*

Jill Luft - May 19, 2019 at 11:39 AM

“ Dear Ann, Martha, Paul, Sara and Family:

It was an honor to have known Dr. Doolen for the past 28 years. He was President of the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry when I first arrived and he took me under his wing and never left my side. Dr. Doolen was a PROUD alumnus--having received his DDS degree in 1955. What a class he had--one of the most close knit classes I have ever seen. He was also very proud that his father was also a graduate of our Illinois dental program. Dr. Doolen was instrumental in establishing the Class of 1955 Leo and Wanda Sabien Scholarship Fund. I was privileged to help in that effort, but it was Deane, the late Dr. George Kottemann and the late Dr. Robert Coberley, that lead the way and inspired their fellow classmates to give. I was just along for the ride; but I watched with great admiration the genuine concern and respect that Deane and his wonderful wife, Ann, had for Dr. Sabien, who at the time was dying from ALS. I learned a lot that year about what it would take to be successful in my career as the chief development officer for the UIC College of Dentistry. I've been told by many in campus leadership that I am one of the best on the team. I wouldn't be this successful if it weren't for Dr. Deane E. Doolen, Jr. I am so grateful that God brought him into my life. This "country dentist" taught me so much about how to treat others. I will never forget my dear friend. The College of Dentistry is also grateful to this very unique and caring person. Dr. Doolen gave back to UIC in so many ways: as an alumni leader, an advocate and cheerleader, a generous donor, an accomplished dentist, and a dear friend. He will be greatly missed but not forgotten. Rest in peace, Dr. Doolen. You touched thousands of lives with your care, compassion, generous heart, and warm and wonderful smile.

Gratefully yours,

*Mark J. Valentino
Associate Dean for Advancement
University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry*

Mark Valentino - May 17, 2019 at 09:05 PM

PE

“ *My heartfelt sympathy is sent to the entire Doolen Family!! I only knew Dean thru my daughter's marriage to his son Paul. But every time I had the opportunity at family gatherings where I saw Dean, my immediate impressions of Dean were that he was a warm hearted man and someone I wish I could get to know better. Time never allowed for intimate discussions but I would have liked that, My prayers and sympathies are sent to the entire family!! Hugs and prayers to you all!! Peggy Evenson (Mitzi's mother)*

Peggy Evenson - May 17, 2019 at 08:34 PM

AD

“ *Our heartfelt gratitude for your many kind words. Yes, we all miss his presence so quickly taken, but your messages of love and support are helping us carry on. Love to you all and thank you so much!*

Ann and family

Ann Doolen - May 17, 2019 at 08:33 PM

JL

“ *My heart is broken. Deane was such a loving, friendly, happy soul. He and Ann were great supporters of our museum programming at Dickson Mounds and I always looked forward to seeing them and visiting. He will be greatly missed.*

Julie Lerczak - May 16, 2019 at 05:41 PM

DD

“ We send our heartfelt sympathy to Ann and the Doolin family. We will always remember Deane as a gentle person and a friend to all. Our lives are richer having known him. Part of the fun of the Hickory Ridge concerts was seeing you guys. Our love and prayers are with you at this time. Dave and Fern Donnan

Dave and Fern Donnan - May 16, 2019 at 11:14 AM

JK

“ Dr. Doolen was like a third grandpa to me. All the Doolens are family to me. Dean was always so kind and took me in as his own when I would visit every summer as a kid. Such an amazing, charismatic, and brilliant human being that was loved by so, so many. I will never ever forget him. All my love to the Doolens, friends, and family.



Jenna Kinzie - May 16, 2019 at 10:38 AM

BC

“ Such a good hearted Man! Sorry for your loss.



Becky Chaney - May 15, 2019 at 09:07 AM

JW

“ Dr. D. Helped many of our students at Graham school of nursing. My condolences on your loss.
Dr. Judy Walloch

Judith Walloch - May 14, 2019 at 11:13 PM

MG

“ Bill and I are deeply sorry for your loss. Your ded was our family dentist for many years. You are in our thought and prayers. Mary Gleason

Mary Gleason - May 14, 2019 at 09:57 PM

VM

“ Martha my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family,I was so sorry to hear of your loss....
God has gained another angel.

Vicki Malerich - May 14, 2019 at 01:47 PM

DB

“ So sorry for your loss Martha and family. Dr.Doolen was our family dentist when he was in Lincoln, Illinois.

Denise Kirk Bartman - May 14, 2019 at 01:29 PM