



Dean L. Bunnell

April 17, 1951 - August 24, 2020

COLUMBIA – Dean L. Bunnell, 69, died after a sudden illness on Monday, Aug. 24, 2020, in Las Vegas, Nev.

Dean was born in West Stewartstown on April, 17, 1951, the son of Dean E. and Barbara (Noyes) Bunnell. He attended Canaan schools and was a graduate of Canaan Memorial High School in 1969.

Growing up, he learned mechanics from his dad who operated Bunnell's Sales & Service, specializing in the sales and repair of Bombadier snowmobiles and Suzuki motorcycles, and small engines. He learned many other skills from his dad, including well-drilling, fishing and hunting. As a teenager, Dean enjoyed racing snowmobiles and riding motorbikes. He especially enjoyed fishing in the streams of Vermont and trips to hunting camp with his dad. His dad also taught him to play chess. Dean was a prankster, as his sister Bobie and his step-mother Gloria can attest to.

As a child, he developed a love of flying from his grandpa Nelson Bunnell who owned a small airplane and airfield. He spent many hours flying with neighbor, Sonny Dudley. He later earned his aircraft crewman's badge ("wings") in the U.S. Army. At one time Dean also owned a powered parachute. He had a lifelong love of flying and took his family to many Blue Angels and Thunderbirds air shows.

Dean enlisted in the Army in 1970 and spent a year in Vietnam. His distinguished career earned him many awards and medals, including the Bronze Star Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Aircraft Crewman Badge, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Expert Infantryman Badge, Two Overseas Bars, Marksman (Rifle M-16A1), the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm Unit Citation, and the Army Commendation Medal. He was honorably discharged from the military in 1977.

Dean then spent several years working at various jobs including construction, lumberjacking, tree-trimming and harvesting at the Marchessault Christmas Tree Farm. He also worked on nuclear submarines in Groton, CT for a time. For many seasons he worked at The Balsams Grand Resort in the maintenance department for Raoul Jolin, and for Ray Gorman as a bellman/valet. He began work at the USPS in Colebrook as a rural carrier in 1985. He retired in 2017 with an exemplary safety record. Dean traveled many miles on the back roads and mountains during snowstorms and through many mud seasons. He lived up to the motto “neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.”

He enjoyed raising his children and often played soccer and football with them on the front lawn. He especially loved playing paintball in the woods, both with and against his children. He also enjoyed playing pitch and cribbage with family members, especially on holiday get-togethers. He had a lifelong love of animals and grew up raising beagles and hunting rabbits with his family. Dean loved to hike with his dog, Buddy, and later with his dog, Brandi, making many trips up Mount Monadnock together. He enjoyed hiking and camping out overnight in the woods with a friend or family member, often cooking fresh fish from the streams.

Dean was a faithful attendee for many years at the Independent Baptist Church in Stewartstown and later the Community Baptist Church in Colebrook. He thoroughly enjoyed worshipping with his family at his side.

After retirement Dean worked part-time at the O'Reilly auto parts store. In retirement he enjoyed working with his portable saw-mill, snowmobiling, UTVing and camping.

Dean is survived by his wife Janet (Noyes) Bunnell of Columbia, NH; his step-mother, Gloria Bunnell of Canaan, VT; his daughter Deanna Bunnell Roy and husband Sebastian of Stanstead, QC; his son Richard Bunnell of Colebrook, NH; his daughter Katie Bunnell of Rochester, NH; his son Jonathan Bunnell of Fort Collins, CO; his step-son Jody Roy of Colebrook, NH; his step-daughter Gina Roy of Ashland, NH; his grand-children Josef, Sean and Shael Eastman of Stanstead, QC; his sister Roberta Bunnell of Canaan, VT; his brother-in-law Brandon Noyes and wife Pam of Old Orchard Beach, ME; his nieces Airole Warden and Kara Cummings; many step-grandchildren, as well as nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles.

Dean was pre-deceased by his father Dean E. Bunnell, and his mother Barbara Arsenault and her husband Roland, and an infant sister.

Calling hours will be on Thursday, Sept. 3, 2020, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook with COVID-19 small group and social distancing guidelines being observed. A public graveside committal service with military honors will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 4, in the Morrison Cemetery on Rt. 102 in South Canaan, VT.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Dean may be made to the Two Rivers Ride for Cancer, c/o R. Mulliken, 53 Spring St., Colebrook, NH 03576.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

Cemetery Details

Morrison Cemetery

VT Route 102
Canaan, VT 05903

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 3. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home
103 Main Street
Colebrook, NH

Visitation

SEP 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

SEP 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

EK

“ To all the Bunnells we send our deepest sympathies and condolences.
Bruce and Emmy Katz

Emmy Katz - September 19, 2020 at 04:59 PM

DK

“ To the Bunnell Family,
I am sending my condolences. I always enjoyed seeing Dean walk by my log house with his dog. He had a nice conversation with my grandchildren two years ago that they still remember. He will be missed.
Donna A Keazer

Donna Keazer - September 10, 2020 at 12:44 PM

SM

“ I had a brief conversation with Dean a few days before his untimely death. From our short interaction, I knew Dean to be a courteous, friendly, and intelligent person. The world is worse off without his presence.

To the family, I'm sorry for your loss.

Steve Mason - September 08, 2020 at 06:33 PM

EJ

“ Janet and family - so sorry for your loss. I sure that you and the family share many happy memories. Sending my deepest sympathy.

Elaina Johnson - September 03, 2020 at 12:31 PM

DA

“ Rest in peace to a good man

David - August 31, 2020 at 09:28 PM

RW

“ Raquel and Scott Werner purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dean L. Bunnell.



Raquel and Scott Werner - August 31, 2020 at 12:00 PM

KK

“ We had the privilege of working with Dean every afternoon. He stopped by the store often just to see his old buddies. We will miss his stories of a full life well lived and his infectious and boisterous laugh. Our condolences to his entire family.

-Kirk Kurowski, O'Reilly auto parts.

Kirk Kurowski - August 31, 2020 at 11:29 AM

JL

“ our sympathies to deans family. we had some very good times over the years. He will surely be missed john&christiane lanctot

john lanctot - August 30, 2020 at 03:58 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dean L. Bunnell.



August 30, 2020 at 01:23 PM

KP

“ I was so sad to hear of Dean's passing. He was my cousin. He was my friend. My deepest sympathies to everyone in the family, especially to his children. He loved you so very much. We have lost one of our best. He'll be missed and remembered with love for a very long time to come.

Krista Bunnell Perry

Krista A Perry - August 30, 2020 at 01:06 PM

PM

“ Sad to hear of cousin Dean's passing. Sending out prayers of comfort to all his loved ones.

Pamela Madore

Pamela Anne Madore - August 29, 2020 at 04:53 PM

HH

“ Our deepest condolences go out to the family on your loss.

Haven Haynes - August 29, 2020 at 02:29 PM

VP

“ So sad to hear of Deans passing. I have many fond memories of him. RIP Dean.

Vivian Poirier - August 29, 2020 at 12:22 PM

PM

“ My sincerest condolences to Bobie, Gloria and all of the Bunnell family, as well as everyone whose lives were touched by Dean. May you find some comfort during this difficult time.

Paul Madore, cousin

Paul Madore - August 29, 2020 at 08:41 AM

GR

“ So sorry for your loss. Many good memories with Dean.

Gerard Riendeau - August 29, 2020 at 08:10 AM

SC

“ The Cleveland family sends their deepest sympathies to the Bunnell family. Janet, Richard, Katie and Jonathan: you know how Dean held a special place in our family's hearts, especially Paul's. We are all deeply sorry for your loss.

Sharon Cleveland - August 28, 2020 at 09:23 PM

JB

“ My deepest condolences to the Bunnell family. I am so very sorry for your loss.



Judy Hunt Budge - August 28, 2020 at 08:29 PM

WN

“ Our deepest condolences to all of Dean's families! Dean was a very friendly, loving nephew! His obituary defines his character and love of life. RIP Dean

Walter & Suzelle Noyes - August 28, 2020 at 07:49 PM

BG

“ I remember the family living in so. Canaan, vt.as kids, used to go there very often. We'd always end up in the dog kennel with uncle Dean's hunting beagles. They didn't have to wander where we were. Our parents just came out and there we were

Brenda[Noyes] Gadwah - August 28, 2020 at 02:26 PM

BG

Thoughts a d prayers to the family, luvs

Brenda[Noyes] Gadwah - August 28, 2020 at 02:29 PM

DN

Good night cousin, you will be missed. But, you will also be remembered! Love you! Danny

Daniel B. Noyes - August 29, 2020 at 03:36 PM

BG

“ Brenda[Noyes] Gadwah lit a candle in memory of Dean L. Bunnell



Brenda[Noyes] Gadwah - August 28, 2020 at 02:17 PM

FC

“ All our sincere sympathy to all the family & friends. "From Francine & Andre Champagne"



Francine Champagne - August 28, 2020 at 01:59 PM

NI

“ Although I only met him a few times when I was younger, I remember Dean as being friendly, welcoming, and funny. My heart goes out to those who knew and loved him. Keeping you all in my thoughts. xoxo, Nicole Perry (daughter of Krista Bunnell Perry and granddaughter of Nelson Bunnell)

Nicole - August 28, 2020 at 01:35 PM

Valerie
Mahnke

“ Deepest condolences to the entire Bunnell family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May your memories bring you comfort and peace.
The Mahnke family



Valerie Mahnke - August 28, 2020 at 10:56 AM

TE

“ Tricia E. Ellingwood lit a candle in memory of Dean L. Bunnell



Tricia E. Ellingwood - August 28, 2020 at 10:00 AM

FD

“ Fw Dustin lit a candle in memory of Dean L. Bunnell



fw dustin - August 28, 2020 at 08:05 AM