



Francis "Frank" Leo Dean

March 1, 1943 - February 10, 2026

Francis "Frank" Leo Dean, 82 of Ocala, FL, formerly of Wheaton, IL, passed away peacefully on February 10th, 2026, at his home in Ocala, FL with loved ones at his side. Frank was born in Chicago, IL on March 1st, 1943, to Frank and Eileen (Morgan) Dean. He attended high school at Quigley South Preparatory and St. Mary of the Lake Seminary. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree from DePaul University in 1963.

Frank married Noreen Frances (Fitzsimmons) Dean in 1970. Frank and Noreen had three children together and were married for 49 years until her death in 2019.

Frank joined the US Army in 1964. On February 19th, 1968, he earned the rank of Green Beret and served bravely and honorably in the 12th Group Special Forces for several tours. He was honorably discharged from Fort Bragg, NC in 1971 with the rank of Green Beret, Airborne with Parachute Badge.

Frank then began a successful career in the insurance industry and established Francis L. Dean & Associates in 1989, a firm specializing in sports and entertainment insurance. Alongside his wife and three adult children, Frank grew FL Dean & Associates into an industry leader and ran

the firm for three decades.

Frank is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Eileen Dean, and his wife, Noreen Frances (Fitzsimmons) Dean. Frank is survived by his

sisters, Sister Rita Eileen (Sharon Marie) Dean, O.P. of the Adrian Dominica order, and Patricia Dean Brees; his three children, John Francis (Jennifer), Brigid Kathleen (Morgan Davis) and Michael Thomas (Dominique); his grandchildren, Tyler, Leo, Cole and Tristan; his sister-in-law, Mary Eileen (Paul) Kreitz and other cousins and extended family. Frank and Noreen shared a deep love of animals, specifically horses and dogs, building their first horse stables in Warrenville, IL in 1995. Frank became a passionate owner of several show horses, and enjoyed watching his wife, Noreen and daughter, Breda win several national and world titles. Frank and Noreen embraced the warmth of Florida and spent many years visiting and then living part-time on Sanibel Island's beaches before relocating full-time to a spacious horse farm in Ocala, FL for their retirement in 2010. They continued to enjoy their time on Sanibel Island, especially during vacations with their children and grandchildren, but they most enjoyed Ocala, where they could surround themselves with the beloved horses and dogs that brought them so much joy.

The family is holding a Celebration of Life at The Club at Ocala Preserve, Oak Room on Friday February 13th, 2026, from 2-6pm. In celebration of his abiding love for animals, Frank has requested that donations be made in his name to the Humane Society of Marion County, Florida.

(<https://thehsmc.org/donate/>)

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 13. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

The Club at Ocala Preserve Oak Room
3332 NW 55th Avenue
Ocala, FL 34482

Tribute Wall

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“ As the 2 years I have known Frank as his caregiver I have seen his heart he was a very sweet, kind, & a gentleman .we had went down memory lane on different subjects of his life one of them was how he praised his daughter Breda of all the things she had done for him and that he was so very blessed in having such a devoted daughter. Frank will be missed and never forgotten. May he rest in peace till we all meet again.

Jackie - February 13 at 11:18 AM