



Dean Alan McKenzie

August 13, 1956 - November 4, 2018

Dean A McKenzie, 62, of Queenstown, MD passed away peacefully at home following a year-long battle with cancer with his wife of 33 years Joyce by his side on Nov. 4, 2018.

Born on Aug. 13th 1956 in Gary, Ind he was the son of Stanley (deceased) and Eulene (Lane) McKenzie.

Dean grew up and finished High School in Hobart, Ind. It was love at first haircut with Joyce. After marrying only a few months later, the two relocated briefly to Florida and then on to St Croix, US Virgin Islands where they spent the next 10 years.

After a decade of Caribbean life and multiple hurricanes they returned state side to live in Denver, CO for the next 10 years of new, totally different adventures. Dean worked in Denver in the private sector as a Project Manager for several construction companies.

Dean was then offered a position with OSHA, Dept. of Labor in D.C. (Prompting a move to Maryland) and rose swiftly through the ranks to become Directorate of Construction. The job he was born to do, he embraced his calling with the Dept. of Labor and cherished every day he worked there.

His passion was working with his hands, and he and Joyce resurrected many properties over their 33 years in multiple places including Christiansted St.

Croix, Denver and here in Queenstown. Dean loved his crazy adventurous vacations all around the world, great food, good close friends, Harley Davidson motorcycles, his new boat and his beloved Newfie's, cats and chickens.

Dean is survived not only by his wife Joyce, but also his mother Lane, sister Debbie, brother Paul and many Aunts, Uncles, cousins, dear friends and co-workers.

A celebration of life service will be held Monday Nov. 12th at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newman funeral home in Chester, Md where friends and family may gather starting at 10 AM.

Not a flower guy, Dean would have preferred a donation to Chesapeake Dogs and Cats (Tree of Life Sanctuary) in his name if you are inclined. The address to CDAC is 326 Wye Mills Rd, Queenstown. MD 21658.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619
(410) 643-2226
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Alan McKenzie*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Dean Alan McKenzie*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Dean Alan McKenzie*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

JM

“ In 2 weeks and 6 days, it will be one year since the assassin that is cancer took Dean from me, from us, from all he loved and loved him.

I am so proud of who he is. I have so much respect for who he is.

Our marriage can be summed up in one word; passion.

We had passion when we loved. We had passion when we fought.

We lived an exciting, eventful and purposeful life. We had passion

for our 4 legged (and 2 legged) kids. Dean was passionate about his job and its purpose. And I respected him so much for that. More than he will ever know. Because I didn't tell him enough.

We also didn't talk about death, or dying. As a result, I have unanswered questions about what Dean would want for me, and for us going forward. It remains my biggest regret.

I know that no one is looking at this now; a year after the fact.

But maybe, just maybe someone will see this and not make the same mistake that I did.

Talk to your loved one. Don't reduce a devastating illness to simply fighting the common monster. Look at the big picture when faced with a terminal diagnosis.

I wish I had given Dean a safe place to talk about his feelings about his cancer and probable death. I refused to look at the end of his life, and as a result I never allowed him to look at it either. All I did was fight the cancer. It was such a mistake. For both of us.

I'd also like to speak to Dean's family. I hope they can sleep at night.

Actually, I don't care if they can. We will all have to answer to the same creator at the end of our days. If abandoning me makes you feel whole, than so be it. You will all have to reconcile your own truths in the end. May you all go to Hell. I love Dean completely.

That should be enough for you. I was there for him when you were not.

I love you Dean.

Your wife to eternity,

J

joyce mckenzie - October 15, 2019 at 09:23 PM

JS

“ *Jim And Barb Smith lit a candle in memory of Dean Alan McKenzie*



Jim and Barb Smith - January 10, 2019 at 08:53 AM

JS

Dear Joyce, we are so saddened to hear of Dean's passing and just found out. You have been on my mind so much and now I know why. Dean was so nice to us and his smile was infectious. So fortunate to have have met you both and miss you, Joyce! We are sending you hugs, prayers for comfort during these difficult days.

Jim and Barb Smith - January 10, 2019 at 08:57 AM

MS

“ *Mary Ann Sluga lit a candle in memory of Dean Alan McKenzie*



Mary Ann Sluga - November 09, 2018 at 02:00 PM

MS

Miss your delightful wit and sharing words of wisdom. Rest in eternal peace.

Mary Ann Sluga - November 09, 2018 at 01:08 PM

SD

Smitty and Doris send comfort words to Joyce and family. Dean will always be remembered for his kind friendship and warm smile. May he Rest In Peace.

Smitty and Doris - November 11, 2018 at 04:54 PM

KE

“ Our condolences to Joyce and all Dean's family in this difficult time. Dean's commitment to protecting workers throughout the nation is commendable. He will be missed by all his friends and co-workers in OSHA and the construction industry.

-- OSHA Region 5

Ken - November 09, 2018 at 01:40 PM

JJ

“ John Paul (JP) and Mitzi Jones purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dean Alan McKenzie.



John Paul (JP) and Mitzi Jones - November 08, 2018 at 12:28 PM

TB

“ Dean was a friend and mentor to those of us who knew him in the construction industry. Dean was fair yet unwavering in doing the right thing. He will truly be missed.

Ted Beville - November 08, 2018 at 12:07 PM

KB

“ I was very saddened to hear of Dean's passing. I always enjoyed working with Dean and he will be missed by all of us that knew him. He made significant contributions to improving occupational safety and health throughout the construction industry,



Kevin Beauregard - November 08, 2018 at 11:18 AM

LO

“ *Lolita Oliver lit a candle in memory of Dean Alan McKenzie*



Lolita Oliver - November 08, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ *Jessica Senk lit a candle in memory of Dean Alan McKenzie*



Jessica Senk - November 08, 2018 at 10:42 AM

MD

“ *Rest in peace good friend. Marty and Randy Drake.*



Marty and Randy Drake - November 08, 2018 at 04:43 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dean Alan McKenzie.*



November 07, 2018 at 08:30 PM

CD

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Dean's family. I've known Dean since his days with OSHA and served with him on the ACCSH committee. He was a trusted partner and a highly respected professional and I'm glad to have called him my friend as well. He will be missed.*



Cindy DePrater - November 07, 2018 at 03:49 PM

AH

“ *Angel Huffman lit a candle in memory of Dean Alan McKenzie*



Angel Huffman - November 07, 2018 at 02:24 PM

CG

“ *Christie Garner lit a candle in memory of Dean Alan McKenzie*



Christie Garner - November 07, 2018 at 01:40 PM

VC

“ *Veneta Chatmon lit a candle in memory of Dean Alan McKenzie*



Veneta Chatmon - November 07, 2018 at 10:39 AM

LP

“Joyce, we were so saddened to hear of the passing of Dean. You are in our prayers. He will be missed.



Laird and Pat - November 07, 2018 at 07:30 AM