



Joseph H. Bean

November 23, 1951 - March 9, 2022

Joseph H. Bean, age 70, husband of Sandra H. (Gilmore) Bean, of Spring City, PA, passed away on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 in the Phoenixville Hospital. Born on November 23, 1951 in Norristown, PA, he was a son of the late Joseph N. Bean and the late Madeline (Dean) Roessler, wife of the late Lenny Roessler.

Mr. Bean attended Methacton High School. He worked as a school custodian for the Spring-Ford School District, working at Royersford Elementary, Brooke Elementary, and Spring-Ford High Schools, retiring after 26 years of employment. Joe was a member of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. for 29 years, and was a founding member of Chapter 1 in Pennsylvania. He also served as the National President of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. for the past 8 years. Under his guidance and leadership, Rolling Thunder®, Inc. grew to have 80 chapters and 8,000 members nationwide. Through Rolling Thunder®, Inc., Joe also helped support several organizations such as Philadelphia Stand Down, Tunnels for Towers, and the New Freedom Farm in Buchannon, VA, which helps veterans going through therapies. Joe, along with others, were instrumental in getting several bills passed in Washington to support veteran's rights and affairs, most notably meeting President Trump in the Oval Office as he signed the bill requiring the POW/MIA flag to fly at the White House. He also served on the board of the Gold Star Mothers. In addition to riding his Harley, Joe also enjoyed deer hunting, fishing, and spending time with his

family.

In addition to his wife of 46 years, Mr. Bean is survived by one son, Joseph L., husband of Cheryl Bean of Benson, NC; grandson, Sammie; bonus son, Austin Crawford of Spring City, PA; two sisters, Mary, wife of the late Jack Robinson and Jo Ann, wife of the late George Butcher; sister-in-law, Sharon, wife of Roger Gould; two brothers-in-law, Lynn, husband of the late Diane Gilmore and David, husband of Laura) Gilmore; many nieces and nephews; and his extended Rolling Thunder®, Inc. family. He was preceded in death by one son, Jason J. Bean and one sister, Barbara Russo.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral ceremony at the Trinity Lighthouse Church, 66 South Limerick Road, Royersford, PA on Friday, March 18, 2022 at 11:30 am. Officiating will be Rev. David R. Willauer, Minister of Caregiving at Parker Ford Church. Burial will be held in the Limerick Garden of Memories, Limerick, PA. Friends will be received from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Thursday at the Church, or again on Friday morning from 9:00 am - 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to Rolling Thunder® Charities (www.rollingthunder1.com/rolling-thunder-charities) or to the New Freedom Farm (www.newfreedomfarm.org). Condolences may be made by visiting www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville, PA.

Cemetery Details

Limerick Garden of Memories

44 Arcadia Drive
Limerick, PA 19468

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Lighthouse Church
66 South Limerick Road
Royersford, PA 19468

Visitation

MAR 18. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lighthouse Church
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Funeral Ceremony

MAR 18. 11:30 AM (ET)

Trinity Lighthouse Church
66 South Limerick Road
Royersford, PA 19468

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Joe,
very sad that you have departed from us. I was always happy to see you every May and November and your untiring efforts on behalf of ROLLING THUNDER were much appreciated. Your dedication to veterans and to ROLLING THUNDER was exemplary and you set an example for all to follow. You will be greatly missed.
John Molloy,
National Vietnam & Gulf War Veterans Coalition

John Molloy - March 20, 2022 at 05:12 PM

RC

“ Way back in school Joe was one of the few guys in the neighborhood with a car. He was a few years older than me and would drive me each day. On the last day my mother gave me money to give to Joe for his kindness. Joe refused to accept it.

Robert Cicippio - March 17, 2022 at 09:08 PM

NR

“ So many memories of Joe in D.C., meetings, Standdowns, conferences, media calls he took early morning hours. You will be missed by so many. Ride free in heaven Joe.

Nancy Regg - March 17, 2022 at 11:37 AM

PW

“ I am so sorry for your loss Sandy. Joe was a great guy and neighbor. As the wife of a Vietnam vet, we appreciated everything you guys did for the vets. He will be greatly missed. Pati

Pati Werkheiser - March 17, 2022 at 07:39 AM



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Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - March 16, 2022 at 08:40 PM

CA

R.I.P.

Carlo - March 16, 2022 at 11:25 PM

SH

“ Joe & Sandy have been a long time neighbor on Cedar St. Joe was always so friendly, caring and thoughtful. He was an all-round great guy! We are shocked and saddened to learn of his passing. Our deepest sympathies to Sandy and the family. Sue & Kristy Himes

Susan Himes - March 16, 2022 at 08:22 PM

JR

“ I've only known Joe for 3 years, but he has helped me to build a Chapter of Rolling Thunder in Wichita Kansas. I know I've been a pain to him asking a lot of questions, but he answered them all. R.I.P Joe, we will all miss you.



John Roberts- president of RTKS1. - March 16, 2022 at 07:27 PM



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Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - March 16, 2022 at 02:04 PM

DC

“ Delaware Valley Standdown Committee purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph H. Bean.



Delaware Valley Standdown Committee - March 15, 2022 at 08:25 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph H. Bean.



March 14, 2022 at 08:18 PM

GM

“ I first got to know Joe and Sandy while a member of Rolling Thunder Chapter 1 Pa and then Rolling Thunder National Chapter. A lot of miles ride together. Joe and Sandy both have worked endlessly for all that Rolling Thunder stands for. You will be missed by many. May your legacy live on always.

Gayleen Mack-Hall - March 14, 2022 at 04:35 PM

LY

“ It's always sad when you receive news that we lost another good soul. I'll remember Joe as a good patriot and a straight shooter. There was no gray area with Joe. Him and Sandy were one of the first to help get Rolling Thunder 1 PA off the ground. He checked all the boxes. Respect, Loyalty & Honor. His commitment to Veterans rights and our POW-MIA issue was an example for all to follow. He left his footprints on this earth and helped to make a difference in the world. He will be sorely missed. Sandy and Family, our prayers are with you.

Lou Yanni - March 14, 2022 at 01:03 PM

BD

“ My sincere condolences to Joseph Bean's family and friends from a recent widow of an RTNH1 dedicated member. May he Rest In Peace. 🇺🇸🙏. Betty Deneka

Betty Deneka - March 14, 2022 at 11:50 AM

R1

“ Rolling Thunder Vermont 1 purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Joseph H. Bean.



Rolling Thunder Vermont 1 - March 13, 2022 at 05:08 PM

JD

“ Condolences to the family, rest in peace Joe



John and Rosemarie Dettra - March 13, 2022 at 10:32 AM

SP

“ The first time I met Joe was ride for freedom. South Dakota was running sale booth 1. Joe said hi. From that moment on I knew I had a Friend and Brother. Over the eight years Joe knew Sandy was in good hands at sale booth 1. During a President meet it was getting a little out of hand. (KISS) Keep it simple stupid Joe laughed and told now I know why I like you. Ride free my friend!

Steve Stutson RTSD1 President - March 13, 2022 at 12:12 AM

RA

“ Joe, I tried to step down as Florida State Liaison two times and you said you wouldn't accept it. Thank you for being you and understanding how much it was killing me to resign and not allowing me to. You will be missed by everyone and especially me. RIP

Ray Addison - March 12, 2022 at 10:17 PM

MS

“ I remember a fun day when Doc and I were celebrating our wedding anniversary and we had a bunch of friends to our house. Doc bought a little blow up pool for Zach (son of our friends the Altringers) and the water would not warm up. So Doc being Doc went and got his blow torch and was heating up the pool his way! Well, he wasn't paying attention to the flame and blew up the pool. I have never seen Joe laugh so hard. Now we had been together for many years but never had I seen Joe laugh that hard. Honestly, that was the best part of the day. God love you Sandy.

Marian Spresser - March 12, 2022 at 05:59 PM

MA

*Oh my goodness! This is my favorite memory of Joe. He was crying he laughed so hard.
Joe, we are going to miss you so much, and that little boy that watched his pool pop...He loved you like a grandfather and appreciated every stand down together❤️*

Michelle Altringer - March 13, 2022 at 01:40 PM

BD

“ *Joe you will be Missed by all. It is an Honor to have known you.
Bill Dufour President RTNH 2*

bill dufour - March 12, 2022 at 04:14 PM

DW

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy and Condolences to Joe's Family. RT, Inc.
CH4NJ.*

Dave Walters - March 12, 2022 at 01:18 PM