



Dewey Osborn Deason

October 12, 1931 - January 1, 2025

Mr. Dewey O. Deason of Priceville, Alabama passed away January 1, 2025, at the age of 93. He was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Cora Deason; and his wife, Marion Shaw Deason. He is survived by his three children, sons, David and Doug Deason; and daughter, Denise McCrary; as well as his grandchildren, Christopher, Danielle and Drake. He also had four great grandchildren, David, Rosemary, Silas and Efrin.

Dewey was born in Bessemer, Alabama on October 12, 1931. He began a lifelong love of horses when he went to work and live with his uncle and aunt in the mid-1940's. He rose from cleaning stables to training horses, and later as a jockey himself. He joined the Navy and served in the Atlantic during the Korean War. He was prevented from serving in the Pacific Theater, due to having a brother, Andrew, and step-brothers already deployed there. He sailed to Greenland, receiving a Navy certificate for crossing the Artic Circle.

Not long after his discharge, he met and married Marion Shaw and, soon after began growing their family. Dewey owned his own tv repair shop during the early 1960's. He later went to work with Hayes Aircraft in Birmingham, as a drawing checker and specification writer. That led to going to work for Boeing on the Apollo program at Kennedy Space Center.

The family loved living in Merrit Island, enjoying ample opportunities for fishing

and the beaches. Marion and Dewey were famous for their Kentucky Derby parties. All three of his children graduated from Merritt Island High School. He later worked and retired from United Technologies Corp. (Pratt & Whitney and USBI) working on the Space Shuttle program, rising to Configuration Control Manager for the solid rocket boosters. He received numerous awards including a Silver Snoopy from NASA.

Dewey enjoyed life in the country with Marion and his three horses and numerous cats and dogs. Later, after losing Marion, he lived at The Terrace in Priceville, where he was beloved by both staff and residents.

He was a devoted husband and father, as well as a dedicated and accomplished person in whatever endeavors he pursued. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

3655 E. Upper River Road
Somerville, AL 35670

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Shelton Funeral Home Chapel
2105 Beltline Road SW
Decatur, AL 35601

Tribute Wall

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“ Dewey was active on the online community of DelphiForums and had many friends there. Delphi is where I met him. I had the pleasure of visiting Dewey and Marion at their home for a few days while passing thru, and my hubs and I spent a weekend in Tunica with them and another couple in the forum. It saddened my heart to learn of Marion's passing. Dewey was a friend to many and it saddened my heart to read of his passing on the internet. Rest in peace Dewey.

Ninee and Ckid

Ninee - October 21, 2025 at 03:01 PM

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“ Earl and I enjoyed visiting Dewey at his home a few years ago. The cousins got to catch up on childhood memories and we got to see Dewey's photo collections. Nice day. Love to family.
Earl and Dianne Deason

Dianne Deason - January 05, 2025 at 06:04 PM

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“ It's been an honor to know Dewey these last three decades, and to call him friend. His love of books and animals, especially his Zaxby, will always be remembered. Our condolences go out to his family, and to his special caregiver.

~Tina and Dan



Tina Seeborg - January 05, 2025 at 10:29 AM

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“ *Dewey and his family were our neighbors for many years in Merritt Island in Florida. I have soffit lights many beautiful memories of all of them. I send my love and prayers.*

Karen Lee Smink - January 04, 2025 at 11:17 PM

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Dewey was my first mentor at USBI. Incredible boss and friend. He will be missed.

Monica I. Teran - January 07, 2025 at 08:38 AM