



## Dean Widener

December 20, 1938 - November 12, 2016

Dean Widener, age 77, of Richlands, VA, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, November 12, 2016 after a brief illness.

He was preceded in death by his parents Preston and Josephine Overbay Widener formerly of Richlands, Virginia.

Dean was born in Widener's Valley in Washington County in 1938, but was a nearly life-long resident of Richlands. He graduated from Richlands High School in 1956, then proudly served in the United States Air Force from 1956-1960. Dean returned to Richlands in 1960 with Becky to start his family, where he worked at Eastern Isles as a warehouse manager, and later was a founding partner of 460 Supply, Inc. in 1981. He proudly served his customers at 460 for 31 years until retiring in May of 2012. Dean was an active member of Richlands First United Methodist Church, and served in various roles including a trustee and chairman of the trustees for many years. He also had a special home with the congregation at Lebanon United Methodist Church in Widener's Valley. His public service included serving on the Richlands Town council for several years, including a term as vice-mayor.

Survivors are:

His loving wife of 57 years, Becky Strupe Widener

Three sons and daughters-in-law:

Greg Widener and wife, Tammy of Wise, Virginia,  
Bruce Widener and wife, Joie of Virginia Beach, Virginia  
Paul and Widener and wife, Carrie of Abingdon, Virginia

Brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Martha Widener of Cedar Bluff, Virginia

Five Grandchildren: Justin, Brandon, Kayla, Amanda, and Lydia

The family would like to express its heartfelt gratitude to the members of the Glade Spring Volunteer and Washington County Life Saving crews, as well as the doctors, nurses and staff at Johnston Memorial Hospital and Grace Healthcare in Abingdon.

Memorial services for Dean Widener will be conducted Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 3pm at the First United Methodist Church in Richlands, VA with the Rev. Betzy Elifrits Warren and Rev. Bruce Mitchell officiating. Friends may call 5pm until 8pm Friday evening at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, VA. Memorial contributions may be made to: FUMC Scholarship Fund, 402 Suffolk Ave, Richlands, VA 24641 or the Lebanon United Methodist Church, 40027 Widener Valley Rd, Chilhowie, VA 24319. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at [www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **18**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home  
1401 2nd Street  
Richlands, VA 24641  
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Widener*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Dean Widener*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Zachary Gibson lit a candle in memory of  
Dean Widener*



**Zachary Gibson** - January 06, 2017 at 09:42 PM



“ *Our Deepest Sympathy, Schnabel Engineering  
Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the  
family of Dean Widener.*



**Our Deepest Sympathy, Schnabel Engineering Family** -  
November 18, 2016 at 11:40 AM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Dean Widener.*



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November 17, 2016 at 11:24 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Dean Widener.*



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November 17, 2016 at 10:58 AM



“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers at this time of loss and our sympathy is extended to you.*  
*Wayne & Kate*

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**Wayne DeBusk** - November 17, 2016 at 06:12 AM



“ *Becky, I am sorry for your loss. I will miss seeing and speaking with Dean on Sunday mornings.*  
*Rod Moore*

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**Rod Moore** - November 16, 2016 at 09:33 PM

JD

“ *Becky,  
So very sorry to hear about Dean. You and Dean always looked out for me at our class reunions. Our Class of 56 has lost a very special classmate. Wish I could be there Friday, you will be in my thoughts and prayers.  
Jean Davis*

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**jean davis** - November 16, 2016 at 06:08 PM

JH

“ *James & Ruby Harmon sent a virtual gift in memory of Dean Widener*



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**James & Ruby Harmon** - November 16, 2016 at 05:50 PM

RB

“ *I was so blessed to have lived beside Dean and Becky for 21 years, and the memories will be in my heart forever. They were all so special I can't pick Just one. Dean I love you like a daughter. RIP. Robert and Donna*



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**Robert and Donna Buckles** - November 16, 2016 at 12:03 PM

SS

“ *Steve & Lettie Stiltner lit a candle in memory of Dean Widener*



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**Steve & Lettie Stiltner** - November 16, 2016 at 11:35 AM

LN

“ *Larry Nelson lit a candle in memory of Dean Widener*



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**Larry nelson** - November 16, 2016 at 08:23 AM

TM

“ *Tom And Dot McGlothlin lit a candle in memory of Dean Widener*



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**Tom and Dot McGlothlin** - November 16, 2016 at 07:35 AM

CV

“ *Charlotte Vencille lit a candle in memory of Dean Widener*



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**charlotte vencille** - November 15, 2016 at 04:47 PM

BE

“ *Becky,*  
*I am so sorry to recently read about Dean's passing. I remember so fondly going to 460 Supply and spending time talking with you and Dean after football practice, while waiting for Dad to pick me up. You all were very good to me. May the Lord comfort you and keep you during this difficult time. God bless.*



*Bryan Edwards*

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**Bryan Edwards** - November 15, 2016 at 04:00 PM

BB

“ *Becky,*  
*We are so sorry to hear about Dean's passing. He was really good to us when we worked at the Claypool Hill Mall, and was a great friend. Dean will be missed greatly. You and the family are in our thoughts and prayers.*  
*Paul & Beverly Byrd*



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**Beverly Byrd** - November 15, 2016 at 01:07 PM

JR

“ *John And Wendy Reedy lit a candle in memory of Dean Widener*



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**John and Wendy Reedy** - November 15, 2016 at 11:59 AM

LG

“ *Becky I was so shocked and saddened to see that Dean has died.....He was such a nice man and Ed and I thought a lot of him. Sorry I'm not physically able to attend his funeral, but you have my sincere sympathy.*

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**Lou Grimm** - November 15, 2016 at 11:10 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dean Widener.*



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November 15, 2016 at 10:15 AM

DS

“ *Becky you & your family are in our thoughts & prayers. We are so sorry. We we always remember Dean's smile & always making us laugh. God bless & comfort you all. Love & prayers Eric & Donna Shortt*

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**Donna Shortt** - November 15, 2016 at 09:20 AM

DS

“ *Donna Shortt sent a virtual gift in memory of Dean Widener*



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**Donna Shortt** - November 15, 2016 at 09:12 AM

DS

“ Donna Shortt lit a candle in memory of Dean Widener



Donna Shortt - November 15, 2016 at 09:07 AM

ES

“ Eric & Donna Shortt lit a candle in memory of Dean Widener



Eric & Donna Shortt - November 15, 2016 at 09:06 AM

ES

“ Eric & Donna Shorty lit a candle in memory of Dean Widener



Eric & Donna Shorty - November 15, 2016 at 09:00 AM

LS

“ Dean was my Boss for 10 years at Eastern Isles was one of the best bosses and kindest men I have ever know RIP my friend Prayers for Becky and the Family he loved so much God Bless

louise Altizer Shelton - November 15, 2016 at 06:57 AM

ES

*Becky we are so sorry. Eric & I thought alot of Dean. He will be missed. You & your family are in our thoughts & prayers. Love you*

**Eric & Donna Shortt** - November 15, 2016 at 09:04 AM

KH

“ *Karen Joyce Hale lit a candle in memory of Dean Widener*



**Karen Joyce Hale** - November 15, 2016 at 06:17 AM

RK

“ *Roy & Jill Kinder lit a candle in memory of Dean Widener*



**Roy & Jill Kinder** - November 15, 2016 at 05:44 AM

CS

“ *Charlotte, Sam & Family And Anita Short lit a candle in memory of Dean Widener*



**Charlotte, Sam & Family and Anita Short** - November 14, 2016 at 07:42 PM

PV

“ *Pete & Frances Vance lit a candle in memory of Dean Widener*



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**Pete & Frances Vance** - November 14, 2016 at 07:36 PM

JF

“ *Judy Fletcher lit a candle in memory of Dean Widener*



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**Judy Fletcher** - November 14, 2016 at 07:27 PM



“ *Mary Goss lit a candle in memory of Dean Widener*



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**Mary Goss** - November 14, 2016 at 07:14 PM

PB

“ *Love and prayers from the entire Gethsemane Baptist Church family!!!!*

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**Pastor Marc Brooks** - November 14, 2016 at 06:50 PM

TL

“ *Teddie Lester lit a candle in memory of Dean Widener*



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**Teddie Lester** - November 14, 2016 at 04:37 PM

MM

“ *Condolences to Dean's family. Missed seeing him at the 60th RHS class reunion in July. May peace and comfort be with his family at this difficult time.*

*Mary Lou Puckett Moore  
RHS Class of 1956.*

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**Mary Lou Puckett Moore** - November 14, 2016 at 01:41 PM

KH

“ *KEN & Effie Hicks lit a candle in memory of Dean Widener*



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**kEN & Effie Hicks** - November 14, 2016 at 01:27 PM

PC

“ *Peggy Christian lit a candle in memory of Dean Widener*



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**Peggy Christian** - November 14, 2016 at 10:32 AM



“ *Please accept our sincerest condolences-  
John McClintock & Billie Sue*

John McClintock - November 14, 2016 at 10:19 AM

PS

“ *Pat Cooley Shamblin lit a candle in memory  
of Dean Widener*



Pat Cooley Shamblin - November 14, 2016 at 08:30 AM

TT

“ *Many great memories of Dean , was always  
so good to me*



todd trent - November 14, 2016 at 07:27 AM

DH

“ *Dean, was such a nice and sweet person.*



Debbie Hunsaker - November 14, 2016 at 05:02 AM

CH

“ Carolyn Hess lit a candle in memory of Dean Widener



Carolyn Hess - November 13, 2016 at 08:25 PM

AT

“ Angela Trent lit a candle in memory of Dean Widener



Angela Trent - November 13, 2016 at 07:20 PM

BM

“ Bruce & Linda Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of Dean Widener



Bruce & Linda Mitchell - November 13, 2016 at 06:31 PM



“ Larry Lester lit a candle in memory of Dean Widener



Larry Lester - November 13, 2016 at 04:54 PM

LL

*One of my best friends and Teddie and I will truly miss Dean, we love love you both very much!!!*

**Larry Lester** - November 14, 2016 at 04:41 PM

LC

“ *Lou Collins lit a candle in memory of Dean Widener*



**Lou Collins** - November 13, 2016 at 03:40 PM

TT

*Dean was always a friend to me . Our prayers are with the family!*  
*Tommy Horn*

**Tommy Horn tommyhorn56@** - November 14, 2016 at 02:32 PM

EK

*Sending condolences to Becky, and the three sons and their families.*  
*Ed Kinser*

**Ed Kinser** - November 18, 2016 at 02:26 PM