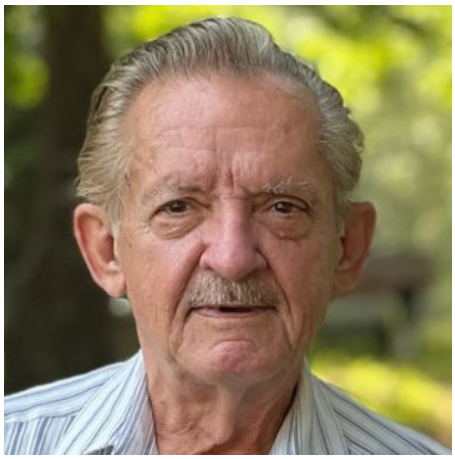
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Jean Allen Vance

Sept. 9, 1946 - Nov. 9, 2026

Jean Allen Vance, 80, passed away on November 9, 2026, leaving behind a lifetime of memories, laughter, friendships, and love that will forever live in the hearts of those who knew him.

Born on September 9, 1946, in McDowell County, North Carolina, Jean dedicated many years of his life to serving his community. He retired from the telephone company and also from Burke County Sheriff's Office.

If there was one thing people could always count on Jean for, it was a good laugh. He was a true jokester who loved making people smile and could always find a way to bring laughter into a room. His humor, quick wit, and playful personality made him unforgettable. He had a way of making people feel welcome, and those who knew him will forever remember the laughter and special moments they shared with him.

One of the most special parts of Jean's life was a tradition that lasted for 40 wonderful years: his Fourth of July celebrations. These weren't just holiday gatherings; they were a time when family, friends, neighbors, and even strangers came together to celebrate. Everyone was welcome, and Jean made sure there was always room for one more. His celebrations created countless memories, lifelong friendships, and a tradition that brought so many people together. Those who were

fortunate enough to attend will forever cherish those summers, the laughter, the fellowship, and the memories made. It was a true reflection of Jean's generous heart and the love he had for bringing people together.

Above all, family and friendships meant everything to Jean. He is survived by his loving wife, Frances Carozza Vance; his children, Diana Vance Beaver (Greg), Michelle

Vance, and Ronnie Vance; and his grandchildren, Dalton Robinson and Lucas Robinson.

He is also survived by his sister, Roseann Sarinick (George); his uncle, Bill Vance (Edna), who was more like a brother to him; many cousins, nieces, and nephews; and many dear friends whom he considered family. His heart had room for more than just those connected by blood. He loved many others as his own, including special bonus grandchildren (Mehaj) who held a very special place in his heart.

Jean was preceded in death by his parents, Malcolm Vance and Hope Vance; his brother, Rondal Vance; and his sister, Nelda Entress.

Though his family and friends will miss his presence, his jokes, and that laughter that could brighten any day, the memories he created will never fade. The stories will continue to be told, the laughter will be remembered, and the traditions he started will live on through the people whose lives he touched.

Forty years of bringing people together, a lifetime of making people laugh, and a heart big enough to make everyone feel like family. That is the legacy Jean Allen Vance leaves behind.

He may have left this world, but somewhere, we can only imagine, he's already telling someone a joke.

The funeral will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, November 13, 2026 at Stamey Town Missionary Baptist Church in Newland. Burial will follow at the Stamey Family Cemetery.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



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