



Louis "Dean" Nocera

September 16, 1940 - September 24, 2024

Louis "Dean" Nocera, 84 of Port St. Lucie, Florida passed away on September 24, 2024 after a long illness. Lou was born on September 16, 1940 to Louis and Rose Nocera of Forestville, Connecticut.

He is survived by the love of his life Connie Neven of Lake Geneva, WI, his daughters Dina Nocera Martin and Gina Nocera-Kovacevic of Downers Grove, IL, Mrs. Nancy Rose Nocera-Henning and her husband Patrick of Grayslake, IL, and his only son Louis Anthony Nocera (Tony) of Round Lake, IL, 7 Grandchildren, and 1 Great Grandchild, sisters Luanne Nocera of New York City, NY and Darlene Nocera of West Palm Beach, FL.

Lou was preceded in death by his loving Mother and Father, Louis and Rose Nocera of Forestville, Connecticut, his wife, Arlene Anderson Nocera of Chicago, IL and former wife Patricia Sennett Nocera of Mundelein, IL.

He was a graduate of Bristol Central High School and was nicknamed "Lou the Toe" in his senior year when he was the punter on the school's football team. After high school he was selected and attended Hartford Conservatory of Music.

Lou became a hometown teenage idol in the 60's when he signed a record deal with Roulette Records. Lou changed his name to Dean DeVino and

became the youngest singer to perform at the world famous Copacabana in New York City. He appeared with celebrities like Bobby Darin, Paul Anka and Betty Clooney.

He came from a musical family and his father was lovingly referred to as the Singing Barber and both his sisters sang as well. His voice had characteristics and a beautiful blend of Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett. He sang loving ballads with such feeling and emotions and could sing just about all genres of music masterfully.

Lou moved to Chicago and soon earned himself a new nickname "The Windy City Crooner". He loved Chicago and performed with big bands featuring some of that town's top musicians. He also had the honor and privilege to perform for two Presidents.

He loved to sing the American Standards and Frank Sinatra songs like, My Way, New York, New York among other tunes. One of his favorite and most requested song was "The Birth of the Blues", and Blue is what his family, friends and all his fans are feeling now. He loved his entire family and being a Dad to 4 children, Grand Dad of 7 and a Great Grandfather. His son Tony, wrote in a text shortly after learning his father had passed, "He was everything to me and there's no one else I'd rather call Dad". Lou was a veteran and served honorably in the U.S. Army and also entertained officer's at the Officers' Club during his enlistment.

Lou enjoyed hunting, fishing, and loved traveling with his Sweetheart Connie and his beagle Hunter. He retired to Florida in 2022 and loved his new home. We only wish he could have had more time to enjoy it. He will always be remembered as a man who lived and sang from his heart, a heart filled with love that will forevermore be so missed. Lou had a Heavenly voice and

Heaven is where that voice and Lou belong. May God hold and keep him safe in his arms until we can all be together again. You can listen to some of Lou's later recordings at lounocerasings.com

The family wishes to express their eternal gratitude to Hospice House in Stuart, Florida for the love, kindness and support given to him and his family. They provided comfort and loving care to him when he was not able to go home and we are filled with gratitude and love. We are most fortunate he was able to spend his last days there. They are truly angels of God.

Tribute Wall

CM

“ *Rest in Peace dear Dean. ♡*



Cindy Mason - September 07, 2025 at 09:55 PM

DG

“ *Dean was my celebrity cousin! My family adored his 45 of Earthquake and The Circus is Over and played it so many times, always joyously dancing. So glad he continued his singing career in Chicago and so thankful there are videos of many of those performances so we can continue to enjoy his music. What a voice! My heartfelt condolences and love go out to his entire family. God Bless Dean! He's up there singing with the angels now. Denise Gregory*

Denise Gregory - November 28, 2024 at 10:04 AM

LU

“ *Luanne sent a virtual gift in memory of Louis "Dean" Nocera*



Luanne - October 31, 2024 at 01:18 PM

LU

“ 1 file added to the album Dean singing "Earthquake"



Luanne - October 15, 2024 at 04:44 PM

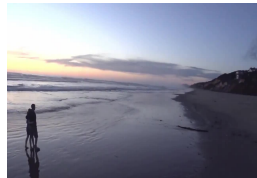
JN

Remembering the times we spent together as kids playing in the backyard of our grandparents house in Forestville, CT. Also the time I brought my girlfriend over to your house to listen to "The Circus is over" just before it was played on CT radio station. Rest In Peace Cousin! We had some great time's together.💕

jim Nocera - October 20, 2024 at 11:21 AM

LU

“ 1 file added to the album Videos



Luanne - October 14, 2024 at 09:56 PM

LU

The above video is Dean's Great rendition of the song "Nice & Easy"

Luanne - October 14, 2024 at 11:06 PM

TP

Dear Nocera family, i am so sorry for the loss of cousin Louis Dean, hes in my thoughts and prayers, i remember him at the barber shop and with uncle Joe too. take care. Cousins Theodore, and Michael Plocharsky. (Phyllis's sons)

theodore plocharsky - November 02, 2024 at 07:26 PM

DM

“ *Dennis M. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Louis "Dean" Nocera.*



Dennis M. - October 08, 2024 at 12:22 AM

LU

“ *Luanne lit a candle in memory of Louis "Dean" Nocera*



Luanne - October 07, 2024 at 11:27 PM

RB

“ To: Connie, Luanne, Darlene
All Deans Children & Grandchildren
& Family

*My deepest sympathy &
Prayers are with you.*

*I have memories of spending our
Italian Christmas Eve together with
Our families & grandparents many years ago in Forestville CT*

*Dean will always be in my
Prayers and he will be missed
By family who loved him.*

*God Bless you Dean in Heaven
Love from cousin
Rosemarie Nocera Bussett*

Rosemarie Nocera Bussett - October 07, 2024 at 10:51 PM

SB

“ *My most heartfelt thoughts, prayers and deepest condolences to all
of Dean's family and friends. May you find peace in all of the
wonderful memories. I recall in 2004 when we met with Dean and
other family members in CT and although it was 20 years ago, I still
to this day remember Dean singing "Summer Wind" at the table and
it was so beautiful I can still hear his voice. God Bless 🙏*

Shannon Bussett - October 07, 2024 at 09:26 PM

LU

“ *Still can't believe my only Big Brother is gone! Will Love you Forever
& Ever till we meet again on the other side! Love, Luanne & Vince*

Luanne - October 07, 2024 at 01:52 PM