

# Jim Bean

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*Not to be confused with [Jim Beam](#).*

Jim Bean	
Member of the <a href="#">Mississippi State Senate</a> from the 44th district	
In office	
June 1986 – January 4, 2000	
<b>Preceded by</b>	David M. Smith
<b>Succeeded by</b>	<a href="#">Tom King</a>
Personal details	
<b>Born</b>	<div>James Lesley Bean, Jr.</div> <div>December 15, 1932</div> <div><a href="#">Clanton</a>, <a href="#">Alabama</a>, U.S.</div>
<b>Died</b>	<div>July 7, 2013 (aged 80)</div> <div><a href="#">Hattiesburg</a>, <a href="#">Mississippi</a>, U.S.</div>
<b>Political party</b>	<a href="#">Republican</a>
<b>Spouse(s)</b>	Peggy Johnson
Military service	
<b>Allegiance</b>	<span><span></span></span> <a href="#">United States</a>
<b>Service/branch</b>	<a href="#">United States Air Force</a>
<b>Battles/wars</b>	<a href="#">Korean War</a>

**James Lesley Bean, Jr.** (December 15, 1932 – July 7, 2013) was an American businessman and politician. First winning a [special election](#) to succeed the outgoing David M. Smith in the [Mississippi State Senate](#), he held the seat until he retired in 2000.<sup>[]</sup><sup>[]</sup>

Jim was born in Clanton, AL on December 15, 1932. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the [Korean War](#). He was Life of Georgia district manager in Little Rock, AR and Hattiesburg, MS and was owner of Holloway Transfer and Stg. Co. in Hattiesburg. He served in the MS State Senate from 1986 to 2000. While serving in the MS State Senate, he was the recipient of multiple honors and awards. He was most proud of legislation that he sponsored in the area of health care, mainly laws put into place concerning Foster Care Children. This Mississippi Law "The BEANie BABY" bill was later adopted and became a model for the 50 States. Thousands of children's lives have been changed in the foster care/child welfare system. He also was very instrumental in the establishment of the Mississippi Primary Health Care Association which provides quality health care for all Mississippians in need. He was the recipient of this organization's first Lifetime Achievement Award.