



Dean Roger Kaster

OCT 29, 1934 - NOV 20, 2020



Scan to Visit

Table of Contents

Obituary	Page 3
Tribute Wall	Page 5
Media	Page 9



Dean Roger Kaster

OCT 29, 1934 - NOV 20, 2020

Dean Roger Kaster, 86, of Unionville, IA passed away on November 20, 2020 at MercyOne Medical Center in Des Moines, due to heart failure.

Dean was born at home on October 29, 1934, the middle son of Forrest Earl and Ora (Richmond) Kaster of Moravia. He attended Moravia Community Schools, graduating in 1952. While in high school, he worked parttime for the Moravia Union. On June 26, 1955 he married Jane Ellen Brain at Grace Methodist Church in Moravia. The couple moved to Centerville where he was employed at Uniform Printing until he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1957. After being stationed in Gonsenheim, Germany, he was honorably discharged in 1963. He always said he was proud to be an American and serve his country.

After military service, Dean and Jane returned to Centerville, where he worked for the Iowegian and Ottumwa Courier newspapers before joining Iowa Southern Utilities as a meter reader. He retired from I.S.U. in 1999. The couple lived in Moravia with their children, Kandi, Sheri, Matthew, and Jan, all of whom graduated from MHS, before moving to their new home on the Brain family farm near Unionville in 2012. In recent years, he was a driver for Carter-Miller Services until a few months before his death.

Dean was a lifelong member of Grace United Methodist Church and held several offices within the church. He coached both boys and girls Little League teams as well as high school softball. He was also a referee for area high school baseball, football, and basketball games. He served 16 years on the Appanoose County Board of Supervisors, several years on the Moravia School Board, and was President of Rural Schools of Iowa. He was also a member of various Fall Festival committees, the Historical Society, the Moravia Fire Department, American Legion, and was a dedicated member of the Democratic party. Dean was proud to say he had danced with his wife around the world, sharing a dance everywhere they traveled. He loved



Obituary

Dean Roger Kaster

OCT 29, 1934 - NOV 20, 2020

golf, had a warm sense of humor, and loved to tell jokes.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Don and Larry Kaster, and a daughter, Kandi Baxter. He is survived by his wife, Jane, daughter Sheri (Jeff McDanel) Kaster and son Matthew Kaster, all of Unionville, IA and Jan (John) Santafede of Cape Carteret, NC. He is also survived by grandchildren Trevor (Sarah) Baxter, Ashley Baxter, Matthew Mikel Kaster, J. D. McDanel, Alex Leifheit, and John Santafede Jr., along with great-grandchildren Gracie and Malachi Baxter, and Castiel, Wynter, and Zaymian Kaster. Other survivors include sisters-in-law Marolyn Kaster, Dixie Kaster, and Joyce Taylor, and many nieces and nephews.

According to Deans wishes, cremation has been accorded. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a private family service will be held, with burial to follow at a later date. A community Celebration of Life will be held on the Kastars wedding anniversary, June 26, 2021. In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established to either Grace United Methodist Church in Moravia or to the Moravia First Responders and may be mailed to Lange Funeral Home and Crematory, 1900 S. 18th St., Centerville, Iowa, 52544. Condolences may be shared online at www.langefh.com.

Private Services



Tribute Wall

Dean Roger Kaster

OCT 29, 1934 - NOV 20, 2020



Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 3:41 PM



Thomas Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 3:21 PM



Margery Davison posted:

Dean was a good man and he is going to be greatly missed. Our condolences to his family. From the Ewing family Matthew ,Margery and Marilyn

December 1 at 7:00 PM



Joe&Mary Lynn Stufflebeam posted:

Jane so sorry to hear of Dean's passing. You and your family are in our thoughts now and the days to come. Joe & Mary Lynn Stufflebam

November 28 at 7:00 PM



Andy (Drew) Moore posted:

Dean, I don't know where to start. You were a great friend and a referee partner that kept me out of sticky situations on the BB court. When you walked into a room the whole place would light up. You will be missed by this community and GUMC. I know You, Kandy and God are having a few laughs now and heaven is a brighter place. Until we meet again, Love you Buddy.

November 26 at 7:00 PM



Carl Kaster posted:

Uncle Dean will be missed by so many families and friends. He served God, the community and the country. His sense of humor is a memory that will never be forgotten. He made everyone that wasn't family, feel like family. Now all the Kaster brothers are together again.

November 25 at 7:00 PM



Tribute Wall

Dean Roger Kaster

OCT 29, 1934 - NOV 20, 2020

ED

Edward Gene Davison posted:

Dean and I worked and had fun while doing so at Iowa Southern Utilities. He always had a smile to share with anyone and everyone. His zest for life was contagious , his love for his family came through whenever he shared some of the fun times you had. Jane I share your loss....Ed Davison

November 23 at 7:00 PM

PT

Patricia Timmens posted:

Jane and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Dean was a very special human being and our community was fortunate to have him. He will be missed.

November 22 at 7:00 PM

JW

John Whicker posted:

Best landlord ever! Always a smile on his face. Loved to jump in with both feet and get it done. He was a treasure and I am a better man for knowing him. Give mom a hug for me Dean! Thoughts and prayers to the Kaster family!

November 22 at 7:00 PM

ST

Sara Tait lit a candle in honor of Dean.

Lit a candle in memory of Dean Roger Kaster

November 21 at 7:00 PM



CG

Cheryl Gray posted:

Thinking of you Jane and family.

November 21 at 7:00 PM

DL

Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson posted:

May your loving memories grant you peace.

November 21 at 7:00 PM



Tribute Wall

Dean Roger Kaster

OCT 29, 1934 - NOV 20, 2020

NT

Nellie Thomas posted:

Prayers to the families.R.I.P. Dean.

November 21 at 7:00 PM

BH

Bob Hiatt posted:

My deepest condolences Jane and family; I have many great memories of working with Dean at Iowa Southern Utilities.

November 21 at 7:00 PM

TD

Tracy Marlo-Daugherty posted:

Heartfelt condolences to Jane and family. His life was time well spent in service to family, church, and community. Dean was an incomparable man who will missed dearly.

November 21 at 7:00 PM

HR

Harold, Teresa Rowley posted:

Growing up many fond memories of the Kaster,s and the Rowley's get togethers. Dean was one of a kind. Condolence to all the family.

November 21 at 7:00 PM

SM

Susie (Mcbride) posted:

I will always remember Dean helping out the Moravia School in sports, cheering them on and his sportsmanship at ball games. He will always be remembered.

November 21 at 7:00 PM

BA

Bryon & Ashlee posted:

From our family to yours Jane, our deepest condolences for the loss of Dean. Prayers for you all.

November 21 at 7:00 PM



Tribute Wall

Dean Roger Kaster

OCT 29, 1934 - NOV 20, 2020

RT

Ron Tomlin posted:

Jane - Was so very sorry to learn about Dean. He was always a pleasure to see and visit with during our trips to Iowa. RIP Dean - Ron and Mary Ellen Tomlin.

November 21 at 7:00 PM

RC

Richy J Cairns posted:

so sorry to hear of Deans passing. Thinking of ya all

November 21 at 7:00 PM

LW

Lisa Corbett Wulff posted:

Deepest sympathies

November 20 at 7:00 PM

TS

Terri Seals posted:

Deepest sympathy for the kaster family. Dean was a great man and will be missed.

November 20 at 7:00 PM

JP

Jerry Power posted:

A Great Man and a Great Friend left us a lot of wonderful memories!!! Our most sincere condolences to Jane and Family! RIP Dean!!!!

November 20 at 7:00 PM



Media

Dean Roger Kaster
OCT 29, 1934 - NOV 20, 2020



Thomas Funeral Home shared a photo to the **Obituary Wall** album.

October 13 at 3:21 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Dean by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



Scan to Visit