



Darrell Dean Shepard

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Darrell Dean Shepard, 85 years old, passed away in peace on Friday, September 3, 2021 in Centerville, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 60 years, Marilyn (Seeley) Shepard, son Dustin Shepard, brother-in-law A. LaVern Shondel. He is survived by his two daughters, Denise (Mike) Asbury and Monica (Fletcher) Heard, five grandchildren: Nick Shepard, Alex Heard, Kyle Heard, Ashley Wayman, Clint Shepard, and five great-grandchildren.

Dean was born on March 12, 1936 as the oldest son to Lowell and Nevella (Bear) Shepard. He has two surviving siblings, Wendell (Mary Louise) Shepard and Karen Shondel.

Dean enjoyed retirement but had a very long career of 42 years with AT&T as a fiber optic technician. His work allowed him to travel around the country, and even moved his family to Salt Lake City, Utah for several years before returning home to Iowa.

He loved the outdoors; hunting, fishing, boating, working in the yard, and gardening. Dean loved spending time with his family and was very nurturing and patient. He pulled his kids on a zipsled behind his boat countless times at Lake Rathbun. He taught them about fishing and spent many hours out on the water, especially with Dusty.

One of Dean's favorite hunting trips was for elk in Montana when he woke up to a major earthquake and still came home with an elk. He was very skilled in woodworking and created beautiful pieces of artwork for his family.

Dean had been a very proud member of the Masonic Lodge and Shriners for several years. He enjoyed marching in parades with the Shriners, and was famous as the "Lion." He later became a member of the fraternal order of the Eagles.

We will love and miss you beyond what words can express, but your love, strength, and wisdom will be with us always. We have comfort knowing you are once again with Mom.



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Service for Dean will be held on Thursday, September 9 at 10:30 AM at the Thomas Funeral Home in Centerville. Interment at Highland Cemetery in Mystic, Iowa will directly follow the service. Visitation will be on Wednesday, September 8 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at Thomas Funeral Home in Centerville. Memorials can be made to the Wounded Warriors and condolences can be shared at www.thomasfh.com or www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome.



Tribute Wall

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AF

Amy Fry lit a candle in honor of Darrell.

September 9 at 7:00 PM



SB

Susanne Ballanger posted:

Our thoughts and prayers for the family. So sorry Denise and Karen. Hugs to you both.

September 7 at 7:00 PM

KS

Karen Seeley posted:

So sorry for your loss.

September 7 at 7:00 PM

ER

Edward & Regina lit a candle in honor of Darrell.

September 6 at 7:00 PM



DR

David Rex posted:

We so Loved you Grandpa Dean you were such an important part of our lives Love you Dave Sheila and boys give Marilyn a bug hug for me Dave

September 6 at 7:00 PM

VF

Vanessa Ann Fraser posted:

So very sorry for your loss! Thoughts & prayers are with you.

September 6 at 7:00 PM

DJ

Debra Slayton Jones posted:

Rest in peace Poppa Dean! Sweet man! My condolences to the family. Hugs Monica!

September 6 at 7:00 PM



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CO

Carolyn Opperman posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss Denise and Monica.

September 6 at 7:00 PM

KM

Kayla Young Montgomery posted:

Prayers to the family. So very sorry for your loss.

September 6 at 7:00 PM

DF

Daphne Fondaw posted:

😔 such a sweet man RIP Dean prayers sent to family and friends

September 6 at 7:00 PM

SN

Sandy Nab posted:

Prayers for the family and friends.

September 6 at 7:00 PM

DR

Dave Rex posted:

Dean and Marilyn are our adopted Grand parents when they moved to Utah . They are the salt of the earth 🙏 may the good Lord bless them rest in piece my dear friends. Love Dave Sheila and boys 🙏🙏

September 6 at 7:00 PM

JD

Joy A. Davis posted:

Prayers for family

September 6 at 7:00 PM

JB

Jenel Allen Barth posted:

So sorry for this loss.

September 6 at 7:00 PM



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MM

Megan Miller posted:

So sorry Karen Shondel and family!

September 6 at 7:00 PM

JK

Juanita Kahler posted:

Praying for family and friends 🙏

September 6 at 7:00 PM

KK

Karen King posted:

Sorry for your loss

September 6 at 7:00 PM

HH

Helen Helleur posted:

So sorry to see this, Denise. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

September 6 at 7:00 PM

VB

Vicki Butler posted:

So sorry to hear this. Dean and Marilyn were our neighbors for a few years. Thought and prayers to their family.

September 6 at 7:00 PM

MP

Marcella Peak posted:

Prayers for the family 🙏🙏

September 6 at 7:00 PM

RS

Robyn Stevens posted:

So sorry for your loss

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DA

Deanna Allen posted:

Prayers for the family

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RH

Robert Houser posted:

Sorry for your loss

September 6 at 7:00 PM

SM

Sandy Mitchell posted:

So sorry to hear this. I went to school with Dean a good friend. Prayers for his family.

September 6 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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