



Dean Hess

February 24, 1922 - October 30, 2015

Dean W. Hess, age 93, of Okoboji, passed away Friday, October 30, 2015, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He was born on February 24, 1922, in Kingsley, Iowa, to Raymond and Clara (Manson) Hess. Dean was united in marriage to Betty Munson on June 26, 1949, in Boone, Iowa.

Dean graduated from Kingsley High School in 1939, and Grinnell University in 1943. He served his country in the United States Army Air Corp. for two years, where he served as a flight instructor until he was honorably discharged. In 1947, Dean graduated from the University of Iowa Law School and immediately went to work for the Hess Law Firm until he retired in 1989.

Dean was a member of the Airport Board, the Dickinson County Tax Commission, Lions Club, Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star, where he served as the Worthy Grand Patron of the state of Iowa. He enjoyed spending his spare time boating, golfing and traveling. Dean's true love was his family! Dean volunteered at the Gardner Cabin, the Maritime Museum and riding the trails for the Dickinson County Sheriff's Office.

Dean is survived by his wife, Betty Hess of Okoboji; daughter, Ann Hess of Spirit Lake; sons, Craig Hess of Dallas, Texas, Scott Hess of Sarasota, Florida, and Mark Hess (Gary Wentzel) of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; and a

brother, Ray Hess (Kay) of Spirit Lake. He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Clara.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, November 5, 2015, at the United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake. Burial will be Thursday, at 4:00 p.m. at the Kingsley Cemetery in Kingsley, Iowa. Visitation will be held Wednesday, November 4, 2015, from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake.

Tribute Wall

CJ

“ Please know that I am thinking of you at this sad time. I remember his kindness and how much fun he was when we would gather at your home in Kingsley. He made fantastic sugar popcorn! He always went out of his way to make me feel welcome - and I appreciated that. A good man who has been and will be remembered fondly. Let all of the love and wonderful memories comfort you, and know that he is always with you.

Cindi Jones - November 04, 2015 at 04:34 PM

DE

“ Prayers and hugs to Ann and all her family. My heart goes out to you as I know how much you loved him, and I can only imagine how much he loved you. He raised an amazing person and I am sure he will be missed by many. Just know he is never really far away. My prayers to everyone and hugs to all.

Denise Ehrig - November 03, 2015 at 01:00 PM

RA

“ We are so very sorry for your loss, I remember Betty sharing the secret to a good marriage was never to argue and how Dean argued at work all day so he would never argue at home. Hang onto the beautiful memories that made your lives so very special.

Respite Angels - November 03, 2015 at 10:27 AM

AP

“ We send our condolences on the loss of Mr. Hess. It was a pleasure to serve him, and we look forward to helping Mrs. Hess any way we can with Meals on Wheels.

Amy H. Peterson
Voluntary Action Center of the Iowa Great Lakes

Amy Peterson - November 03, 2015 at 09:47 AM

SS

“ Betty and family sorry to hear of Dean's passing. He always had a smile on his face and brought sunshine into your life. He was a truly great man and will be missed by all that knew him. May God be with you.

Steve Stanford - November 02, 2015 at 09:21 PM

NS

“ The members of the Grand Chapter of Iowa extends their sincere sympathy in the loss of Brother Dean. I always enjoyed his wit and smile when I saw him.

Nancy Niday, Grand Secretary - November 02, 2015 at 01:09 PM

MJ

“ Dear Mark, and Gary...may your father rest in peace, eternally. 93 years of life...we should all be so lucky.

Mark Jeffers - November 01, 2015 at 02:23 PM

MW

“ Our dad was loved by his family. He always put his family first and was the most devoted husband ever. He will be missed but he lived a full life and went out the way he wanted...peacefully.

Mark Hess & Gary Wentzel - November 01, 2015 at 10:24 AM

KL

“ To the family of Dean Hess,
I am sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in knowing that
"Jehovah is close to the brokenhearted; He saves those who are
crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18) With sympathy,

kelsey lee - October 31, 2015 at 08:28 PM

LH

“ Dean was a wonderful man and a devoted husband. He told me the
secret to a happy marriage was to never argue with those you love.
What a great legacy. My prayers are with those who loved him back.

Laura Hanna - October 31, 2015 at 07:22 PM