



## Dean Hummel

September 5, 1934 - July 19, 2024

Edward Dean Hummel, age 89 of Spirit Lake, Iowa passed away on July 19, 2024 at Ruthven Care Center in Ruthven, Iowa. He was born on September 5, 1934 in Cushing, Iowa to Ed and Lena Hummel.

Dean was raised in Spirit Lake and graduated from Spirit Lake High School in 1952. He was united in marriage to Elayne Stanton on April 20, 1955, in Spirit Lake. Dean joined the Army in February 1955 and was honorably discharged in August 1955.

Dean was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and served on the church council and building committee and a long time participant of the church choir; he was a member of the Spirit Lake Noon Kiwanis Club since 1965; he served as a den master for the Spirit Lake Cub Scouts; assistant 4-H leader for the Superior Laker's Club; served on the Spirit Lake Little League Board of Directors; served as a special deputy for the Dickinson County Sheriff's Department for many years; one of the first farmers in Dickinson County to be a member of the area Chamber of Commerce; Director for the DEK and ILEC electric cooperatives from 1972-1989 and was instrumental in the merger that formed ILEC; Director for First Federal Savings and Loan and Northwest Savings Bank in Spirit Lake; longtime member of the Dickinson County Republican Central Committee; served on the Spirit Lake Community School Board of Education from 1967-1977 and as president from 1974-1976; member of the Dickinson County Selective Service Board for 9 years; served

on the Superior Township ASCS committee; long time Dickinson County Farm Bureau member serving as director, voting delegate and appointed to serve as delegate to the National Farm Bureau annual meeting; in 1977 the Spirit Lake Kiwanis Club named him the outstanding farmer in Nebraska-Iowa District; in 1981 he was named to the American Cyanamid Company's 65 Club which honored the top 10 outstanding farmers in the United States, U.S. Congressman Berkley Bedell presented him the award in Washington, DC; served on the U.S. Congressman Wiley Mayne's and U.S. Congressman Berkley Bedell's farm advisory committees; named the Spirit Lake Noon Kiwanis Citizen of the Years in 1985; seed dealer for Pioneer Hybrid International from 1981-1996; farmed with his father and brother from 1955-1986 and then his sons from 1986 until his retirement from farming in 1996, even in retirement, Dean continued to help at the farm.

When Dean had free time he enjoyed his golf, card playing and sitting for coffee at the round table with the guys. He loved being around family and friends and meeting new people. Dean made a "game of chance" out of everything, whether it was shooting free throws, playing bags or sticking someone for the coffee bill playing the numbers game. Several Spirit Lake residents still carry a card in their wallets to remind them to "never bet with Dean Hummel".

Dean is survived by his two sons, Dan Hummel and his wife Jane of Spirit Lake and Todd Hummel and his wife Becky of Spirit Lake, his daughter Cheryl Hummel Ihry and her fiancé Bob Hansen of Spirit Lake; six grandchildren, Joe (Emilia) Hummel, Jim (Ashley) Hummel, Jon (Shanda) Hummel, Lauren (Justin) Hanson, Sara (Spenser) Taylor and Scott (Taylor) Hummel; 14 great grandchildren; sister Mary Lou Ayres of Spirit Lake; and many nieces and nephews. Dean was preceded in death by his wife, Elayne; parents, Ed and Lena Hummel; Mother and Father-in-law Ed and Ida McMahon; Brother and sister in law, Johnny and Doyne Hummel; Sister and brother in law, Betty and

George Banning; brother in law, Dick Ayres; sister in law and brother in law, Bob and Evelyn Lucken.

A memorial service for Dean will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, July 29, 2024, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. up until the time of the service on Monday at the church. The burial will take place in the Spirit Lake Memory Gardens Cemetery in Spirit Lake. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at [www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com](http://www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com)

Memorials may made to the Spirit Lake Community Schools Foundation, Gentiva Hospice or to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Dean's name.

# Cemetery Details

## Spirit Lake Memory Gardens

Hudson Ave.  
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 29. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
2300 27th Street  
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

## Memorial Service

JUL 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
2300 27th Street  
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dean Hummel*



Robinson Funeral Home - July 26, 2024 at 12:18 PM

LH

“ *Always a friend to everyone in my family. Godspeed on your journey to heaven. My condolences to his family and friends.*

Luke Hunefeld - July 20, 2025 at 06:05 PM

FJ

“ *The Hummel Family and The Jaquith Family enjoyed a long and fruitful relationship. So many good memories to choose from. When I think of Dean, I think of his warmth, his smile and his sense of humor. Dean, your work on Earth is over, job well done. Enjoy your time in Heaven (and be sure to tell Johnnie 'hi').*

Frank Ryrie Jaquith Jr. - August 02, 2024 at 09:27 PM

SK

“ *Sally Kness lit a candle in memory of Dean Hummel*



Sally Kness - July 29, 2024 at 10:52 AM



“ *A life well lived. A good and faithful servant. May he rest in peace..*

Kathleen Shaw - July 29, 2024 at 09:34 AM

BR

“ *Bill, Anita, Katie & Liz Rouse purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dean Hummel.*



Bill, Anita, Katie & Liz Rouse - July 26, 2024 at 05:27 PM

KW

“ *Kristie & Tim Wintz lit a candle in memory of Dean Hummel*



Kristie & Tim Wintz - July 26, 2024 at 03:16 PM

SC

“ *I am so glad I got the opportunity to know this funny, witty, kind man. Always with a smile on his face and full of the dickens. Your family is so blessed to have shared his life. My heart, hugs, and prayers go out to all of you.*

Susan Clark - July 26, 2024 at 02:02 PM

DT

“ David and Candy Tritle purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dean Hummel.



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**David and Candy Tritle** - July 26, 2024 at 01:02 PM

MN

“ Condolences to the Hummel family. May God give you peace and comfort.



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**Mark Neustrom** - July 24, 2024 at 05:35 PM

NR

“ Nancy Radcliffe lit a candle in memory of Dean Hummel



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**Nancy Radcliffe** - July 24, 2024 at 03:45 PM

CW

“ OUR SYMPATHY TO THE HUMMEL FAMILY. WE KNOW DEAN WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY ALL. WE ARE THINKING OF YOU.



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**CONNIE AND BILL WYMER** - July 24, 2024 at 10:15 AM

WK

*“ Dan, Cheryl, and Todd— Our Earthly lives are forever changed when our parents step to heaven. It tugs at our hearts in ways that cannot be explained. While we selfishly want them here with us, we joyously celebrate the heavenly reunion they experience with each other, but especially with Our Father. Our sympathies to you as your dad was one of the great community-minded people who impacted many lives, but most importantly was a loving force in your family!*



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**Wayne and Diana (Doocy) Koppen** - July 24, 2024 at 05:23 AM

SG

*“ Dean was an assistant leader with my dad of the Superior Lakers. Great memories of 4H meetings at the Hummel's and the beef barn at the fair. When ever I saw him in later life he always seemed interested in how I was doing.*

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**Sandy Gruhn** - July 23, 2024 at 02:22 PM



*“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dean Hummel.*



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July 23, 2024 at 11:12 AM

MS

“ *Marge Schneidawind lit a candle in memory of Dean Hummel*



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**Marge Schneidawind** - July 22, 2024 at 07:04 PM

TG

“ *Twyla Garnmeister lit a candle in memory of Dean Hummel*



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**Twyla Garnmeister** - July 22, 2024 at 06:17 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Dean Hummel.*



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July 22, 2024 at 01:22 PM

TP

“ *Titan Pro planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dean Hummel.*

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**Titan Pro** - July 22, 2024 at 01:22 PM

LH

“ I offer my sympathies and prayers to Dean's family and friends.



Laura Hanna - July 22, 2024 at 12:10 PM

JS

“ Jeff And Andrea Schwarck lit a candle in memory of Dean Hummel



Jeff and Andrea Schwarck - July 22, 2024 at 10:01 AM

JS

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Hummel family.

Jeff and Andrea Schwarck - July 22, 2024 at 10:02 AM

MP

Deepest sympathy to Dean's family.

Marilyn Estes Poppen SL lass of 1953

Marilyn Estes Poppen - July 23, 2024 at 09:59 PM

RR

“ My sincere condolences to the entire Hummel family



Randall Alvin Rubeck - July 22, 2024 at 09:07 AM

CW

“ *Cathy And Denny Worden lit a candle in memory of Dean Hummel*



**Cathy and Denny Worden** - July 22, 2024 at 08:40 AM

BS

“ *Our sympathy to Dean's family. He was a great father, grand and great grand and fantastic leader, and gave so much to improve his community and the lives of others around him.*

**Bob and Kate Shaw** - July 21, 2024 at 08:51 PM

BS

“ *Bob And Kate Shaw lit a candle in memory of Dean Hummel*



**Bob and Kate Shaw** - July 21, 2024 at 08:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dean Hummel.*



July 21, 2024 at 12:34 PM

SS

“ Steve and Tracy Schnell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dean Hummel.

Steve and Tracy Schnell - July 21, 2024 at 12:34 PM

FF

“ Fred Kaminska Karrie Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Dean Hummel



Fred Kaminska Karrie Ferguson - July 21, 2024 at 11:22 AM

TK

“ Dan, Cheryl and Todd, deepest condolences to you and the entire Hummel family. Dean and Dad not only shared a life-long friendship, but they had that same twinkle in their eyes like they were looking for trouble, even in church. Heaven just got a whole lot more interesting!  
Shirley, Tammy, Cindy and Steve

Tammy Kulas - July 20, 2024 at 11:00 PM

DR

“ Don & Jean Reed lit a candle in memory of Dean Hummel



Don & Jean Reed - July 20, 2024 at 09:13 PM

DW

“ Dear Dan & Jane, and the Hummel family. I'm sorry for the loss of your Dad. What a smile he had and shared so freely. The last time I saw your Dad (and your lovely Mom) was New Year's Eve 2000. Genie and Bob Reed threw an amazing celebration to welcome the new century. It was a memorable night for many reasons, but Addison and I shared a sweet conversation with your folks. I hope the many amazing memories you have of Dean will provide comfort in the days ahead. He certainly made a lasting impression on so many people. ❤️👍



Darcy Wells - July 20, 2024 at 07:36 PM

DW

“ Deb Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Dean Hummel



Deb Wilcox - July 20, 2024 at 03:56 PM

JH

“ Johnny Huntsinger lit a candle in memory of Dean Hummel



Johnny Huntsinger - July 20, 2024 at 03:03 PM

GH

“ So sorry to hear of Dean’s passing. Thoughts and prayers to the Hummel family. Gary and Nancy



Gary and Nancy Hamer - July 20, 2024 at 02:26 PM

RL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Rod and Connie Lange - July 20, 2024 at 01:45 PM

WY

“ To the Hummel family, sorry to hear about Dean’s passing. Thoughts and prayers are with you. I remember he always greeted everyone with a smile.



William Yager - July 20, 2024 at 01:03 PM

SF

“ Steve And Dianne Franker lit a candle in memory of Dean Hummel



Steve and Dianne Franker - July 20, 2024 at 12:03 PM

SF

*Sympathy and prayers from our entire family. He was a joy to be around, always upbeat!*

Steve and Dianne Franker - July 20, 2024 at 12:05 PM

CS

“ *Dean was such a character! Miss his sense of humor. Good friend to so many. Sympathy to his family.*

Curt and Bennie Schnell - July 20, 2024 at 11:46 AM

SC

“ *So sorry to hear of Dean's passing. He was a wonderful man with great wit. So fun talking with him. Deepest sympathy to the Hummel family. Ron and Sharon Crowley*

Sharon Crowley - July 20, 2024 at 11:31 AM

LS

“ *Dean's sense of humor is unparalleled. We will miss the laughter. Larry and Lois Shaffer.*

Larry Shaffer - July 20, 2024 at 10:35 AM

MR

“ So sorry to hear of Dean's passing. May you precious memories help you through the rough times. I will always thank God for Dean's kind heart. When our girls were in the youth group at Immanuel there was going to be a youth gathering in Des Moines that they wanted to attend. At the meeting I said I would drive them if they could find a van they could all fit in. About that time Dean walked past the door. Someone mentioned that Dean had one, maybe he would let us use it. Someone ran out to catch him and sure enough, he said we could take it to Des Moines!! When I picked it up it had less than 1,500 miles on it (we didn't realize he had gotten a new one) and he didn't know I had never been to Des Moines. We'll, the kids had a great time and we made it safe and sound. A wonderful memory of a wonderful man! God bless and comfort you all.

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**Marlys & Dennis Rustman** - July 20, 2024 at 09:58 AM

DD

“ Dean was such a good friend to our whole family, the memories of times shared always made smiles. Condolences from the Dickinson family.



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**Dan and Shirley Dickinson** - July 20, 2024 at 09:36 AM

WD

“ My deepest sympathy to the Hummel family. I have nothing but good memories of Dean and his always present smile. God be with you all.

*Wendell Davis*

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**Wendell Davis** - July 20, 2024 at 09:29 AM

PB

“ *Pete & Julie Bergquist lit a candle in memory of Dean Hummel*



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**Pete & Julie Bergquist** - July 20, 2024 at 09:24 AM

KE

“ *~ To the Hummel Family ~*

*We were sorry to hear of Dean's passing, He will be missed by many family and friends.*

*You are in our hearts and prayers.*

*Steve and Konnie Sue (Klein) Egertson*

*~ I SAID A PRAYER ~*

*I said a prayer for you today, although you didn't hear.*

*I asked God to help you with your grief and to lessen your fear.*

*May each day your grief become more bearable, and give you peace of mind.*

*You have lost a very special person who was to everyone so kind.*

*by Konnie Sue (Klein) Egertson*

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**Konnie Sue (Klein) Egertson** - July 20, 2024 at 09:19 AM

SV

“ My condolences to the Dean Hummel family. May your memories of better times be the ones that help you through these difficult days.

Sandra (Steen) Vera



Sandra Vera - July 20, 2024 at 01:23 AM

CR

“ Dan, Cheryl and Todd and families~ I was so saddened to hear about Dean's passing. He was a special man~one of a kind, and he and Elayne were wonderful neighbors to Jim and I when we moved to the farm across from you after we were married. Please know that your family will always hold a special place in our hearts. I pray that God will bless you with precious memories and that He will give you comfort in knowing that your dad (and grandfather) is safe in the arms of Jesus, and with Elayne and many family and friends who have gone on before. You will be in my prayers in the tough days ahead.

Charlene Radcliffe - July 19, 2024 at 11:34 PM

LT

“ So sorry to hear about Dean. He was always a great guy to visit with. Blessings to the family. Larry and Anita Tuttle

Larry Tuttle - July 19, 2024 at 11:03 PM

DP

“ Darlene Powers lit a candle in memory of Dean Hummel



Darlene Powers - July 19, 2024 at 10:46 PM

AD

“ *Sorry for your loss. I had many great chats with Dean*



Ann Devall - July 19, 2024 at 10:15 PM

JC

“ *Jeff & Linda Christoffer lit a candle in memory of Dean Hummel*



Jeff & Linda Christoffer - July 19, 2024 at 09:47 PM

JC

*Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers...we were neighbors and friends for many years....your mom and dad are together again..❤️*

Jeff & Linda Christoffer - July 19, 2024 at 09:49 PM

TH

“ *Hummel family,  
So sorry to hear about Dean's passing. He was a wonderful man.  
Terry and Mary Heidebrink*

Terry and Mary Heidebrink - July 19, 2024 at 09:29 PM

BW

“ *My Deepest Sympathy goes out to the Hummel Family*



**Betty Wernimont** - July 19, 2024 at 09:02 PM

CB

*Dan, so very sorry to hear of your dad's passing. He was such a great man and you follow his footsteps. May you find joy in the future in your memories and hold him close to your heart always. Sending condolences to the whole family.*

**Carol Carver Barber** - July 19, 2024 at 09:06 PM

MS

“ *Dan, Cheryl, Todd and families, condolences on Dean's passing. I hope the best memories will be what comforts you in the coming days.*

**Marsha Smeltzer** - July 19, 2024 at 08:48 PM

SN

“ *Todd and family so sorry for your loss!! Doug & Sherry Nelson & Family*

**Sherry Nelson** - July 19, 2024 at 08:25 PM

MT

“ *Our deepest sympathies to the family, Peace and cherish the wonderful memories.*



**Mike and Deb Travis** - July 19, 2024 at 08:22 PM

JZ

“ Sorry to read about Dean's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Jim Zweifel - July 19, 2024 at 08:10 PM

KK

“ Dean was a special man...a community leader with wisdom, wit, and such a personality. He will be remembered and missed..



Karen Krieger - July 19, 2024 at 06:58 PM

KF

“ What a great guy, he will be missed, RIP Deano



Ken Farmer - July 19, 2024 at 06:45 PM

DB

“ My sympathy to your family.

Dayle Broocks



Dayle Broocks - July 19, 2024 at 05:38 PM

CM

“ Dean was so much fun at WEL-Life Assisted Living in Spirit Lake. We all loved him here and enjoyed his humour. Great memories.

Connie Mueller - July 19, 2024 at 05:38 PM

FO

“ Floyd Ogle lit a candle in memory of Dean Hummel



Floyd Ogle - July 19, 2024 at 05:10 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss! My Sympathy!



Mary Ellen Inbody - July 19, 2024 at 05:00 PM

BA

“ Sending thoughts and prayers to the Hummel family.



Beverly Atwell - July 19, 2024 at 04:05 PM

LG

Dean left a lot of friends with both positive and humorous memories. He led a good life and the world is better off because of him. Please accept sympathies from Linda and me.

Loren Gustafson - July 20, 2024 at 10:50 AM