



Dean I. Miller

October 12, 1936 - October 7, 2024

Dean Miller, 87, of Hampton, passed away Monday, October 7, 2024, at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City. A Celebration of Life memorial visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., Friday, October 11, 2024, at Woodley Funeral Home in Hampton. A private family burial will take place in the Hampton Cemetery. Woodley Funeral Home of Hampton is caring for Dean and his family.

Dean Ira Miller was born October 12, 1936, in Franklin County, Iowa, son of Ira and Mabel (Patton) Miller. He graduated from Hampton High School and then enlisted in the United States Navy. During his time in the Navy, he served as an aviation storekeeper. On July 7, 1957, Dean was united in marriage to Kirby Gaiser in Rockford. To this union, two children were born: Michael and Michelle. Kirby passed away at the age of 65. On May 28, 2005, Dean was united in marriage to Norma Mollenbeck.

Dean had a love for both motorcycles and farming, enjoying both for many years. Prior to undergoing surgery for a brain tumor, he was a career truck driver from the late 1960's until 1989. After that, Dean remained active in the community helping friends and neighbors. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Hampton and the American Legion.

Dean had a vast memory and could tell stories like none other. He enjoyed his

morning and afternoon coffee time with his friends. Over the years, he enjoyed traveling and spending time with his grandchildren.

Dean is survived by his son Mike (Ruth) Miller of Alexandria, Virginia; daughter Michelle (Doug) Hand of Solon; grandchildren: Amanda Miller, Matt (Meg) Hand, Thomas (Catherine) Hand and Elizabeth Hand; great-granddaughter Madeline Hand; brother-in-law Kelvin (Pam) Gaiser of Tuscan, Arizona; sister-in-law Maydene (Brian) Thies; step-daughters: Cindy (David) Ibeling and Tami (Kevin) Ballhagen; step-grandchildren: Chris (Shannon) Lind, Kelly (Eric) Daufeldt, Mark (Taylor) Ballhagen, Carley Ballhagen, Shelby (Brad) Morgan and Trevor Mollenbeck.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Kirby; wife Norma; siblings: Charles, Howard, Doris and Fern; step-sons: Roger Mollenbeck and Todd (Linda) Mollenbeck; and step-grandsons: Travis Ballhagen and Cody Mollenbeck.

Memorials may be directed to the Franklin County American Legion and MercyOne North Iowa Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Hampton Cemetery

Hampton, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **11**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Hampton - Woodley Funeral Home
306 Central Ave. East
Hampton, IA 50441
(641) 456-3232

Tribute Wall



“ Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Dean I. Miller



Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory - October 09, 2024 at 05:51 PM

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“ I was honored to deliver meals to Dean almost every Wednesday for the past several years. He was always kind and grateful. I will miss seeing his smile and his cheerful greeting. May his family have comfort at this difficult time

Elaine Crabtree - October 11, 2024 at 06:00 PM

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“ Steven and Jeannie Hauser planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dean I. Miller.

Steven and Jeannie Hauser - October 11, 2024 at 11:54 AM

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“ Steven and Jeannie Hauser purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dean I. Miller.



Steven and Jeannie Hauser - October 11, 2024 at 11:54 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dean I. Miller.



October 10, 2024 at 07:48 PM



“ With love, your 3rd Floor work family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dean I. Miller.

With love, your 3rd Floor work family - October 10, 2024 at 11:30 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dean I. Miller.



October 10, 2024 at 11:30 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dean I. Miller.



October 09, 2024 at 08:18 PM

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“ There is a poem by Sam Walter Foss, in which each stanza ends with the words: “Let me live in a house by the side of the road and be a friend to man”. This is the man Dean Miller was. Always early at church, kind and helpful, and man, did he love to visit. After-Church coffee was an art form for Dean. And he always brought the best pies to church potlucks! Godspeed Dean. You have gone on a journey before us. We'll see you at the end.

Elaine Clemens - October 07, 2024 at 09:49 PM