



Dean Edward Westendorf

March 19, 1938 - March 15, 2024

Dean Edward Westendorf, 85, of Allison, passed away March 15, 2024 at the Rehabilitation Center of Allison. Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at St. John's Lutheran Church – Vilmar, rural Greene, with burial at the church cemetery. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m., Monday at Woodley Funeral Home, Allison. Woodley Funeral Home of Allison is caring for Dean and his family.

Dean was born on March 19, 1938 to Ed and Hattie (DeBower) Westendorf, rural Allison. He was baptized and confirmed at St. James Lutheran Church in Allison. He attended Country School and Allison Community School.

Dean was united in marriage to Barbara Jean Dralle on June 22, 1958. Dean and Barbara were blessed with three children, Lonna, Larry and Dawn. Dean was owner / operator of Westendorf Grinding and Mixing. Then in 1965 the family moved back to the farm where Dean was born and began farming.

Dean was always planning and creating new projects. His hobbies included making wind mills, model tractors and miniature trucks. He was a builder, a fixer and inventor. He also loved dancing with Barbara, his lifelong sweetheart.

Dean was member of St. John's Lutheran Church Vilmar. He added his tenor singing voice to the Vilmar choir for many years, and his favorites were old

time gospel and Gaither choruses.

Dean loved his family. Everyone has fond memories of holidays with Grandpa Dean, including his profound dislike of poultry.

Dean is survived by his wife of 65 years, Barbara; daughter Lonna (Steve) Debner; son Larry (Jenise) Westendorf; daughter Dawn Eiklenborg (Anthony Fitzgerald); 9 grandchildren: Daniel (Missy) Debner; Kristen (Nick) Messersmith; Eric Debner; Bryce Eiklenborg; Brady (Katelyn) Eiklenborg; Billie (Scott) Buss; Leslie (John) Groen; Stacy (Matt) Stirling; Scott (Leanne) Hoodjer; Anthony Fitzgerald Jr.; 18 great grandchildren; 1 great-great grandchild and another on the way. Sister-in-law Jurene Dralle and several nieces and nephews.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents Ed and Hattie Westendorf; parents-in-law Leo and Loraine Dralle; brother-in-law Robert Dralle; sister and brother-in-law Maxine and Herb Freese, nieces Marlene Miller and Sheryl Johnson.

Cemetery Details

St. John's Lutheran Cemetery - Vilmar

16073 Keystone Ave
Greene, IA 50636

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Allison - Woodley Funeral Home
308 Birch Street
Allison, IA 50602
(319) 267-2507

Funeral service

MAR 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. John's Lutheran Church - Vilmar
16073 Keystone Ave
Greene, IA 50636

Tribute Wall

AV

“ *All our love, Scott and Laura Vail purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dean Edward Westendorf.*



All our love, Scott and Laura Vail - March 18, 2024 at 09:08 PM

NL

“ *I am sorry I will not be able to attend Dean's services. If I were in Iowa I would certainly be there. Barbara Jean, keeping you and your family on my thoughts and prayers. Norma Leibold*

Norma Leibold - March 18, 2024 at 12:59 PM

SB

“ *Have so many fond memories of times we were able to share.....especially our games of 500 when you were visiting here in Arizona, meeting up in Clear Lake or the Boondocks on our trips back to MN through Iowa, anxiously awaiting your trips back to AZ during the winter and on and on. Will never forget how we chanced to meet at St Peter Lutheran Church in Mesa and then the bonus! To find out that we were distantly related!! That was just the "frosting on the cake" and who could have guessed that? I call that the little "smiles" from the God who watches over us. May that same God continue to care for you in this time of grief and sorrow. We look forward to a wonderful Reunion in Heaven someday.*

Shirley and Duane Boyken - March 18, 2024 at 12:07 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dean Edward Westendorf.*



March 17, 2024 at 08:36 PM



“ *Barb and family I am so sorry for your loss. Been friends since early 50's*

Janice Waterman - March 15, 2024 at 11:38 PM