



Dean McAtee

April 2, 1932 - November 25, 2018

Dean McAtee

Jefferson, Iowa

Date of Death: November 25, 2018

Funeral services for Dean McAtee, 86, of Jefferson, IA will be held at 11:00am Thursday November 29, 2018 at Central Christian Church, Jefferson, Iowa. Interment at a later date will be in the Jefferson Cemetery, Jefferson, Iowa.

Friends may call at Central Christian Church after 2:00pm Wednesday. Guests may use the east entrance or the north handicapped-accessible entrance. The family will greet friends from 4:30pm – 7:20pm Wednesday at Central Christian Church, Jefferson, IA. A Masonic Service will begin at 7:30pm Wednesday at Central Christian Church.

Dean McAtee, loving husband of 62 years, proud father, business owner and community leader passed away peacefully on November 25, 2018. Dean was dearly loved by his family, relatives, friends and all who met him. There was never a stranger in Dean's life as he always smiled and engaged in conversation with everyone he met.

Dean was born on April 2, 1932, to Maggie and Glenn Dewey McAtee. He was born on a farm in the Waukee area and was one of seven children. Dean graduated with the Adel High School Class of 1949. During that time, Dean met the love of his life, Lois Knigge, and started his first job with Goodyear. He went on to attend San Diego Junior College while serving in the U.S. Navy and Drake University when he returned from service. On September 1, 1956, Dean and Lois were united in marriage that was steadfast for the next 62 years. To their union were born four beautiful, devoted daughters, 12 grandchildren and 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ great grandchildren.

It was a 'Goodyear' for Dean year after year. From his start in 1949 in Adel, he went on to serve in leadership roles in Goodyear stores located in Burlington, Sterling, Davenport and Spencer, Iowa. On March 1, 1966, Dean and Lois took a leap of faith and moved to

Jefferson, Iowa to open McAtee Tire, Inc. The business expanded to eight other locations over time to include Perry, Rockwell City, Atlantic, Indianola, Ames, Marshalltown, Cedar Falls, and Hampton. He incorporated a successful retreading business for many years. One of Dean's career highlights was the Goodyear Blimp arriving in Jefferson in 2006 for a week-long celebration for his 40 years in business. Dean was a founding member of the Iowa Tire Dealers Association and served as president. He served on the National Tire and Retread Association Board including the executive board. Dean was elated to have the tradition of tire store ownership stay in the family which is now carried on by daughter Laurie and her husband John and their son Mike and his wife Miranda.

Community involvement was paramount to Dean. He was a founding member of the Jefferson Kiwanis Club and served for 50 years. He served his church in various capacities, served on the Jefferson City Council, achieved Jester status through the Masonic Temple and served on the Greene County Medical Center Board. Dean campaigned for numerous community fundraisers and has served on many committees. In recognition of his work and leadership, Dean received the Bell Tower Hall of Fame Award, the Chamber of Commerce ABC Award, Employer of the Year Award nominated by his employees, and the Kiwanis Hixson Award .

He loved his Iowa State Cyclones and their last surprise victory the night before he passed. He loved playing golf, meeting with his coffee groups, playing cards with the guys, trips to the Mississippi Stud table and encouraged the growth of Greene County. He was blessed to travel the world with Lois and loved attending his grandchildren's events regardless of the miles to get there. He believed that Jefferson was the best place in the world to live.

Dean was a man of deep faith, a devoted family man and a community leader. His life was focused around helping others asking for nothing in return except to pay it forward. Dean had a profound influence on his family and his community through his words, his leadership and action, and his welcoming smile. He will be missed by all and encouraged us to live our lives with faith, love, kindness, and generosity.

Dean is survived by his beloved wife, Lois, four daughters: Laurie Ann (John) Wahl of Rockwell City, IA; Sue Ann Kenkel of Metamora, MI; Jean Ann (Don) Feldmann of Jefferson, IA; and Dee Ann (Jeff) Valles of Woodridge, IL; twelve grandchildren: Zachary (Lindsey) Wahl, Michael (Miranda) Wahl; Kyle, Cameron, and Conner Kenkel; Benjamin, Maggie Feldmann; Alex, Elyse Wagley, Miles, Robert and Kody Valles and five great grandchildren: Makenzie, Maxton, Kailer, Elliana, Madalynn Wahl, other special relatives and many dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Maggie and Dewey McAtee, six siblings: Dick, Vern, Barb, Chuck, Hazel and Larry and mother and father in law, Henry and Gwen Knigge and brother in law, Jim Knigge.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Central Christian Church, Greene County Medical Center or Greene County Community Center, all in Jefferson.

Slininger-Schroeder Funeral Home, Jefferson 515-386-2171

Events

NOV **Visitation with family present to greet friends** 04:30PM - 07:20PM

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Central Christian Church

108 North Elm Street, Jefferson, IA, US, 50129

NOV **Masonic Service** 07:30PM

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NOV **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Dean was always so generous with John and I when we were in Athletes in Action(Campus Crusade for Christ)(John and Sharon Warder). He would give us new tires for our car as a donation. We were always so grateful.

Sharon Warder - November 29, 2018 at 01:09 PM



“ We were so very sorry to hear of Dean’s passing...He was such a wonderful man, always a cheerful and warm smile on his face. I know my parents had so many enjoyable times with Dean and you, Lois. And I have many memories of our family times together in Spencer and my summer visits to Jefferson. I wish so much we could be there tomorrow. Mom is having some difficult times but please know we are there with you in spirit and your family is in our thoughts and prayers. I imagine Dean and Dad are having a good time reconnecting up in heaven. Love and hugs to you all... Jenny (Payne) Rindsig, Fran and family

Jennifer Payne Rindsig - November 28, 2018 at 10:48 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Dean's death. We are thinking of all of you and will keep you in our prayers..Love Kathy and Andy Kretzinger



Kathy Kretzinger - November 28, 2018 at 04:48 PM



“ If I were asked to describe Dean with one word it would “Christian”. If you look in Webster’s dictionary or the Bible for the definition of a Christian I’m sure Dean’s name can be found. A humble man who would do anything for anybody expecting nothing in return. We all have role models in our lives and Dean is most certainly one of mine. The world could use a few more “Dean McAtee’s”. Our loss is Heaven’s gain
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Greg Kenkel

Greg Kenkel - November 28, 2018 at 01:45 PM



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



November 28, 2018 at 01:09 PM



“ Simply Happy Kalanchoe Plant was purchased for the family of Dean McAtee.



November 28, 2018 at 11:29 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dean McAtee.



November 27, 2018 at 10:05 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this sad and difficult time. May God send His loving angels to surround and comfort you as you grieve.

With deepest sympathies,

Lisa and Craig Hawkins

Lisa Hawkins - November 27, 2018 at 05:01 PM



“ I just heard it said last week when you list the years of a lifetime, (1932 - 2018) the - (dash) is the most important part. Dean left a big - (dash) to be remembered by many, many people. Was a honor to always be treated as friends. Sonny & Judy Kolbe

Sonny Kolbe - November 27, 2018 at 03:32 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Jaey Sedlacek - November 27, 2018 at 02:06 PM



“ Dr William Yovetich lit a candle in memory of Dean McAtee



Dr William Yovetich - November 27, 2018 at 01:14 PM



“ BOB TUCKER lit a candle in memory of Dean McAtee



BOB TUCKER - November 27, 2018 at 01:06 PM



“ We just got word of Dean's passing. Our family sends our sympathy and prayers to the family. Norm & Shirley Rundle

Shirley - November 28, 2018 at 08:58 AM



“ Footprints Blanket was purchased for the family of Dean McAtee.



November 27, 2018 at 12:52 PM



“ Maria lit a candle in memory of Dean McAtee



maria - November 27, 2018 at 12:40 PM



“ Fernanda purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dean McAtee.



Fernanda - November 27, 2018 at 12:38 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Dean McAtee.



November 26, 2018 at 06:30 PM



“ If I were to describe Dean to someone, I would say he was kind and respectful to others. He always took time to visit when we crossed paths. He treated me with much respect.

He obviously was a very good businessman and was community minded.

He will be missed.

To all his family, I hope this week is filled with good memories, with lots of stories being shared among friends and family.

Tim Heisterkamp - November 26, 2018 at 12:33 PM



“ Les Fister lit a candle in memory of Dean McAtee



Les Fister - November 26, 2018 at 10:48 AM



“ Have to admit "Ole Dean'r" was one of the neatest guys I have ever know. I enjoyed so much the time Dean would join us at "Mason's coffee" and just set around and shoot the bull. He did SO many good things for so people of this community. Many of which were never know to anyone other than the recipient. He was one great guy who will be missed and remembered by all whom his life touched.

Les Fister - November 26, 2018 at 11:58 AM



“ Ann, Patrica, Jill & Darcy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dean McAtee.



Ann, Patrica, Jill & Darcy - November 26, 2018 at 09:33 AM



“ Thinking of you at this sad time.

The Class of 1980

Class of 1980 - November 26, 2018 at 09:08 AM



“ WHAT A LOSS TO FAMILY AND COMMUNITY. DEAN WAS A VERY GOOD BUSSIUS MAN AND COMMUNITY SUPORTER. HE WAS A SELF MADE VERY SUCESSFUL MAN WITH AN OUTSTANDING PERSONALITY AND DRIVE.

HE WILL BE MISSED BY THE COMUNITY OF GREENE COUNTY
AND ME NO MORE SUFFERING DEAN R I P . DICK FINCH

DICK & DELORES FINCH - November 26, 2018 at 08:52 AM



“ So sorry to hear your sad news. Our thoughts are with your whole family at this difficult time. I have many good memories growing up that included fun at your house Sue and your Dad heckling us! Such a nice guy! Hold those memories close!

Dennis & Terry Murphy - November 26, 2018 at 08:18 AM



“ I remember Dean playing Santa Claus

Alan Scott - November 25, 2018 at 11:07 PM



“ Dear Lois, Laurie, Sue, Jean, & Dee & all of your families to include grandchildren & the great grandchildren:
We will join with you in celebrating Dean's life in the next few days. We will all grieve his loss. However, it has been a privilege & honor to know Dean for goodness knows, so many years. In case you did not know, he was the one person who got me to stop sucking my thumb at the tender age of 4 or 5 when we still lived in Adel. He told me if I kept doing that, the thumb would fall off. Well, I believed it & so I stopped. Dean was indeed one of a kind & loved life to the maximum. May you all find solace in the many wonderful memories. We will do the same. To celebrate his life & peaceful passing is to honor him, all of you, & all of your families. See you soon.
Much love & many hugs,
Bill, Linda, & Cari

Linda M Flynn - November 25, 2018 at 10:38 PM



“ What a great man! Thoughts & prayers to the McAtee family.
~Annette (Underwood) Guessford



Annette Guessford - November 25, 2018 at 07:27 PM



“ Never had a boss as down home with me as dean was-always-Bob K

Bob Krause - November 25, 2018 at 07:18 PM



“ Dean was a special kind of guy. Always thinking of others! He will be missed.
Dick & Nedra Justice

Dick and Nedra Justice - December 07, 2018 at 03:41 PM