

## *William "Bill" Thomas Dean*

May 25, 1930 - September 16, 2014  
Resided in Waverly, IA

### Obituary

William Thomas "Bill" Dean, age 84, of Waverly, died Tuesday, September 16, 2014, at his home.

Bill was born on May 25, 1930, in Shubert, Nebraska, the son of Harry and Lula (Rose) Dean. As a small boy his family moved to Dennis, Kansas where Bill attended school until the 8th grade. In 1948, he turned eighteen and enlisted in the United States Army serving in Korea with the 47th Heavy Tank Division as a gunner receiving several metals. He was honorably discharged and upon returning to the States he went to work in the oil fields in Colorado, Nebraska, and Montana for the Delta Gulf and Texas Company. On February 18, 1951, Bill was united in marriage to Elsie Pilkington in Huntsville, Arkansas. The couple would then make their home in Beaman, Iowa, where Bill worked as a hired hand and then farmed and raised livestock on his own for ten years. During this time he attended auctioneer school and in 1964, moved to Waverly where he bought partnership in the Waverly Sales Company and in 1975, bought full ownership. Bill would spend the rest of his life auctioneering. In 1976, Bill started running the draft horse sale which he has grown into the largest horse sale in the world with the most modern scales and computer equipment.

Bill was a member of American Legion Post #176 of Waverly, Percheron Horse Association, and Chuck Wagon Association of Iowa and Minnesota. Bill loved animals, especially, horses and cattle. His other enjoyments included attending auctions held by others, hunting, fishing, and playing solitaire, however, what he enjoyed most was spending time with his friends and family.

Bill's memory is honored by: his wife, Elsie of Waverly; a son, Ron (Dee) Dean of Waverly; a daughter, Sharon (David) Beyer of Waverly; five grandchildren, Joshua, Colton, and Chase Beyer and William and Robert Dean; two great-grandchildren, Nathaniel and Elizabeth Beyer; a brother, Robert (Sherry) Dean of Omaha, Nebraska; a sister, Loraine Bates of Grandby, Missouri; a grand dog, Stormie; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by: his parents; three

brothers, Edmund, Harry, and Wesley Dean; and two sisters, Lula Mae Hannusch and Viola Bell.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 on Thursday, September 25, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Waverly. Burial will follow at Harlington Cemetery in Waverly where the Waverly Area Veteran Groups will give honors. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 24, at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly where the family will greet friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be directed to Bill's family and online condolences may be left at [www.kaisercorson.com](http://www.kaisercorson.com). [319-352-1187](tel:319-352-1187)

## Guestbook



**Bobbi Ecker-Blatchford**

Created: September 25, 2014

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Elsie, Ron and Sharon - Cyndi told me that Bill had passed away. It has been many years since I was at Ecker's but always remHis influence in business and promotion was phenomenal. He was a showman and now he is on to a bigger stage. My best to you. As ever - Bobbi Ecker-Blatchford-



**Kimberly and Pepper**

Created: September 24, 2014

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Ron and Family,  
Pepper and I are sending you all of our thoughts and prayers during these tough days. You and your family and everyone at Waverly have become a second family to us, and we send all of our love. Kimberly/Pepper



**Kelly (Cook) Bixler**

Created: September 20, 2014

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Ron and Family,  
So sorry to hear about your dad. He was a wonderful man. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Kelly (Cook) Bixler



**Lynette Harrington Vohsman**

Created: September 19, 2014

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Elsie, Sharon and Ron, I am so happy that we got to know the Dean family and all the fun at dances we had. Bill a man you met once and he knew you from then on. Always called him a friend and will never be forgot. Prayers to you all



**Steve Palmquist**

Created: September 18, 2014

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Ron & family,  
Sorry to hear of your dad's passing. He really put Waverly on the map for the equine world.



Nancy Janssen

Created: September 18, 2014

Our sympathy to your family, Bill was a great man. His legacy is the Draft Horse Auction, which we have used almost exclusively to market our Belgians. Ron & Dave & family are keeping it going-what a tribute to Bill. I am sure he is very proud. Take comfort in your memories.

## Photos



## Services

### Funeral Home

#### **Kaiser-Corson Funeral Homes, Inc.-Waverly**

218 2nd Street SE P.O. Box 215  
Waverly, IA US 50677-0215


 [Map / Directions](#)

### Visitation

#### **Kaiser-Corson Funeral Homes, Inc.-Waverly**

218 2nd Street SE  
Waverly, IA US 50677-0215

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 Wednesday, September 24, 2014  
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

### Service

#### **Trinity United Methodist Church**

1400 West Bremer Avenue  
Waverly, IA US 50677

 [Map / Directions](#)

 Thursday, September 25, 2014  
10:30 AM

### Cemetery

#### **Harlington Cemetery**

1001 1st Street S.W.  
Waverly, IA US 50677

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 Wednesday, September 17, 2014  
11:30 AM

