



## Dean W Wright

March 28, 1924 - May 2, 2017

Dean W. Wright, age 93 of Carbondale, formerly of Cedar Falls, Iowa, passed away Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at home.

He was born March 28, 1924 to Charles and Rebecca (Epperson) Wright in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Dean married Velma Osborne on August 21, 1947 in Epworth Methodist Church parsonage.

He proudly served his country in the Army from January 1943 to April 1946. He was a Tech 4 and served in the Pacific with the heavy maintenance tank company.

He attended school in Fort Dodge and graduated from high school in 1942.

Dean had worked for several years for DX Sunray Oil Company in different capacities. He owned EK Williams Consulting Franchise in his later years. He also had worked at West 4th 66 for Warren White until the age of 85.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Cedar Falls and Fort Dodge American Legion for over 50 years. He was also a member of the Kaaba Temple Shrine in Davenport, Iowa.

He moved to Carbondale at the age of 88 and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Carbondale.

Dean is survived by his 3 daughters, JoEllyn (Daniel) Seegers of Murphysboro; Janet (Jim) Elliott of Chino Valley, AZ and Jill (Jeff) Filipiak of Wheaton, IL; 4 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a daughter, Julie Ann Wright; and brothers, Charles Wright, Jr. and Robert Wayne Wright.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Inurnment will be at North Lawn Cemetery in Fort Dodge, Iowa at a later date.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dean W Wright*

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October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *When I think of Dean, I can't help but think of Velma and all of you! They were such wonderful neighbors. We have so many great memories living next door. They treated us just like family! Dean was always young at heart, I remember when the boys put up a skate board ramp - Dean gave it a try!! I could go on, but know that we are so blessed to have known one Great Man! Loved him so. Darrell, Deb, Matt, Jeremy & James Ackerson*

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**Deb Ackerson** - May 16, 2017 at 12:53 PM

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“ To Dean's family,

*I am one of the many people who was privileged to call Dean a friend. Truly, he was one of the kindest and most generous individuals I have ever met. If you needed help, he was the first one to show up. If you needed advice, he would give it willingly. If you needed a joke or a funny story, he was your man.*

*When we moved to Cedar Falls, he and Velma came over and introduced themselves, and it was all uphill from there. In a short time, we knew the whole neighborhood. And I've always thought that he was the one who made the neighborhood so special. He connected everyone and made us all feel like part of the group.*

*Through the years, we shared many happy and some not-so-happy times. He and Velma were always there for us. When we moved to 1727 Belle Ave., we didn't know how lucky we were. Not many people who purchase a house also find the friends of a lifetime right next door.*

*I will remember Dean with admiration and love. He was the best! I am so, so sorry for your loss.*

*Cheryl Smith*

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**Cheryl Smith** - May 08, 2017 at 08:37 PM

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“ My sympathy to your family, so sorry for your loss. I am Marlys Heller from Sumner Ia we ran Fred's D-X station here. Dean did our books for years, he would come the beginning of each month and return the end of the month. It seemed as he would usually plan to be here around lunch time so we would head on up to the café. We always looked forward to him coming we shared many laughs and had lots of family talk. I have wondered what happened to your Dad and even called his number several years ago. Your Father lived a rich life and hopefully his last years were good. Again my sympathy Marlys

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**Marlys Heller** - May 08, 2017 at 09:39 AM

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“ Jill & Shannon,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and all of the family at this sad time. Your Dad/Grandpa was a great guy. He used to call me his buddy and he was my buddy too. When he went on ASP we were on the same crew and had a great week. I am so glad he was able to go on the Honor Flight. I enjoyed his excitement in anticipation of the trip and hearing about the wonderful time he had when he returned. I am glad I was able to visit him a couple times after he moved to Carbondale. I hope you will all find peace and comfort with wonderful memories. Take care.

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**Sue (Dancer) Ilax** - May 08, 2017 at 08:13 AM

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“ *Jill I'm holding you and all of your Dad's family in my heart. I have many happy memories of him when we all went on ASP together. He was so fun to be around. His was one of the cars we took. It was big and roomy and a great road car. Dean joked that it could pass anything on the road except a gas station. I know your loss is great because Dean was such a great person. You have my deepest sympathy. Louise Odle*

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**Louise** - May 07, 2017 at 04:33 PM