



## Dean A. Beavers

July 22, 1936 - December 28, 2025

Dean Allen Beavers, 89, of Kearney passed away Sunday, December 28, 2025, at the Kearney Regional Medical Center. Memorial services will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, January 2, 2026, at First United Methodist Church in Kearney. The service can be viewed live by visiting <https://www.kearneyfirstumc.org/watch-online> Pastor Matt Fowler will officiate and burial will be later. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the family, to be designated later. Please visit [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com) to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Service in Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Dean was born July 22, 1936 in the Elm Creek/Overton, NE area to Roy and Virginia (Annable) Beavers. Dean grew up on the family farm in the Elm Creek/Overton area. The farm is where Dean learned the value of a hard day's work. Dean proudly served his country as a member of the Army National Guard. Later in life he worked in the oil fields and had a stint selling insurance. Dean returned to Kearney in the 1950s and started his retail career at Claussen's Shoes in Kearney. On July 22, 1956, he was united in marriage to Wilma Olmstead. Shortly after they would welcome two children, Rustin Dean and Tanya Su. In 1962, Dean joined Redman's Shoes and quickly climbed the ranks, and in 1971 Dean became a partner in the company. Dean poured his life into making Redman's what it is today; a customer-centric cornerstone business in downtown Kearney, Nebraska. For 63 years, Dean put his customers first by providing a one-of-a-kind customer service experience! Dean said it best; "Hell, I'm just an old cowboy who ended up selling shoes."

On January 13, 2005 he was united in marriage to Polly Mattheis. Dean and Polly dedicated their lives to Redman's Shoes. They also enjoyed many happy years traveling, gambling, and raising all kinds of exotic animals like llamas, miniature horses, donkeys, and even fainting goats. They thoroughly cherished their home on the 1733 Ranch.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Polly; his sister, Betty Broe; his son, Rustin (Kristy) Beavers; his daughter, Tanya (Randy) Schleiger; his stepson, Brett Mattheis; his

grandchildren, Ashlee, Marissa (Jared), Natalya, Deena, Brock; his step-grandchildren, Austin (Krista), Chase, Rider, Tate (Randi), Kyle; his great-grandchildren, Nathan, Sam, Alla, Wyatt, Tanya Tru; and his step-great-grandson, Theodore. As well as many nieces, nephews, extended family, and countless friends.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Wilma; brothers Orval, Bill, Dick, and Levi Beavers; sisters Opal Brodine and Lois Hahn; brothers-in-law Ivan Brodine, Matt Broe, and Ray Hahn; sister-in-law Verla Beavers; step-daughter Stephanie Mattheis; and dear friend and pillar of Redman's Shoes, Darlene Lewis.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
4500 Linden Drive  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Tribute Wall

AK

“ Rusty & Tanya, so sorry to hear of your father's passing. Paul and I send our deepest sympathies and prayers for peace and comfort for you and your families!  
Angie Biehl Kenney

Angie Kenney - January 05 at 08:20 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memorial Video



Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services - January 02 at 04:45 PM

TB

I'm so sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family. He was a great man and a wonderful father in law to me he will always hold a special place in my heart ❤️

Tammy Bristol - January 03 at 10:59 AM

TB

“ Dean was a great man. Was on my way to the funeral and the weather turned to ice. Rusty, Tonya, sorry I couldn't make it. Tim Benson 402 710 2429 call me if you want to.

Tim Benson - January 02 at 02:45 PM

RR

“ Rita J Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Dean Beavers



Rita J Rodriguez - January 02 at 01:02 AM

CD

“ A Kearney institution for sure. I'm shocked by his passing but I understand he hasn't been able to speak as well as he was used to. Now that his pain is over he can get back to what he loved best, chatting. Imagine the stories being told in heaven right now!

Codie (formerly of Abc Drug) - January 01 at 09:11 PM

LO

“ So sorry to hear of Deans passing. Truly one of the retail fixtures in DT Kearney. Thinking of Polly, Tanya & Rusty at this time. He was a welcoming friend when I was the new guy on the block as Sears Mgr.

Larry Ossenkop - January 01 at 02:02 PM



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



January 01 at 11:27 AM

TS

“ Dad 🙏❤️😘 my Hero ❤️



tanya schleiger - December 31, 2025 at 04:58 PM

TS

“ 12 files added to the tribute wall



tanya schleiger - December 31, 2025 at 04:48 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dean A. Beavers.*



December 31, 2025 at 12:49 PM

YF

“ *Your YMCA Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dean A. Beavers.*

**Your YMCA Family** - December 31, 2025 at 12:49 PM

LL

“ *Dean was such an kind, funny man. We spent a lot of time in my youth with the Beavers family and loved every minute of it. I am so sorry to hear he passed away. My thoughts and prayers with the entire family and friends!*

**Lori Leitzke** - December 30, 2025 at 05:50 PM

LS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Dean was always so good to us.*

**Laurie S** - December 30, 2025 at 05:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dean A. Beavers.*



December 30, 2025 at 05:39 PM

MS

“ *My heart goes out to Polly Beavers and the rest of the family, it was a pleasure taking care and getting to know Dean. Marie S.*

**Marie Sweley** - December 30, 2025 at 05:19 PM

NB

“ On behalf of all of us, the Redman "kids", please know we are thinking about Dean's family and friends and sending our very deepest sympathy at this difficult time. Dean was our dad Joe's most loyal store manager and good friend. He was always kind of a bright light in the store, ready with a joke or a cheerful comment, and consistently warm and welcoming. He made walking into the store fun and working in the store positive and engaging. He had a special way of making everyone feel valued. Dean will be deeply missed, I know. May your memories bring you comfort.  
With all of our best wishes,  
Nancy and all of the Redman family

Nancy Borelli - December 30, 2025 at 02:25 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Dean A. Beavers.



December 30, 2025 at 12:07 PM

A"

“ All the Redman "Kids" planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dean A. Beavers.

All the Redman "Kids" - December 30, 2025 at 12:07 PM

JH

“ I have so many fond memories of Dean.it was always such a joy to see him in the shoe store. He always remembered his customers.

Janice Harvet-Polk - December 30, 2025 at 11:47 AM



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



December 29, 2025 at 11:39 PM

RO

“ Russ Olsen I had many good trips with Dean and we really enjoyed each other company. Such a good friend. Many good memories.

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**Russell Olsen** - December 29, 2025 at 09:37 PM



“ From American Legion Post #52: Our sincerest of condolences to Dean's family. Your loss extends to both our house and the entire community. Rest in Peace Brother.

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**Bob Harpst** - December 29, 2025 at 06:30 PM