



Donald Dean Hugh

May 21, 1937 - January 13, 2019

Donald "Dean" Hugh, 81, of Grand Island passed away on Sunday, January 13, 2019.

Service and celebration of Dean's life will be at 11:00 a.m. Thursday at St. Pauls Lutheran Church. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until service time. Burial will be in Grand Island City Cemetery with military honors provided by the United States Army and Grand Island Veterans Honor Guard. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Dean was born May 21, 1937 at Alliance, the son of Myron and Mamie (McGinnis) Pugh. One of ten children, Dean had to drop out of school in the eighth grade to help on the farm. He left home at the age of 15, moving to Grand Island, and found employment with Bottorff Construction, sending part of his paycheck back to his family. He later received his GED.

He married the love of his life, Diane Lee Fritz on December 19, 1959. On November 30, 1960, Dean entered the United States Army. He was stationed in Texas and became an instructor in operating the Nike-Hercules heat seeking missiles. Dean was honorably discharged November 30, 1962.

He returned to Grand Island, working for D&D Construction, before beginning his own business, Hugh's Building Specialty. His son, Mark, worked with his

father from age ten until his death in 2011. Dean worked hard and had high standards. Working with his innovative stucco finish, over the years he completed many large projects, including the ceilings in St. Mary's Cathedral and the Lied Center.

He dearly loved his family and took his wife and children on many camping and fishing trips. Classic cars were an obsession and he built his own 1933 Ford Coupe from the ground up. He had over 100 trophies from entering it in shows. He also loved country music and played the guitar, having been in his own band at an early age. Dean and Diane had played Pitch with the same card club for nearly 25 years.

Those who will cherish Dean's memory include his wife of 59 years, Diane; his daughter, Michele (Scott) Ulmer of Grafton; three grandchildren, Brandon, Brady and Bailey Ulmer; sister, Margie (Wayne) Clark of Alliance; and many nieces, nephews and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his son, Mark; his parents; and eight siblings.

Memorials are suggested to the family or St. Pauls Lutheran Church.

Cemetery Details

Grand Island City Cemetery

Grand Island, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Pauls Lutheran Church
1515 South Harrison Street
Grand Island, NE 68801

Celebration of Life Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Dean Hugh*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Diane, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Dean, from the family of Sal, Fran Valencia, and Antonio Mena. He will be missed at the Car Shows. He was such a quiet person but I always got him to talk. Diane please take care of yourself and we'll keep in touch. Love Sal, Fran, and Antonio Mena*

Fran Valencia - January 19, 2019 at 01:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Dean Hugh.*



January 17, 2019 at 08:15 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Michael Goehring - January 17, 2019 at 08:03 AM

LF

“ Love, The David Hunt Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald Dean Hugh.



Love, The David Hunt Family - January 16, 2019 at 08:41 PM

JC

“ Rest in peace,

Jane Couch - January 16, 2019 at 01:37 PM

ST

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Stacey - January 16, 2019 at 12:45 PM

LF

“ Love Stacey Mike and Russ Goehring and Tony Franza purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Donald Dean Hugh.



Love Stacey Mike and Russ Goehring and Tony Franza -
January 16, 2019 at 12:20 PM

DE

“ *Diane and family.. My deepest sympathy and prayers to all ... Many memories of our younger years and with our children.. Gods Blessings.. Dee Ewoldt*

dee ewoldt - January 16, 2019 at 11:49 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Dean Hugh.*



January 16, 2019 at 10:45 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donald Dean Hugh.*



January 16, 2019 at 08:57 AM