



Dean E. Plese Sr.

January 22, 1937 - June 26, 2020

Dean E. Plese died peacefully at home on June 26, 2020 with his beloved wife and children by his side. He was born at the Plese Family farm on West River Road on January 22, 1937 to John and Margaret (Berta) Plese, the sixth of their seven children, educated in Wilmington area schools including the one-room Johnson Schoolhouse and St. Rose School before graduating from Braidwood High School in 1954.

Upon graduation, Dean entered the U.S. Army and was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Regiment where he was selected to serve as a Presidential Honor Guard and proudly served President Eisenhower in Washington D.C. After his discharge from the armed forces, Dean married Judith Ann Benson on September 5, 1959 and together they made their home in Wilmington where they raised six children. During these years, Dean was active in many charitable causes particularly in support of St. Rose School and Parish including the Knights of Columbus where he achieved the designation of Fourth Degree Knight and was Grand Knight for two years.

In 1984, Dean, his wife and their four youngest children moved East to New York State where they lived until the fall of 1999 when they returned to Wilmington. Dean retired from Clark Construction as a General Superintendent at the end of 2007 after which he kept himself busy maintaining the home he and Judy happily shared during their retirement

years, traveling around the country and overseas and visiting family – especially their grandchildren whom he especially loved and adored – and spending time at their lakefront home in northern Minnesota.

Survivor's include Judy, his wife of 60 years, children Dean (Stacy), David (Angela), Martin (Maureen), Anthony (Gabriel), Eric (Christine) and Maria, 12 grandchildren and many other beloved family members including his four sisters, in-laws, cousins, nieces and nephews. Dean will be terribly missed by his family and friends. Heaven's gain is truly our loss.

A visitation will be held at R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory on Wednesday, July 1, 2020 from 10 - 12pm. All attendees will be required to wear face masks and follow current social distancing standards. A private funeral mass will follow at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Wilmington where Dean and Judy were married, all their children were baptized and where they attended mass faithfully all the years of their shared life together. Private interment with full military honors will follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Kuzma Care Cottage or Joliet Area Community Hospice.

For more information and to visit his online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook at R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Rd.
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CC

“ So sorry to hear of Dean's passing! He and Judy and their family will always be remembered. Thoughts and prayers are with you.
Cub and Carol (Cleary) Curtiss

Carol Curtiss - July 05, 2020 at 04:17 PM

TK

“ Loving thoughts and prayers,
Toni and Tim Keegan

Toni Legris Keegan - July 02, 2020 at 11:41 PM

KV

“ So sorry to hear about Dean, we will miss our visits at retirement club get together. We have his family in our prayers. Len and Karen VanDuyne.

Karen VanDuyne - July 02, 2020 at 01:47 PM

DC

“ Very sorry for your loss. He was a nice man. Prayers for all
Donna Friddle Cervantes

Donna Cervantes - July 02, 2020 at 08:18 AM

JB

“ We were all so sad to hear about Uncle Dean's passing. Sending prayers to Aunt Judy and the cousins. Love John Benson and family

John Benson - July 01, 2020 at 10:26 AM

KH

“ We are very sorry for your loss and we are raising up the Plese family in our prayers. Dean was such a gentleman! I am grateful for all he did and for his turkey carving skills!! Joe & Kristyn Humbles

Kristyn Humbles - July 01, 2020 at 09:01 AM

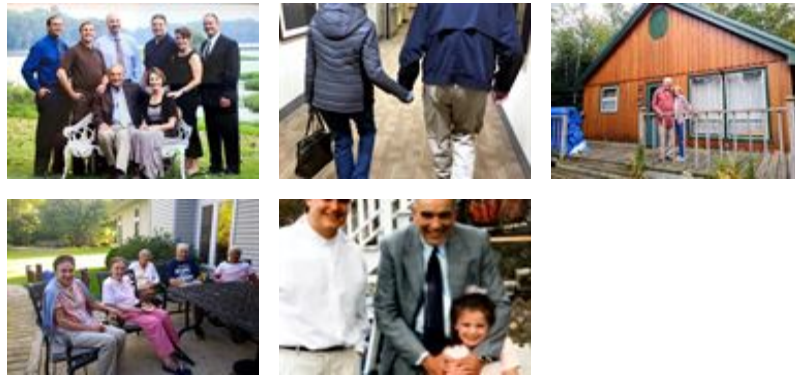
CR

“ What a beautiful tribute to a life well lived. Dean was such a kind and gentle soul. All of our love sent to all of the Plese's during this difficult time. Love, Carrie (Benson) Realini

Carrie Realini - June 30, 2020 at 03:19 PM



“ 100 files added to the album LifeTributes



R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - June 30, 2020 at 12:06 PM

JC

“ John Friend, JMichael Cleary purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Dean E. Plese Sr..



John Friend, JMichael Cleary - June 30, 2020 at 11:50 AM

BV

“ *My condolences on your loss of your loved one. May your treasured memories give you strength.*



Barbara Viano - June 30, 2020 at 11:18 AM

BT

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss.*
Beverly Treadman

Beverly Treadman - June 30, 2020 at 11:15 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dean E. Plese Sr..*



June 29, 2020 at 09:58 PM

CF

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. The family will be in our thoughts and prayers*

Celia (Vota) Schimandle & Family



Celia (Vota) Schimandle & Family - June 29, 2020 at 09:06 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Dean E. Plese Sr..*



June 29, 2020 at 11:24 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. We remember you and your family fondly when you lived in Millbrook, and our sons have been good friends for many years. May God bring you comfort knowing that we are all praying for you. Dominic & Gloria Molella*

Dominic & Gloria Molella - June 29, 2020 at 07:59 AM



“ *Thoughts & Prayers to the entire family!*

*Dean & Beth Shepherd
and Family*

Dean Shepherd - June 29, 2020 at 07:57 AM



“ *Dear Mrs. Plese and family, I had the pleasure of working with Dean on an IBM project in East Fishkill NY in the 1980's. He was the kind of man you don't easily forget, and I mean that in a good way. Dean was a no nonsense kind of guy on the construction site, and immediately gained my respect as a leader. May he Rest In Peace. And my sincere sympathy to all of you during these difficult times. Chick and Gloria Molella*

Chick Molella - June 28, 2020 at 10:36 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dean E. Plese Sr..*



June 28, 2020 at 10:56 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dean E. Plese Sr..*



June 28, 2020 at 09:09 AM



“ *Thoughts and prayers are with you, Judy.
Nancy Martens Williams*

Nancy Martens Williams - June 28, 2020 at 08:20 AM



“ *Our hearts and prayers go out to the Plese family.*



Barbara and Jeff Lardi - June 27, 2020 at 08:21 PM

BK

“ Bonnie L Kaye purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Dean E. Plese Sr..



Bonnie L Kaye - June 27, 2020 at 03:21 PM

HL

“ Judy and family, you have our sympathies and prayers with the loss of Dean. He was such a friendly and kind man. He always had kind words for us when we would see you on Sunday mornings at the Chick-a-Dee after Mass.



Helen and Katherine Lamping - June 27, 2020 at 03:14 PM

PJ

“ He was a very nice man I always liked him prayers to the family

Pete jaudon - June 27, 2020 at 03:07 PM