



Dean Allen Potter

October 24, 1927 - March 3, 2021

Dean Allen Potter was born on October 24, 1927 on the Red Top family farm in rural Southern Dallas County. His passing from this world after a short illness came on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 5:09 in the morning at the age of 93 years, 5 months, and 8 days. He was born to Lester Allen Potter and Pearl Gordan Potter as the middle of three children. His childhood family included an older sister Mildred and a younger sister Reva.

Dean's education included an 8th grade achievement at Hasten school and many life lessons provided by his parents and the High Prairie Christian Church. He was part of the Greatest Generation, proudly serving his country in the Army as part of the World War II era from 1945 to 1947. Military service in the Potter family dates to an early relative, Thomas Allen Potter, Sr (born in America in the middle 1700s) with an unconfirmed participation in the Revolutionary War. Following an honorable discharge in 1947, Dean returned to the family farm picking up where he had left off prior to his military service. As with military service (five generations confirmed), farming with his father was a tradition steeped deeply in the history of his family and Dallas County. Five generations earlier, his early relatives including Thomas Allen Potter, Jr (Colonel in the War of 1812) were among the very first settlers in the 1820s of a rural area along the Pomme de Terre River that eventually became parts of Webster, Greene, Polk and Dallas Counties. Among his family history achievements were the local landmarks of the "Potter Mansion" and the "Potter Barn" along the Pomme River in Greene and Polk Counties

respectively. Additionally, his ancestors founded the High Prairie Christian Church, whose original location's foundation stones are present to this day on the family farm of his birth. On June 4, 1948, Dean married Dollie Arlene Wadsworth. The marriage lasted almost 70 years prior to the death of his spouse in 2017. They were blessed with 5 children between 1949 and 1956: Ben Allen, Danny Gilbert, Della Jane, Deana Lee, and Donald Lester.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents, Lester & Pearl; his wife, Dollie; a sister, Mildred; and two sons, Ben and Danny. He is survived by a sister, Reva Lee; three children, Della, Deana, and Donald; five grandchildren, Lloyd Gene, Danita Joyce, Duane Lee, Jennifer Michelle, and Jason Allen; numerous great-grandchildren; and many extended family members. Current great grandchildren of Dean constitute 9th generation Americans.

Dean pursued his career in farming (dairy, beef, & crop) on a farm of his own in excess of 65 years prior to selling off the last of his beef cattle a few years back. During his life, he was an avid hunter, outdoorsman, and reader. Among those, he had a long passion for Whitetail Deer Hunting; achieving success that spanned six decades and four family generations. He passed his love of the outdoors to his children and it spread from there. Dean lived out his latter years enjoying the company of his family, friends, and a number of companion pets that brought joy, whether accompanying him in his truck, on walks around the farm, or just the quiet serenity of a slowly setting sun watched together from the comfort of his favorite easy chair. It was a life well lived and an eternal rest well earned.

Graveside services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, March 8, 2021 in the High Prairie Cemetery under the direction of the Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home of Buffalo, Missouri. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Cemetery Details

High Prairie Cemetery

Buffalo, MO 65622

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 8. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Allen Potter*

October 09, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ *Dean Allen Potter*

October 09, 2023 at 04:09 AM



“ *Dean Allen Potter*

October 05, 2023 at 11:14 PM



“ *Dean Allen Potter*

October 05, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ *Dean Allen Potter*

December 20, 2022 at 10:20 AM

DP

“ With 64 years of memories, it is hard to single out just one.....there were so many. I think my favorites are more an amalgamation of experiences.....all the time we spent together in the Dairy barn milking the cows.....lots of good ones there.....or maybe all the time spent on the tractors in the fields, in the barns, or building fences. Hard work with a shared goal always makes for good memories and pulls people closer together.....you set out to do something and turn a dream into reality. Dad certainly taught me the value of hard work.....but also how to play hard and make the most of any leisure time that came your way. Probably the biggest smile I ever saw on his face was when he took a very large trophy whitetail buck on the home place where he was born. Dad was always kind of a prankster.....my brother Ben and I heard him shoot. I started kind of drifting his general direction in case he needed help....he was 64 at the time. I came across him a few minute later as he was coming up out of the brush. I asked if he had one.....he said "Nothing special, just a little buck." I said lets go see.....walked about 50 yards and there lay one of the biggest brush piles I had ever seen on a deer's head. I turned and said...."Little Buck?"...he had the biggest devilish grin on his face you ever saw. That memory will be fresh with me for as long as I live.

Donald Potter - March 06, 2021 at 02:51 PM

CG

“ It was an Honor to call you my Uncle. The joy of the day you let me ride your big black Stallion will always be in my memory. And the joy in your eyes the day I gave you the tractor blade for Vo-tech . You and I always had a bond beyond words. Carl and Sarah Gailey

Carl Gailey - March 05, 2021 at 08:14 PM

JP

“ There are so many memories to share, it's hard to pick just one. I cherished every minute I got to spend with him. One memory that always out in my mind is when he gave me my nickname. As we all know, he loved his hats and his boots. One day while visiting grandpa as kid, I decided I wanted to wear cowboy boots just like him. Not knowing what I was doing, I put them on the wrong feet. From that point on, his nickname for me was "Cowboy Wrongfoot Bill".

Jason Potter - March 05, 2021 at 03:34 PM

LB

“ Love, Cowboy Wrongfoot Bill and His Bride purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Dean Allen Potter.



Love, Cowboy Wrongfoot Bill and His Bride - March 05, 2021 at 03:30 PM

DL

“ Donald & Laura purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Dean Allen Potter.



Donald & Laura - March 05, 2021 at 02:41 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Dean Allen Potter.*



March 05, 2021 at 11:06 AM