



Dean Alan Dirks

September 4, 1960 - November 12, 2024

A Memorial Service for Dean was held Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bruning, Nebraska. Pastor Leah Krotz presided over the Memorial Service.

A private Committal of Ashes will take place at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials are suggested to the Bruning-Davenport Unified School District.

Dean Alan Dirks was born to Don and Lola (Wilkening) Dirks on September 4th, 1960, in Hebron, Nebraska. He passed away peacefully at his home in Bruning, Nebraska, surrounded by loved ones, on November 12, 2024 at the age of 64 years, 2 months, and 8 days.

He was baptized at Grace Lutheran Church in Ohiowa, Nebraska and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bruning, Nebraska.

Dean lived his entire life in the Bruning area, where he attended high school and graduated in 1978 as a Bruning Bear.

He met the love of his life, Michelle (Norder) Dirks, shortly after in 1982. The two wed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bruning, February 25th, 1984. To this

union three children were born: Bethany (Peewee Ann), Taylor (Tater Salad) and Halsey (Halsey Dalsey).

Dean spent many years working on the family farm and in the family auctioneering/real estate business. He was the best self-taught auctioneer you'd ever heard. He enjoyed working for Arnie and Mary Heinrichs for many years and continued the auctioneer trade with Bergen-Dirks auction in Sutton, Nebraska.

His most recent employment held a special place in his heart. Dean loved working at Bruning Davenport Unified School (BDS) where driving the bus and maintaining the football field were two of the highlights of his job. Oh, the bus stories he could tell!

Dean didn't know a stranger; you didn't have to know him well to know he was a lifelong Kansas City Chiefs and Royals fan. He loved attending his children's sporting events through the years, although dance recitals and music concerts he would have rather attended in spirit. He was ornery by nature and always had a story or joke to tell.

Dean and Michelle were blessed with nine grandchildren who were the light of his life. His time with them was very special and the memories they made together will last a lifetime. He enjoyed traveling with his family. Most recently, he and Chelle traveled to Kawaii and had the time of their life. As a family, annual trips were enjoyed to the cabin in Colorado and several fond memories were created at the Dirks' family weekends with marshmallow man, at various locations across the Midwest.

Dean was preceded in death by his sister, Deb Dirks; parents, Don and Lola Dirks; stepfather, Vernon Johnson; grandparents, Eldon and Amalia "Mollie" Dirks and Edward and Alma Wilkening; father-in-law, Robert Norder; cousin,

Dave Swanson; and many aunts and uncles.

He is survived by his wife, Michelle Dirks of Bruning, Nebraska; children, Bethany (Jason) Swafford of Scandia, Kansas, Taylor (Brooke) Dirks of Bruning, Nebraska, Halsey (Matt) Gorecki of Dannebrog, Nebraska; grandchildren, Mallory, Dirks, Judson, Tayvin, Lucas, Jensen, Aiden, Adalynn, and Aimes; sisters, Deanna Dirks of Hastings, Nebraska and Denise (Sam) Packard of Lincoln, Nebraska; mother-in-law, Jean Norder of Mobridge, South Dakota; brothers-in-law, Mike (Jessie) Norder of Mobridge, South Dakota and Mitch (Allison) Norder of Colorado Springs, Colorado; many nieces and nephews (some of which called him "Uncle Bean"); and a host of other family members and friends.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **19**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
300 E Main Street
Bruning, NE 68322

Tribute Wall



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Dean Alan Dirks.



November 20, 2024 at 11:48 AM



“ Michelle P. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Dean Alan Dirks.



Michelle P. - November 20, 2024 at 11:44 AM



“ 74 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - November 19, 2024 at 01:43 PM

MS

“ Mark and Lori Schoenholz purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Dean Alan Dirks.



Mark and Lori Schoenholz - November 18, 2024 at 09:41 PM

MS

“ Mark and Lori Schoenholz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dean Alan Dirks.

Mark and Lori Schoenholz - November 18, 2024 at 09:41 PM

YR

“ Your Friends in the Radiology purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dean Alan Dirks.



Your Friends in the Radiology - November 18, 2024 at 10:32 AM

C2

“ Class of 2007 purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Dean Alan Dirks.



Class of 2007 - November 16, 2024 at 04:34 PM

C2

“ *Class of 2007 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dean Alan Dirks.*

Class of 2007 - November 16, 2024 at 04:34 PM

VF

“ *Vaughn & Jill Grueber & Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Dean Alan Dirks.*



Vaughn & Jill Grueber & Family - November 15, 2024 at 10:03 AM

T2

“ *The BD Class of 2008 purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dean Alan Dirks.*



The BD Class of 2008 - November 15, 2024 at 09:43 AM

LR

“ *Leroy and Colleen Rippe lit a candle in memory of Dean Dirks*



Leroy and Colleen Rippe - November 14, 2024 at 10:59 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dean Alan Dirks.*



November 14, 2024 at 06:06 PM



“ *Sandy Bolejack lit a candle in memory of Dean Dirks*



Sandy Bolejack - November 13, 2024 at 11:05 PM



“ *Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Dean Dirks*



Virginia Johnson - November 13, 2024 at 08:49 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers to all*

BonnieRippe - November 13, 2024 at 08:15 PM

LP

“ *LaDonna Pendleton lit a candle in memory of Dean Dirks*



LaDonna Pendleton - November 13, 2024 at 07:48 PM

BP

“ *Ben & Nancy Pekar*



Ben & Nancy Pekar - November 13, 2024 at 06:38 PM

LD

“ *Lisa Dondlinger lit a candle in memory of Dean Dirks*



Lisa Dondlinger - November 13, 2024 at 06:24 PM

MR

“ *Sorry to hear about Dean, he was a friend to everyone he met, very kind and always happy. Our Deepest Sympathy*

Mark & Sarah Reinsch - November 13, 2024 at 06:15 PM

KT

“ *Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Dean Dirks*



Kent & Rose Theobald - November 13, 2024 at 04:06 PM

JP

“ *Joel and Natalie Pasiuk purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Dean Alan Dirks.*



Joel and Natalie Pasiuk - November 13, 2024 at 03:41 PM



“ *Janine Uldrich lit a candle in memory of Dean Dirks*



Janine Uldrich - November 13, 2024 at 02:47 PM

HR

“ *Holly Rippe lit a candle in memory of Dean Dirks*



Holly Rippe - November 13, 2024 at 02:18 PM

KE

“ Kelsey Ernest purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Dean Alan Dirks.



Kelsey Ernest - November 13, 2024 at 02:13 PM

KE

“ Kelsey Ernest planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dean Alan Dirks.

Kelsey Ernest - November 13, 2024 at 02:13 PM

MH

“ Chelle & family. I am so sorry. Dean was a special friend & classmate! I will forever treasure the visits we had. Our thoughts & prayers to you all.



Mike & Lynne Houser - November 13, 2024 at 01:36 PM