



## Dr. Everett Dean Stocker

March 9, 1930 - August 10, 2017

Dr. Everett Dean Stocker, age, 87 of Albia, passed away Thursday, August 10, 2017, at his home in Albia.

Dean was born March 9, 1930, to Clarence Moses and Mildred (Grooms) Stocker on the family farm southeast of Albia. He grew up and attended K-8 in a one room school house in Selection. He graduated from Albia High School in 1947 and Graduated from Iowa State University with a Degree in Veterinary Medicine in 1960. In 1952 he was drafted into the United States Army and served his country in the 45th Infantry Division during the Korean War and was awarded the Bronze Star. Dean married Mary Jean Wiley on September 4, 1955 at the Methodist Church in Leon, Iowa. To this union six children were born, Diane, Carol, David, Nancy, Dan and Norman.

As a young man, Dean was active in 4-H and FFA helping out various individuals with their cattle herds. In 1960 Dean began working as a veterinarian in Monroe County for the next 33 years before retiring in 1993. Since retiring, he has spent his time volunteering his time assisting with countless projects at the Monroe County Historical Society, gardening, helping with church services and traveling with Mary. Dean was a member of the First Christian Church and later the Trinity United Methodist Church and taught Sunday school for over 45 years. He was the past president of the Chamber of Commerce, a 52 year member of the Rotary Club in Albia, a 60 year

member of the American Legion and a 50 year member of the American Veterinarian Association. He served on the Albia Community School Board, was inducted into the Albia Hall of Fame in 1992, was a lifetime member of the IVMA and received the IVMA Presidents award in 2000. Dean was inducted into the Albia High School Wall of Fame in 2003, he received the Agribusiness Farm Bureau Award in 2005 and was a recipient of many more recognitions and awards.

Dean is survived by his wife of 61 years Mary Stocker of Albia; five children, Diane (Jerry) Meyer and their children, Matthew and Nathan Meyer; Carol Stocker, Nancy (Mike) Langstraat and their children, Kyle and Kayla; Dan (Julie) Stocker and their children, Cameron and Carson; Norman (Shantel) Stocker and their children, Michael and Mitchell and many nieces, nephews, cousins and good friends.

Dean was preceded in death by a son in infancy, David; his parents, Clarence and Mildred; a sister Marjorie Spain; and four brothers, Paul, C.J., Floyd, and Darrell Stocker.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Monday, August 14, 2017, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia, with Pastor Lynda Carlson officiating. Burial with military rites provided by the American Legion of Albia, Melrose and Lovilia will follow the service at Oak View Cemetery in Albia.

Visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Sunday, August 13, 2017, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Dean's family present from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Sunday evening to greet family and friends.

A memorial has been established to the Heifer International or Welcome Home Soldier Monument.

Heifer International is a charity organization working to end hunger and

poverty around the world by providing livestock and training to struggling communities. The core model is Passing on the Gift, which means families share the training and pass on the first female offspring of their livestock to another family. This extends the impact of the original gift, allowing the once impoverished family to become donors and full participants in improving their communities. For additional ways you can help visit [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org)

Welcome Home Soldier Monument is a public monument of national magnitude to honor all United States Veterans, living or deceased, and is located in the nation's heartland of Albia Iowa. It memorializes the active duty peacetime and wartime honorably discharged veterans in the past, present, and those in the future. For additional ways to share your time or skills, visit <https://www.welcomhomesoldiermonument.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 13. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
(641) 932-3129  
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

## Funeral Service

AUG 14. 10:30 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church  
1117 Benton Ave East  
Albia, IA 52531

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Everett Dean Stocker*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Dr. Everett Dean Stocker*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Just saw this. Sorry for the loss. Dad always reminds me about our car accident, Diane.*

**Jollette Boyer** - August 19, 2017 at 08:14 AM



“ *Thoughts and prayers for the entire family. May you find comfort and peace in time.*

**Lisa Lajoie** - August 15, 2017 at 10:30 AM



“ *Dear Mary and family,*

*We were sorry to hear of Dean's passing. So many fond memories of vet school and seeing you both over the years. May all of your good memories give you comfort.*

*Dean and Jan Harmon*

**Jan Harmon** - August 14, 2017 at 04:24 PM

JJ

“ Mary, I am so sorry for your loss. Dean was A friend of Johnny's from the Korean War. He thought A lot of him. I am so glad I got to meet Dean and you too. God bless you and your family. Jo Johnson , Pawhuska , Ok.

Jo Johnson - August 14, 2017 at 08:12 AM

ML

“ Mike and Sandy Luker purchased the Written in the Stars for the family of Dr. Everett Dean Stocker.



Mike and Sandy Luker - August 13, 2017 at 06:10 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Everett Dean Stocker.



August 13, 2017 at 04:07 PM

JC

“ To all of the Stocker family I am so sorry for your loss. Dean was a great guy . He had a heart of gold and was the kindest person I knew. He was a great friend and I will miss our weekly visits and sharing a can of pepsi with him. I will miss him John Caster

John Caster - August 12, 2017 at 11:32 PM

KB

*I am sending my thoughts and prayers to Mary and family. Dean was a very hard working family man!! He always took time to speak and give you a smile!! RIP.*

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**Kate Brock** - August 13, 2017 at 04:52 PM

DW

*“ We are sadden to hear of loss of Dean. My dad, Sonny and Dean were inducted to the Hall of fame in the same year 1992. Dad and Dean worked on many things together and they both took pride in the Albia Community. I have many memories of Dr. Dean bringing me his peanut brittle at Christmas time when I worked at Casey's. He was truly a good guy that will always remain in our hearts.. Take care Mary and all his family*

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**Debbie Williams** - August 12, 2017 at 10:39 PM

AS

*“ My Heart is Saddened by the sudden passing of Dr. Dean ... A very nice Gentleman who always had nice things to say I remember him coming to our Farm and caring for some of our Animals. He will be Missed but not Forgotten. May his Family find peace as His Journey Continues. May he rest in peace..*

*Andy Simmons*

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**Andy Simmons** - August 12, 2017 at 09:42 PM

VL

“ So sorry to hear about Dr. Dean Stocker. I remember him and his family well. Growing up in Albia was wonderful. Dean was a really great guy and wonderful vet for family pets. I know it will be tough without him. It will be a fond memory that you knew him. I feel like it was just yesterday I saw him on the Albia square chatting with folks. The great memories will sustain his family. I feel blessed to have known Dean and all of his family. Being from Albia is always a great memory. I am happy that I knew the Stocker family. Vicki Woodard Luptowski



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**Vicki Woodard Luptowski** - August 12, 2017 at 12:12 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Dr. Everett Dean Stocker.



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August 12, 2017 at 12:11 PM

DF

“ Dick and his family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Everett Dean Stocker.



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**Dick and his family** - August 12, 2017 at 09:55 AM

UP

“ Our hearts are heavy for you and your family Nancy. We are honored to pray for all of you. We have been asking God to share His warmth and comfort with you all. We know you are all together and we ask God to wrap His arms around you and pull you all in a little tighter. We love you and Godspeed to your father.  
- United Methodist Church of Pella.

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**UMC Pella** - August 12, 2017 at 09:22 AM

KP

“ Carol, I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing.

Your cousin Kay Pogrant

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**Kay Pogrant** - August 12, 2017 at 09:01 AM

BG

“ Carol, Mary and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Dean was such a wonderful man. I remember all the fun times we had at the house. Bless you, and may you always have the sweetest memories of your family to cherish. Bobbi and Paul Gross

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**Bobbi Gross** - August 11, 2017 at 10:52 PM

DR

“ I'm so very sorry to hear this. What a kind, caring, genuine guy! I'm not sure that I ever saw him without a smile. He sure loved to talk about his kids and grandkids... he was very proud of his family. Like someone else I know, he always worked so hard and put in long hours...but he did it for all the right reasons. I'm sorry for the sadness you are going thru now... Someone told me it hurts so much because you were loved so much!! God bless you all. You have a great family to lean on Mary. Big hugs to you.

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**Debi Reed** - August 11, 2017 at 10:46 PM

LE

“ Mary, I am so sorry to hear about Dean. I know Mom and Dad thought a lot of him as well as Prayers and blessings to you and your family.

*Linda Henderson Eubanks*

Linda Henderson Eubanks - August 11, 2017 at 05:25 PM

CC

“ Greatest uncle always was thier if you needed anything, he reminded me so much of my dad, they were always close and he was around a lot and always had a story about something to share with everyone. Had a lot of knowledge on almost anything. He got mistaken for my dad so many times and even by the little ones.he will be missed but never forgotten, love you all he was a great dad and and a priveledge to have known. cinda

Cinda Comstock - August 11, 2017 at 04:58 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Everett Dean Stocker.



August 11, 2017 at 04:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Everett Dean Stocker.



August 11, 2017 at 04:17 PM