

Walter “Dean” Strawn

Walter “Dean” Strawn, the son of John and Northa (Johnson) Strawn was born on January 21, 1942, at home in St. Charles, Iowa. He attended St. Charles Consolidated High School and graduated with the Class of 1960. He later attended Simpson College and earned his bachelor’s degree. On November 25, 1965 he was united in marriage to Patricia Garden at the Central United Methodist Church in Oskaloosa. Patricia passed away on March 30, 1980. On April 16, 1983, Dean was united in marriage to Jane Stills at the Little Brown Church at Nashua. Jane passed away on April 21, 2017.

Dean owned an Allis Chalmers farm equipment dealership in Oskaloosa and later owned and operated Gold Circle Incorporated in Centerville. He later went to work for Walton Insurance Agency as a salesman. Dean was an active member of the Elks Lodge and at one point served as Grand Exalted Ruler. He enjoyed golfing and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

On Thursday, April 8, 2021 Dean passed away at the MercyOne Hospice in Johnston, Iowa at the age of 79 years, 2 months and 18 days.

His family includes four children, Jim (Ann) Strawn of Clive, and Pam Harrison of Waukee, Brant (Vanessa) Baker of Des Moines, DeAnn (Brent) Knoot of Oskaloosa; twelve grandchildren, Lexus, Sam, Taylor, Leah, Paiven, Jack, Emily, Parker, Brock, Tate, Sam, and Clark. He is also survived by his siblings, Dennis Strawn of St. Charles, Alice (Garald) Slye of Norwalk, Russell (Joyce) Strawn of Florida, Phil (Carmen) Strawn of Colorado and Charles (Audrey) Strawn of St. Charles.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents, John and Northa Strawn; his wife, Jane Strawn; his first wife, Patricia Strawn and a sister-in-law, Marilyn Strawn.

Memorials may be made to the Elks Lodge in Oskaloosa.

Funeral Service

for

Walter “Dean” Strawn

in the

Bates Funeral Chapel

Oskaloosa, Iowa

Tuesday, April 12, 2021 10:00AM

Officiant

Pastor Chad Lierman

Central United Methodist Church
Oskaloosa

Recorded Music

“In The Garden”

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Honorary Bearers

Sam Minick	Brock Baker
Jack Minick	Sam Strawn
Clark Harrison	Parker Harrison
Tate Knoot	

Interment

New Virginia Cemetery

St. Charles, Iowa

Dean’s family thanks you for your support and presence and would like to extend an invitation for a luncheon at the Elks Lodge in Oskaloosa after the service.