



## Wilbur Dean Hupe

July 23, 1937 - May 3, 2022

Wilbur "DEAN" Hupe, 84, of Manteno passed away on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on July 23, 1937, in Harvey, IL., the son of Wilbert J. and Hilma W. (Hopman) Hupe. He graduated from Bremen High School class of 1955. Dean was the co-founder along with his father, brother and sister of Evergreen Sod Farm, County Supply, Inc., Liberty Leasing & Equipment Co., Inc., and Summit Seed. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. He is survived by his son, Louis D. Hupe and his 4 children, Alex, Nathan, Sean, and Kyle, his daughter, Deanine R. Hupe and her 4 children and 7 grandchildren, Julie Jaroscak (Joe), Emily, Nolan, and Mallory, her son, Joel M. Paquette (Chenny) Georgia, Oliver, and Miles Rancone, her daughter, Jena Paquette (Andre Lyons), her daughter, Katherine Mattocks (Zack Walton) Zander, his daughter, Holly Kamp (Sid) and her 2 children and 3 grandchildren, Brittany Posing (Andy), Aubry, Drew, Kimber, her son Paul Hale III, his daughter, Briana A. Grove (Jason Sr.) and her 3 children and 2 grandchildren, Preston D. Grove, Ashley A. Grove (Jake High), Jason S. Grove Jr. (Brandy), Mackenzie, and Jaelyn, his daughter, Amber E. Monney, and her 2 children, Mason and Max, a brother, Roger L. Hupe (Gloria), a bonus son Karl M. Paquette, many nieces and nephews, other special family members including lifelong friend Thomas Case and Rosemary Pritchard. He is preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Suzanne M. Hupe, a son-in-law, Todd Monney, a special friend, Marilyn M. Blankenburg and his "mainest"

Melvyn G Marshall.

Dean mentored many when it came to sod farming not only locally but around the world. He appreciated his relationships and partnerships that he formed along his journey. As one gentleman from Australia stated, "I have been searching around the world for a guy who would mentor me, and I found him in a little town called Manteno and he has been an amazing friend to me."

Dean stated often, "I have had great success and failures." "My father in heaven knows my name." "Please do not list my accomplishments or accolades." "I am a simple man who has through everything lived a cherished and blessed life and I am grateful for it."

Dean will be interred at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL., on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 2:30pm. Family and friends are welcome to join his family for the ceremony. A celebration of life will follow at the American Legion in Manteno, IL., from 4pm-6pm. Everyone is welcome. Please join us and share your story.

In lieu of flowers please, make donations to the wishes of the family.

Brown-Jensen Funeral Home in Manteno will be handling the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Burial

MAY **25**. 2:30 PM (CT)

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery  
20953 West Hoff Road  
Elwood, IL 60421

## Celebration of Life

MAY **25**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

American Legion  
117 N Walnut St  
Manteno, IL 60950

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wilbur Dean Hupe*

October 06, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ *Tarpstop Pierre Gibbs purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Wilbur Dean Hupe.*



**Tarpstop Pierre Gibbs** - May 24, 2022 at 03:13 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Wilbur Dean Hupe.*



May 24, 2022 at 09:52 AM



“ *Aero Industries purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Wilbur Dean Hupe.*



**Aero Industries** - May 24, 2022 at 08:17 AM

JS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Jason S Grove Sr** - May 21, 2022 at 10:22 PM

MM

“ MR MRS sent a virtual gift in memory of Wilbur Dean Hupe



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**MR MRS** - May 21, 2022 at 01:51 PM

JM

“ Jessee Mattocks lit a candle in memory of Wilbur Dean Hupe



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**Jessee Mattocks** - May 21, 2022 at 05:37 AM

JM

*Hupe/Mattocks family from Wisconsin sends condolences.*

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**Jessee Mattocks** - May 21, 2022 at 05:41 AM

JM

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Jessee Mattocks - May 21, 2022 at 05:25 AM

JM

Dean teaching me to ride a H-D motorcycle back in 1976. "Ride on Dean!"

Jessee Mattocks - May 21, 2022 at 05:35 AM

JH

“ Jim-Dianne Van HovelN lit a candle in memory of Wilbur Dean Hupe



Jim-Dianne Van HovelN - May 20, 2022 at 07:56 PM

JH

Jim and Dianne Van HovelN send condolences to all of Dean's family. He was special man.

Jim-Dianne Van HovelN - May 20, 2022 at 07:59 PM

MM

Dean was my classmate at Bremen H.S. during our junior year - and his dad worked the farm land that surrounded the farmhouse my dad acquired in 1949. Dean loved racing tractors and motorcycles and was a great guy to know and hang around with. Am grateful to have learned of his long and fruitful life.

Michael Moss - April 04, 2025 at 03:14 PM