



Dean Alan Lietz

March 6, 1958 - January 22, 2022

Dean Alan Lietz, age 63, of Alta, Iowa died on January 22, 2022 at his home in rural Alta.

Memorial Services will be held on Monday, January 31, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Alta. A private family luncheon will be held for invited guests only due to COVID concerns. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Alta. Visitation will take place Sunday, January 30, 2022 from 3-5:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Alta. There will be remarks in memory of Dean by the family at 4:00 p.m. The family requests that masks be worn at the visitation and the service. Memorials may be directed to St. Paul Lutheran Church, 405 Division Street, Alta, Iowa 51002 in Dean's name. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta is in charge of arrangements.

Dean was born on March 6, 1958, in Storm Lake, Iowa, to Harry and Lavern (Wrede) Lietz. He grew up on the family farm west of Alta. Dean graduated from Alta High School in 1976 and went on to graduate from Iowa State University in 1980 with a degree in Farm Operation.

At Iowa State, Dean met his wife, Beth Marie Turner. They were united in marriage on August 7, 1981, at the United Methodist Church in Pocahontas, Iowa. Together they raised their three sons: Derek Charles, Drew Alan, and Jonathan Dean.

Dean farmed throughout his life. He enjoyed telling stories of how he baled hay and shelled corn in his youth. Dean was also excellent at fixing equipment. He farmed with his brother Paul, his nephew Jeff, and, finally, over ten years with his son, Drew. Everyone enjoyed working with Dean.

Dean touched the lives of hundreds of kids through coaching for over twenty-five years. He coached his sons' teams in sports, starting in elementary school age, and working up to coaching high school boys' basketball. Dean invested in the boys and wanted them to do well in basketball and in life.

For many years Dean enjoyed bringing groups of basketball boys to Kansas City Chiefs games, as Dean was a life-long Chiefs fan. He cheered on Iowa State University in basketball and football seasons and was a Minnesota Twins fan from his youth.

Dean and Beth sometimes worked with in the same students, as Beth taught at the Alta and Aurelia schools. They would go to many graduation parties and weddings of their students together. Dean and Beth took their family on vacation every year since their boys were young, and they continued to travel as a couple for the rest of Dean's life. They also had great joy and pride investing in the lives of their six grandchildren.

Dean attended St. Paul Lutheran Church in Alta all his life. He was confirmed there and later served as treasurer for several years. He enjoyed socializing through Lutheran dartball tournaments. Dean Lietz will be deeply missed by his friends, family, and community.

Dean is survived by his spouse, Beth (Turner) Lietz of Alta, Iowa; children: Derek (Megan) Lietz of Dorchester, Massachusetts; Drew (Sara) Lietz of Alta, Iowa; Jonathan Lietz (fiancée Brittney) of Las Vegas, Nevada; brother: Paul (Janet) Lietz of Alta, Iowa; sisters: Karen Stacy of Sioux Rapids, Iowa; Beverly

(John) Nordman of Algona, Iowa; mother-in-law: Mary Turner of Pocahontas, Iowa; grandchildren: Grace and David Lietz of Dorchester, Massachusetts; Ruth, Joseph, Ezra, and Abraham Lietz of Alta, Iowa; brothers-in-law: Charles (Nancy) Turner of Danvers, Massachusetts; James R. (Paula) Turner of Holland, Iowa; Mark (Angela) Turner of Marion, North Dakota; Brett (Inge) Turner of Hawthorn Woods, Illinois.

Dean is preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Lavern (Wrede) Lietz; stepmother, Fern Lietz; and brother and sister-in-law, Howard (Connie) Lietz, and brother-in-law: Denzil Stacy.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn
Alta, IA

Tribute Wall

FJ

“ 2 files added to the album Memorial Folder



Fratzke & Jensen - February 07, 2022 at 11:13 AM

BB

“ Dean was my uncle by marriage. I will always remember the joy he took in gathering around a table with his extended family to play cards or board games. His love for his relatives will be much missed.

Brian B - February 01, 2022 at 12:44 AM

CH

“ Our deepest sympathies to the whole Lietz family. We have such fond memories of Mr. Lietz. Our hearts are with you. ~CCO&J



Chris Hampson - January 31, 2022 at 03:14 PM

BL

Chris is my oldest son's best friend. They met at Harvard and I hope he comes to Iowa to live, but I think that's a long shot.

Beth Lietz - January 31, 2022 at 11:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dean Alan Lietz.*



January 31, 2022 at 03:10 PM



“ *A CANDLE HAS BEEN LIT IN MEMORY OF COACH DEAN LIETZ. PRAYERS FOR HIS FAMILY. MAY HE RIP.*

*JOY, PEACE & LOVE, LARY & PATTY
GUNVILLE
STORM LAKE, IOWA*



PATTY GUNVILLE - January 27, 2022 at 04:58 PM



Dean deserves an eternal flame of freedom at his gravesite as much as JFK because, as a free spirit, he let me do whatever I wanted to, in terms of career, family, gift giving, etc. We had a great life.

Beth Lietz - January 31, 2022 at 11:05 PM



“ *Mike And Bonnie Goebel lit a candle in memory of Dean Alan Lietz*



Mike and Bonnie Goebel - January 27, 2022 at 02:49 PM

DW

“ *Our thoughts and prayers.*

Deb and Mike Wienhold - January 27, 2022 at 11:08 AM

JN

“ *We had way too much fun working at Pizza Hut. My sympathy goes out to the family.*

Joyce Nielsen - January 26, 2022 at 08:47 AM

SM

“ *R.I.P Dean*

Steph Mickelson - January 25, 2022 at 07:09 PM

SM

“ *Steph Mickelson lit a candle in memory of Dean Alan Lietz*



Steph Mickelson - January 25, 2022 at 07:08 PM

DM

“ *Dave Merten lit a candle in memory of Dean Alan Lietz*



Dave Merten - January 25, 2022 at 02:17 PM

RF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and his Warrior family!*



Reinert Family - January 25, 2022 at 01:36 PM

DM

“ *Our thoughts prayers to Family Russ & Diane Meyer*



Diane Meyer - January 25, 2022 at 12:22 PM

NS

“ *Nancy & Gary Snyder lit a candle in memory of Dean Alan Lietz*



Nancy & Gary Snyder - January 25, 2022 at 12:20 PM

KG

“ *So sorry for you loss, keeping your family in my prayers! Cherish the memories!*

Kathy Grienke - January 25, 2022 at 10:20 AM

KG

“ *Kathy Grienke lit a candle in memory of Dean Alan Lietz*



Kathy Grienke - January 25, 2022 at 10:18 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Dean Alan Lietz.*



January 25, 2022 at 09:29 AM

JD

“ *John And Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Dean Alan Lietz*



john and Connie Demers - January 25, 2022 at 08:14 AM

CD

“ *Cheryl DeMan lit a candle in memory of Dean Alan Lietz*



Cheryl DeMan - January 24, 2022 at 09:25 PM

PH

“ *Pam Henderson lit a candle in memory of
Dean Alan Lietz*



Pam Henderson - January 24, 2022 at 07:49 PM