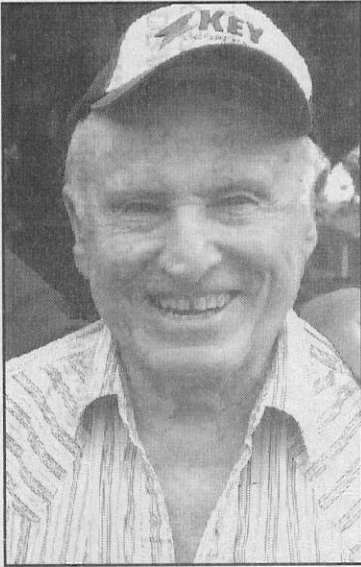


Obituaries

Dale F. Heishman

Apr. 20, 1936 to Aug. 1, 2022



Dale called Iowa his home state, having been born on April 20, 1936 at Grinnell Hospital and passing away on August 1, 2022 at his home in Montezuma.

During his life, he left many times, but always came back home to Iowa.

He was raised on a farm near Deep River, graduating from Deep River High School. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force for four years, returning to Clarence, Iowa upon discharge in 1962, where he farmed with his family. He then moved his family to rural Montezuma, where they farmed for twelve years.

He then left farming and moved to Lake Ponderosa, where he worked on a mason crew for nine years. He then moved to Montezuma and started driving a semi for his brother Dean.

This started his second career and the one he was most proud of, long haul trucking. Barbara, his wife, joined him and they team drove for SMX out of Fort Dodge, Iowa for twenty years, earning many awards, to include 1998 Team Drivers of the Year and an award for over three million miles of accident-free driving for the company. After retirement from long haul trucking, he worked as a part time semi driver for Key Co-op in Grinnell for several years.

He and Barbara became snowbirds for eighteen years, living in Yuma, AZ for the winter months and Montezuma for the rest of the year. While in Arizona, Dale enjoyed his snow free walks and frequent shopping trips to Mexico.

If any family members were planning a trip within the United States, Dale could tell them which roads to take and which roads to avoid, having a mental map that was better than any paper map, digital map or Road Atlas.

Dale was best known as a hard worker and loyal friend. He never lost his farmer's love for the land, planning and planting a garden every year that grew into his relaxing and joyful place. He enjoyed nurturing his plants and gifting the bountiful harvests to family and friends.

Dale leaves behind his wife Barbara, three children: Lisa Wanders (Steve) from Montezuma, Brian Heishman (Melinda) from Mor-

rison, Oklahoma and Jim Heishman (Deborah) from Eagle, Idaho. Five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Preceding Dale in death was his brother Dean, his mother and father Ida and Forrest Heishman, his half-brother Jack, his brothers-in-law David and Robert Wells, several cousins and his mother-in-law Eva Joranger.

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