



Dean Beryl McCrary

August 22, 1953 - February 7, 2026

Dean Beryl McCrary was a Saturday's child. Born on Saturday August 22, 1953, in Parkston, South Dakota to Helen (Hansen) McCrary and Ellsworth B McCrary. According to the 19th century nursery rhyme, those born on Saturday worked hard for a living. They are industrious, determined and focused. Saturday born individuals are often considered strong willed, independent and go-getters. Dean embodied all of those traits as well as being a very loving and compassionate husband, father, Papa, son, brother and friend. Dean loved and served the Lord, he was welcomed home to his life in Heaven on Saturday, February 7th, 2026.

Dean grew up in Ethan, South Dakota and graduated from Ethan High School in 1971. Dean attended Huron College for two years, while touring with various bands, including the Lowell and Dean Show, which enjoyed quite the following.

On Saturday, November 27, 1976, Dean married Deborah Wessel at the Methodist Church in Huron, South Dakota. Being traditionalists, Dean and Deborah made it a priority that when they started a family, she would be a stay-at-home mother. Dean loved and respected his mother and he wanted to emulate the life he grew up with.

Dean began his career in retail for Tandy Corporation, first as a sales

associate at Radio Shack. He exceeded expectations, adhering to moral standards, strong work ethic and commitment to success, He quickly climbed the ladder and was promoted to store manager, district manager and regional manager winning several national awards. After 12 years at Radio Shack, he began a new career in 1988 in technology services and consulting. Dean opened a branch office in Dallas, Tx for Comprehensive Computer Consulting. Finally opening his own consulting firm, Thinkfind Technology Services, in 2011 with his long-time friend and business partner, Jeff Hallen, retiring in 2022.

In 2022, Dean and Deborah moved from their home of 35 years in Richardson, Tx to their lake home in Oklahoma. Dean enjoyed gardening, landscaping, water sports and most of all music, specifically the Sirius station, classic vinyl.

Through the years, Dean and Deborah and their three children Megan, Aaron and Nathan enjoyed family vacations, cruises, traveling internationally and many years of children's sports and school activities. Cherished memories also include loving family reunions with his aunts, uncles, five siblings and their families as well as Deborah's Mom, Dad, sister and her family.

Dean and Deborah were blessed with three children, Megan Elizabeth (Texas), Aaron Dean (Texas) and Nathan Andrew (Florida). His two sons, who he is very proud of and their individual strengths and achievements, have continued his legacy of hard work, determination and integrity, Aaron as co-owner and business partner of Thinkfind as well as Nathan who served his country as a Sergeant in the elite 75th Ranger Regiment. He was a very proud PaPa, who dearly loved his grandchildren and enjoyed spending time with them, he would stop everything to go on a four-wheeler ride and he always made sure they got their bedtime snacks.

Dean lived a life of devotion to his friends and family. He was honest, moral and generous to help in any capacity when needed.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents, brother Dennis McCrary, brother-in-law Patrick McBrayer, and two sisters-in-law Therese McCrary and Eloyce Keating.

Grateful to have shared his life are wife, Deborah, of 49 years, his two sons and one daughter, Aaron (Sarah) McCrary, Nathan (Aly) McCrary, Megan (Brandon) Kleiman, and mother-in-law, Delores Wessel. Six grandchildren; Kali, Campbell, Kirby and Clara Kleiman, Royce McCrary, Rosie McCrary and two step-grandsons; Jackson Arthur and Shiloh Matzdorf. Three sisters; Sharon (Bob) Stangler (Minnesota), Charleen (Mike) McBrayer (Georgia), Chris (George) Cowherd (Colorado), one brother, Troy (Jill) McCrary (Georgia), two very dear friends Tom (Rene) Palmer and Jeff (Shannan) Hallen and several very special nieces and nephews.

Rest in Peace my love.

In lieu of flowers the family request that you perform a random act of kindness, mentioning it to honor the memory of Dean McCrary.

Services are under the direction of Brown's Durant Funeral and Cremation Service.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/H28DPBZ34LXN7PJ9>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 18. 1:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant
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Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Dean Beryl McCrary*



Brown's Durant Funeral Service - March 09 at 05:28 PM

CM

Good Job putting this together Deb.....lots of good memories!

Charleen McBrayer - March 10 at 06:44 PM

MB

I didn't know Dean was in music groups. The video is great! "In My Life" is one of my favorite songs. My prayers are with y'all... 🙏 🎵 ❤️

Mark Bailey - March 10 at 10:55 PM

CW

All my love Deborah

Colleen Weber - March 10 at 11:00 PM

MM

It was beautiful. What a great tribute to Dean. Hugs to you and yours

Mary Mediger - March 11 at 12:47 AM

ML

*Deborah and family,
A most beautiful tribute your beloved husband, father and papa! May God bless each life Dean touched and poured his love into. May he rest in peace in the merciful arms of his Savior, Christ Jesus his Lord!*

Marlene Lucas - March 11 at 09:03 AM

JH

Such great photos and memories. Wonderful tribute to a generous, caring human being.

Jeff Hallan - March 11 at 02:47 PM

RL

You 2 were in love and showed it Dean had a great wife and children. Love you all Renae, Gary call any time

renae lamberty - March 11 at 07:52 PM

DJ

What a beautiful life filled with so many memories. Keep them in a pocket close to your heart and take them out whenever you need comfort and joy. I love you my dear friend, Deborah.

Debra Jones - March 11 at 09:07 PM

SH

A great man and a great friend has left this world, but the kindness, laughter, and strength he shared will never leave the hearts of those who knew him.

Shannan Hallan - March 12 at 07:05 PM

JE

*I am saddened to hear of Dean's passing; we went to school together for 13 years, obviously knew him well back then; had lost touch over the years, as happens; I enjoyed the photos and remember I too had a red polka dot shirt in grade school; So sorry for your loss.
John Erpenbach, Sioux Falls, SD*

John Erpenbach - March 19 at 12:17 PM

JH

My dear South Dakota cousin Dean-O. I wish we had a picture of us climbing up Ethan's water tower, shooting off Black Cat and Zebra firecrackers, and playing his Civil War boardgame in the basement. He was there with me on July 5, 1961, when my dad died in the McCrary home, doing his best to support me when he was 8 years old and I was 9. RIP, Dean. I wish we had stayed in much better touch. Jimmy Hansen, Birmingham, Alabama

James R Hansen - April 12 at 11:18 AM

TF

“ The Washington family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dean Beryl McCrary.



The Washington family - March 18 at 11:07 AM

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“ The Washington family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dean Beryl McCrary.

The Washington family - March 18 at 11:07 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dean Beryl McCrary.



March 17 at 05:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dean Beryl McCrary.

March 17 at 05:58 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dean Beryl McCrary.*



March 15 at 09:56 AM

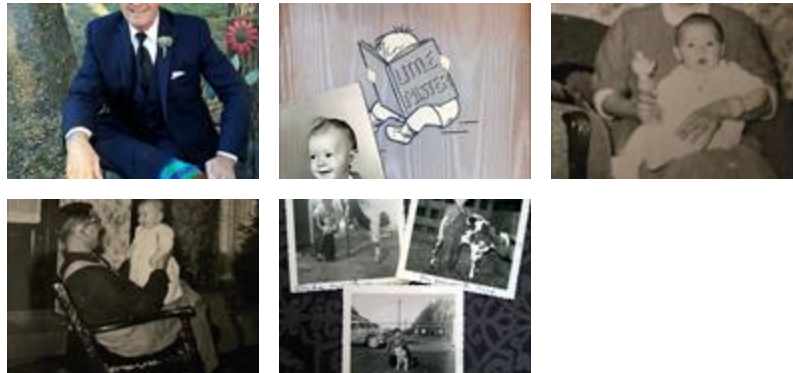


“ *The video was a beautiful tribute to Dean and his family. Brad and I pray that the Lord will be your comfort now and in the days ahead. Sending our love to all of you.*

Susan Thomas - March 12 at 10:35 AM



“ *99 files added to the album Gallery of Pictures*



Brown's Durant Funeral Service - March 09 at 05:33 PM