

Donald Dean Vance

Donald Dean Vance was born July 4, 1926, in Dupree, SD, to the family of Carl and Lorna (Robertson) Vance. He attended twelve years of school in Dupree. Between his junior and senior years of high school, he worked in the shipyards in Long Beach, CA, where he met Shirley Temple!

In 1944, Dean enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving as a signalman on an escort aircraft carrier in the Pacific Theatre. He was the first on board to learn that Japan had surrendered!

Dean attended Northern State Teachers College in 1946 and 1947 before serving as Assistant Postmaster and clerk upon his return to Dupree. After leaving the Post Office, he left Dupree to work in East Los Angeles, then he returned to Dupree, purchasing the Ziebach County Abstract Company in 1952.

In 1959, Dean became a single parent of three very young children. He sold his business and moved to California, where he was employed in the title insurance industry in San Diego until 1968, when he became Regional Manager for St. Paul Title Company in Boulder, CO. In 1986, Dean became Chief Title Officer of a national title company in Phoenix, AZ.

In South Dakota and Arizona, Dean held high offices in the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and later became a member of the American Legion honor organization, 40 et 8. While in San Diego, Dean served as President of the East San Diego Exchange Club, and was appointed Chairman of the 1966 State Convention of the California Exchange Club.

Dean was recognized in "Personalities of the West and Midwest," in their 1970-71 edition for his service to the community and state. In 1972, Dean was awarded a Certificate of Merit for distinguished service to his community, and he was listed in "Volume IX Dictionary of International Biography."

Dean moved back to South Dakota in 1985, settling in Spearfish. Having spent most of his adult life serving veterans and performing community service, he immediately began volunteering at Ft. Meade Medical Center, serving nine years "on the inside," then later as a volunteer driver of the Disabled American Veterans hospital van for the Northern Hills. Dean had previously driven a DAV van in Arizona for three years, so he very proudly accumulated a total of fifteen years serving veterans.

Donald "Dean" Vance, 93, of Spearfish, died Sunday, February 9, 2020, at Department of Affairs, Fort Meade Veteran's Administration Hospital.

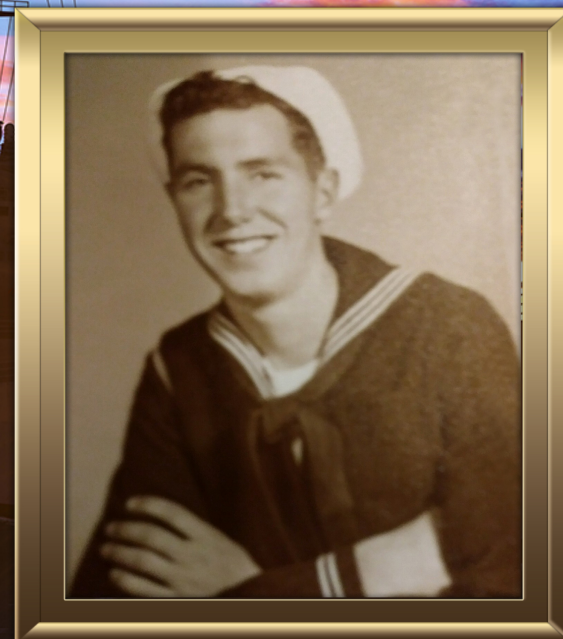
Dean is survived by a sister, Marilyn Wenlund of Spearfish; a son, Donovin Sprague (Debra) of Rapid City; two daughters, Lorna Blamey (William) of Boulder, CO, and Jolene Vance of Louisville, CO; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Darrel Dean; his two brothers, Vernal Dale and Carl Wayne; his sisters, Shirley Jeanne, Wilma Lavonne, Wanda Arlene, and Joyce Maxine.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Ft. Meade Medical Center: 113 Comanche Rd., Ft. Meade, SD 57741 or your local Autism Society: Autism Society of the Black Hills, 505 Kansas St., Rapid City, SD 57701 and Autism Society of Colorado, P.O. Box 1313, Golden, CO 80402.

Condolences can be sent to www.kinkadefunerals.com

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the Loud American Roadhouse Bar and Grille on 1305 Main Street in Sturgis following the committal service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



In Loving Memory

Donald Dean Vance

July 4, 1926 ~ February 9, 2020

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;

His truth is marching on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!

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His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps;
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps,

His day is marching on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!

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His truth is marching on.

I have read His fiery gospel writ in rows of burnished steel!
"As ye deal with my condemners, so with you My grace shall deal!
Let the Hero, born of woman, crush the serpent with his heel, "

Since God is marching on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!

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His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat;
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him; be jubilant, my feet!

Our God is marching on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!

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Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!

His truth is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free!

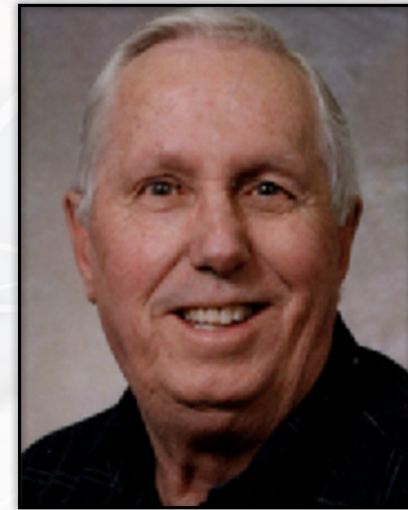
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Date of Birth

July 4, 1926
Dupree, South Dakota

Date of Death

February 9, 2020
Fort Meade, South Dakota

Committal Service

Monday, February 17, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

Clergy

Pastor Bruce Baum

Final Resting Place

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Sturgis, South Dakota