



Dan Wray Hegsted

July 21, 1934 - July 26, 2018

Dan Wray Hegsted was born as the third of five children to Alton and Ida (Gilson) Hegsted on July 21, 1934 in Sugar City, Idaho. He was fortunate to grow up near grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. He enjoyed warm relationships while learning to hunt, fish and work. He especially liked hunting ducks with his grandfather who was nearly blind but could still shoot ducks "by sound." As a young man, Dan traveled to school in an open truck and froze his ears so profoundly that he was deaf for a number of months. The family spent time during the summers caring for a family ranch near Kilgore, Idaho.

The depression changed the lives of the Hegsted family who moved to Aberdeen, Idaho when Dan was in fifth grade for better employment opportunities. There he made many friends, and a few of them began taking Dan to the LDS Church which was where his parents were members. With the help of a wonderful Bishop, Dan became active in the LDS Church.

Dan was taught to work by his mother. He was always able to find work with the local farmers hauling hay and harvesting. Everyone wanted to hire the son of Ida. Before he turned 15, he began working at Valley Supply (a grocery store) and would begin to manage that store while still attending high school. This was a blessing in his life.

Fishing, hunting and playing with his buddies occupied much of his spare time, but he finally noticed Evelyn Phillips and told his friends he would marry her. They laughed saying she was too good for him, but he succeeded. They were sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple on June 17, 1955 and started a very long love affair. Throughout his professional life, Dan continued to manage and work in the grocery business and later in the life insurance business with New York Life.

They were blessed with two children Vivian Dian (Dennis) Bowman and Daniel Mark (Deann/Dede) Hegsted and 6 grandchildren Jacob Allen (Melissa Mae) Humpherys, Danielle (Eric Randall) Larsen, Jon David (Shirlee Beth) Hegsted, Cynthia Lynn (Daniel Joel) Lund, Anna Hegsted, and Sara (Samuel Alan) Mitchell. He now has ten great

grandchildren: Katelyn Michelle Humpherys, Makenzie Paige Humpherys, Boston Cole Humpherys, Dallin Jace Humpherys, Berkley Sage Humpherys, Kenneth Wray Lund, Hailey Dee Larsen, Lyndee Jane Larsen, Ian Daniel Larsen, and Emma Jean Mitchell. Dan loved his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Dan remained active in church and served in several Bishoprics and High Councils and also served as Bishop. He was an Ordinance Worker with Evelyn at the Idaho Falls Temple for many years. He loved to talk to people, make friends and when the opportunity arose, to counsel them. Dan was a great teacher and speaker in church and was a favorite speaker at many funerals.

Dan loved serving his friends and family. He enjoyed taking food and gifts to neighbors and being involved in their lives. He would grow extra vegetables in his gardens to take to all the widows in the ward and neighborhood.

Dan never lost his love for work. He was happiest when he was working a project at his beloved cabin in Island Park or his "gentlemen farm" in Chubbuck. He loved when others would come help him complete the project. In the last weeks of his life, he was still planning work projects for both the cabin and the farm and was frustrated with his inability to get back to work.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Donna Hall, two brothers David and Merlin Hegsted and his wife, Evelyn. He is survived by his oldest brother Lyle Hegsted as well as his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Dan passed away peacefully on Thursday July 26, 2018 in his home where he had requested that he be allowed to remain. The family is grateful for his loving and kind caregivers who spent countless hours with him so he could stay at home.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, August 4 2018 at 11 am at the LDS Chapel on 300 E. Chapel Rd. in Pocatello. The family will receive friends Friday, August 3 2018 from 6 to 8 pm at Wilks Funeral Home at 211 W. Chubbuck Rd, in Pocatello and on Saturday 1 hour prior to the funeral at the church. Interment will follow the funeral at the Aberdeen Cemetery.

Memories and condolences may be shared with the family under the "Tribute Wall" tab above.

Cemetery

Events

Aberdeen Cemetery

W. 1750 S

Aberdeen, ID, 83210

AUG 3 **Viewing** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

Wilks Funeral Home

211 W. Chubbuck Road, Chubbuck, ID, US, 83202

AUG 4 **Viewing** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

Meadowbrook LDS Ward Chapel

300 East Chapel Street, Pocatello, ID, US, 83201

AUG 4 **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Comments



“ Dan was a great uncle to us. We the children and grandchildren of his sister Donna Hall loved him very much. He always kept track of how we were doing and sent Christmas cards. Loved stopping to visit when we were in Pocatello. We will miss him but are glad he is reunited with his true love! Farrah, Joseph, and Nina Hall.

Nina Hall - August 03, 2018 at 07:31 PM



“ When my dad died at a young age, Dan did a great deal to fill the role of father for me. He cared for me and my mother making sure that we had everything we could need, including love. My days at the cabin and in the garden with him and Evy are some of the best memories of my life. As a newlywed, he counseled my husband and I financially. The world is a better place because of Dan, and I consider myself blessed to have been influenced by him. ~ Heather Dean Miller

Heather Miller - August 03, 2018 at 07:09 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dan Wray Hegsted.



August 03, 2018 at 09:26 AM



“ I was honored to know your Dad and beautiful Mother for many years while I was employed at the Maverik on Yellowstone. They always had a kind word and a cheery hello for everyone they passed. They were always so proud when they were telling stories about the family and their love for you all was so evident. I can imagine your Dad has been lonely since your Mother passed, but so happy now to be together again. May you all find peace and comfort in your memories and faith.
Sharon Swenson

Sharon Swenson - August 02, 2018 at 10:49 PM



“ Thank you so much for sharing your thoughts about daddy. My brother and I are so honored to have him as our father. I miss too but I was so grateful for all 62 years I had with him especially the last as I cared for him. Sincerely, Vivian

Vivian Dian Hegsted Bowman - August 03, 2018 at 06:48 AM



“ Dan, Dede & Family,
What a wonderful obituary! I had met your parents a couple of times when we were in high school, but didn't know them real well. I am so sorry, as it is hard losing our parents! May you feel the loving arms of our Heavenly Father around you during this difficult time & may the memories bring peace to you.

Love,
Debbie Matson Layman

Debbie - August 02, 2018 at 09:38 PM



“ Debbie thank you for your kind thoughts for us as a family. We sincerely appreciate you sharing your thoughts with us. Vivian

Vivian Dian Hegsted Bowman - August 03, 2018 at 06:51 AM



“ Dear Dan & Vivian and family;

Sure sorry to hear of the passing of your father. I actually can imagine quite a party happening on the other side when your Dad arrived! He was such a special man to so many people. My parents always had great respect and admiration for your Dad. And of course I do also and have lots of great memories of when Dan was our Scoutmaster. He had a special way with boys...especially young boys that needed someone to teach them about growing up and not acting like a kid anymore! He was very good at establishing a bond with you and then helping you or at least trying to convince you that the best path is the one that would help you be your best self.

I have lots of fond memories of camping trips and outings and I'm sure I made him laugh on more than one or two occasions. I know he really enjoyed the time that I was sleeping in a little two man pup tent with Kent Rosenlof. We tied closed the outside tubes that you crawled in to enter the tent and then we tied closed the two bug screens. How was I to know that Kent was claustrophobic? Kent woke up in the middle of the night and like to beat me to death trying to get out of that small little tent. Seems awfully funny now but was not near as funny to me at the time. But Dan sure enjoyed it!

I had a couple opportunities to visit Dan in the last few years to reminisce about the good 'ol scouting days. Those were always fun trips down memory lane. And Dan often told some stories about things that I didn't even remember. That was special also.

He was a great man who probably never really knew what kind of impact he had on my life. I have been a Scouter for over 40 years and one of the reasons I always felt a need to give back to the young boys coming up was because of the great example, love and respect that Dan Hegsted showed to me when I was a young Boy Scout.

May the Lord bless and comfort your family at this special time.

Sincerely,

Kelly Owens

Kelly Owens - July 30, 2018 at 11:55 AM



“ Dear Kelly, Thank you so much for your memories I remember boys camp too as I remember taking some pretty funny pictures of all of you. Your friendship meant the world to me as the older sister you didn't seem to care when I wanted to be with the guys instead of the girls. You never made me feel unwelcome and treated me as if I belonged. Those are such happy memories and I'm so glad you are carrying on the tradition of scouting. I bet you have created many memories for those who you have mentored all these years. Thank you so much for sharing. Viv

Vivian Dian Hegsted Bowman - August 03, 2018 at 07:00 AM