



Dean Deibert

May 31, 1933 - July 13, 2025

Dean Arlen Deibert, 93, of Gratz, passed away on Sunday July 13, 2025 at the comfort of his own home. Dean was born in Pottsville on May 31, 1933, a son of the late Ruth and Harry Deibert.

He graduated from the former Hubley Township High School.

Dean served in the U.S. Army. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and a Good Conduct Medal.

After his military service, he devoted his life to farming.

He was married to the former Arlene Engle on April 19, 1958, celebrating 60 years of marriage until her passing in 2018.

After he retired, Dean kept busy tinkering and machining parts for steam engines.

He was a member of St. Paul's U.C.C., Sacramento, and was a member of the Williams Grove Steam Association, and was well known in many other steam and tractor clubs throughout the area.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a son, David,

and a sister, Shirley Rissinger.

Dean is survived by two granddaughters, Katrina (Bob) Gallagher, Keshia Deibert; three grandsons, Schuyler Deibert, Travis (Cheryl) Deibert, Kellen (Natasha) Deibert; brother, Lee Deibert; 22 great grandchildren

Funeral Service will be held on Monday, July 21, 2025, at 11:00 am at the James A. Reed Funeral Home, Pillow. A visitation will be held on Monday July 21, from 10 am to 11 at the funeral home. Interment with military honors will take place in the Gratz Union Cemetery, Gratz.

James A. Reed Funeral Home, Pillow is in charge of the arrangements. To sign the online guest book, or to post a picture of Dean, visit www.reedfh.com.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

James A. Reed Funeral Home
137 Market St
Pillow, PA 17080

Funeral Service

JUL 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Pillow, PA 17080

Graveside Service

JUL 21. 12:00 PM (ET)

Gratz Union Cemetery
173 N Center St
Gratz, PA 17030

Tribute Wall

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“ My grandfather was Johnny Baish of Mechanicsburg, PA. When he passed away our Geiser Peerless U12 #16569 was sold to the Richwine family in nearby Dillsburg, PA in 1970. My parents John and Diane (Baish) Stamy purchased the engine back from Betsie Richwine in 1999. I never knew it but prior to our family reacquiring the engine, Dean and many others helped repair so many issues with the engine. Dean would always ask me "Why aren't you down at the sawmill?" and I never had a good answer so he shook his head at me and walked away. Now I know why, because he never mentioned his efforts on the engine. I just wanted to publicly acknowledge his contributions along with so many others that made such a difference in the life of our engine. This is only one family and one engine, I can only guess the countless number of engines he helped in his time and the advise that saved machines. This is aside from his contributions to Williams Grove itself. What a legacy, thank you Dean.

Neil Stamy



Neil Stamy - July 21, 2025 at 03:18 PM

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“ Friends from Myerstown pa. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dean Deibert.



Friends from Myerstown pa. - July 18, 2025 at 10:50 AM



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

July 17, 2025 at 07:56 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dean Deibert.



July 17, 2025 at 07:56 PM



“ The special place girls planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dean Deibert.

The special place girls - July 17, 2025 at 02:47 PM



“ The special place girls purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dean Deibert.



The special place girls - July 17, 2025 at 02:47 PM



“ The Rissingers purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dean Deibert.



The Rissingers - July 17, 2025 at 01:42 PM



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

July 17, 2025 at 06:06 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes* was purchased for the family of Dean Deibert.



July 17, 2025 at 06:06 AM

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“ I met Dean (and Arlene) when I was in 7th or 8th grade, which was over 40 years ago. They quickly became family to me. We spent many holidays together, laughing at Dean’s one-liners and no-nonsense approach to life. When I turned 19, he was the missing piece in my life after my parents divorced. Dean quickly stepped in as my unspoken dad of sorts. Even though I was already an adult, he became a steady presence for my mom and me. Both he and Arlene never let us down, always there in quiet support. There were many weekends they would stay at our house, and the weekdays dragged on for me in anticipation. Dean and I would stay up late and watch MASH reruns and for YEARS we would get subs from Sorrentos every Sunday. I loved them both dearly and so did all of my friends. Dean was always precious to me and I was always so happy to just spend time with him.



I still miss Arlene’s laugh, and my heart is broken to know Dean is gone. But I thank God for the gift of this man in my life. He will forever be loved and held close in my heart. My condolences to his family.

Dawn Taylor - July 16, 2025 at 11:12 PM