



## Dean Milward Holstad

October 12, 1927 - October 26, 2020

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Dean Milward Holstad age 93 of Lake Mills, died on Monday, October 26, 2020 at the Lake Mills Care Center.

A private graveside service will be held on Friday, October 30, 2020 at Sunnyside Cemetery, 1108 S. Lake Street in Lake Mills with Mr. Kermit Singelstad officiating. Military honors will then be given by the Lake Mills Otto Chose American Legion Post #235, with the help of LMHS trumpet students performing "Taps."

The use of a face covering and social distancing are encouraged.

The family suggests that memorials be directed to the Salem Lutheran Church Building Fund, 401 S. Lake St., Lake Mills, IA 50450.

Dean Milward Holstad was born on October 12, 1927 at home in Lake Mills to parents Julius and Mathilda (Moen) Holstad. He was baptized and confirmed at Salem Lutheran Church and graduated from Lake Mills High School. The Holstad family was all gifted with musical talent, many of whom not only sang, but also played at least one instrument. Dean was no exception. In earlier years, he earned All-State Honors in high school for his trumpet performance, he was a member of the Viking Band which was a swing/dance band, and Dean was a member of the U.S. Army Band while he was in the military. It was September 23, 1950 that Dean began his active duty with the United States Army and he served until his honorable discharge on September 22, 1952.

After his service, Dean enrolled in barber school in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. At the time, his father Julius was the barber in Lake Mills, and Dean went to learn the trade. Between the two, they spent over 100 years operating the barber shop in town.

On June 12, 1966 Dean was united in marriage with Ardith Joann Weibye in Minneapolis. They made a loving home together in Lake Mills.

He was an integral part of our community, always finding ways to volunteer, never expecting recognition, and maintaining his humble demeanor. Dean and Ardith had been nominated as parade marshalls for the July Jubilee parade, he was a member of the Ginny, Ginny & Co. community chorus, and he was a proud member of the Otto Chose Post #235 where he had the privilege of providing military honors at countless veteran's funerals by playing "Taps" on his trumpet. In addition, Dean enjoyed spending time with friends at the Lake Mills Senior Center for lunch and conversation.

Dean is survived by his children Steve (Kristi) Holstad of Albertville, MN and Laura (Wes) Carman of Cincinnati, OH; 5 grandchildren Jeremy (Brooke) Jacobson of Albert Lea, MN, Robyn (Nate) Holmberg of Albertville, MN, Maren Holstad of Minneapolis, MN, Thor Holstad of Plymouth MN,

and Wesley Carman of Ft. Thomas, KY; a niece Sharon (Joe) Hill of Des Moines, IA; and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Ardith in 2007; and 2 sisters Mildred Holstad and Maxine & Art Vaage.