

## Dean Sulley, 73

Oct. 3, 1938 - Aug. 18, 2012

**AVOCA** — Dean Paul Sulley was born on October 3, 1938 to Paul and Ruby (Blaine) Sulley in Neola. He attended grade school in Iowa and graduated from Elkhorn High School in Elkhorn, NE with the Class of 1956.

May 24, 1957 Dean was united in marriage to Colleen Rigg in Glenwood. Three children were born to them: Kevin, Mashelle, and Kurt. He began his employment at Goodyear in Omaha in September of 1957 and stayed there for thirty years, retiring in September of 1987. He helped Lew Huntington do carpenter work and made checkered gun stocks. Dean made the family's first camper and loved to go camping and deer hunting.

He and Colleen enjoyed collecting antiques. They bought an old Victorian house in Avoca and fixed it up to put their antiques in. It took several years and he said the house was like a big piece of furniture for him to fix up. He also put in the brick driveway at their home. Later on, Dean got his Harley Davidson motorcycle and loved to ride it. He went to Sturgis every year from 1992 to 2011. Dean lost his battle with cancer on Saturday, August 18, 2012. He had attained the age of seventy-three years, ten months, and fifteen days.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers: Ronnie, Lonnie, and Johnnie. He is survived by his wife of fifty-five years Colleen Sulley of Avoca; children: Kevin Sulley and his wife Sheri of Omaha, NE, Mashelle and her husband Dick Dawson of Omaha, and Kurt Sulley of Avoca; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister Mary Meeves of Omaha; other family members and many friends.

Pastor Donna Ewert officiated the 11:00 a.m. funeral service at the United Church of Avoca on Thursday, August 23, 2012. Burial was held at Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery in Omaha, NE with Kevin Sulley, Kurt Sulley, Brandon Sulley and Ross Chapman serving as casket bearers.



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