



Dean Orville Goff

April 23, 1925 - December 20, 2013

Dean Orville Goff, 88 years old, died suddenly on Friday December 20, in a vehicle accident. He will be greatly missed by a large family that extends from coast to coast, and numerous friends and acquaintances.

Dean was born in Ruthven, Iowa on April 23, 1925. His parents were Paul D. Goff and Mabel E. Simington Goff. He spent the first 20 years of his life on the Goff family farm. He attended local schools and was a graduate of Ruthven High School in May of 1942.

He worked on his father's farm and for neighboring farmers until he was drafted into the Army Air Corps in September 1945 . He was sent overseas to Germany for occupation duty and he returned to the States in January 1947. He reenlisted at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio in March of 1947. It was at Dayton that he met and married Edith Clements in August of 1947. Their first child, David, was born in Springfield, Ohio in June of 1948. Dean was sent back to Germany in December of 1948 where he took part in the Berlin Airlift. He spent three years in Germany, Austria, and Tripoli, Libya. On his return to the States he was assigned to Larson AFB in Moses Lake, Washington and after one year to March AFB in California. While at March AFB a daughter, Danielle, was born. In 1953 Dean was sent to Radar Maintenance School at Lowry AFB in Denver, Co. While there another daughter, Deborah, was born.

Upon completion of Radar Maintenance School Dean was assigned to a Strategic Air Command base in Lincoln, Nebraska. During a ten year tour of

duty at Lincoln, sons Mathew and Andrew were born. Dean spent his ten years at Lincoln supervising maintenance crews maintaining the radar bomb/navigational systems on a fleet of 45 B-47 bombers.

In March of 1964 Dean was transferred to Travis AFB Where he again was assigned duties as a supervisor of radar maintenance crews maintaining bombing /navigational systems aboard B-52 bombers. In Jan 1966, after 20 years of active duty, Dean retired from the USAF. In 1970 Dean and Edith separated and were divorced. In 1972 Dean married Sharon Melton.

Using skills learned in the USAF Dean operated his own electronics sales and service businesses, first in Vallejo as Custom Electronics, later in Napa as Baldock TV, for a little over 20 years. In 1987 he left the repair business and went to work for the California State Department of Consumer Affairs in Sacramento where he was an investigator of consumer fraud cases. He investigated public complaints of consumer fraud, filed investigative reports, and assisted district attorneys in the prosecution of such cases. He retired from State employment in 1995 at the age of 70.

In retirement he enjoyed a number of hobbies. He volunteered at the California Veterans Home in Yountville for about five years. He did a lot of genealogical research. He enjoyed writing short stories and poetry and enjoyed the experience of working on his 1929 Model A Ford. He did part-time computer work for a friend who owned an auto body shop in Napa. What spare time he did have he enjoyed by watching Oakland A's and San Fransisco 49er's games on TV.

Dean was predeceased by both of his parents, his two brothers, Paul and Berl, his sister Ruth and his son-in-law Philip Petrick. He is survived by seven children, David Goff of Sebastopol, California; Danielle Petrick of Dubuque, Iowa; Deborah Goff of Shreveport, Louisiana; Mathew Goff (Tracy) of Napa, California; Andrew Goff (Elizabeth); Christopher Goff (Sarah), of Napa, California; and Jonathan Goff (Michelle) of Sacramento California. He is also survived by his wife of 41 years, Sharon Goff of Napa, California and a step daughter, Lori Hill of Morro Bay, California. In addition, he is survived by nine

grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A memorial Service will be held at Claffey and Rota Funeral Home in Napa, California on Monday January 6th at 11AM. Interment will be at Cayucos Cemetery in Cayucos California at a later date.

Our father was a long time advocate for veterans past and present. In lieu of flowers, our family would like to suggest donations to local veteran's charities.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Claffey and Rota Funeral Home
1975 Main Street
Napa, CA 94559
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Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Oroville Goff*

September 29, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ *Dean Oroville Goff*

September 29, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ *Dear Goff Family,
So sorry to hear about Dean. Our thoughts and prayers are with
you.
Sincerely, Ron and Sherry Drapinski*

Ron & Sherry Drapinski - January 06, 2014 at 06:19 PM

EG

“ Just read of Deans death in our local Spencer IA paper. My dad, Marvin Goff, of Ruthven IA grew with Dean who was a cousin and they were about the same age. And over the years, they kept in close contact despite the distance involved. And when Dean was back in this area, he always took time to look up my folks, Marvin and LaVonne, and other family. And I know that meant a lot to my dad who greatly admired Dean and for his military service.

I was able to visit with Dean several years ago when he was back in Ruthven area and we met at his brother Berl's home in Ruthven. Dean said that this trip back to Iowa may be his last. Since then, Berl has passed away and now Dean.

So on behalf of the few Goffs left back in the Ruthven area, my condolences to the entire Dean Goff family. Eldon Goff and also for my brothers Darrell and Robert Goff.

Eldon Goff - January 04, 2014 at 10:24 AM

MW

“ Dean was an inspiration to his friends here at the Napa Valley Center for Spiritual Living. I so appreciate who he was "Being in Life." With heartfelt condolences, love and blessings to Dean's family, Mary Ward

Mary Ward - December 31, 2013 at 03:25 PM

MW

“ Mary Ward lit a candle in memory of Dean Oroville Goff



Mary Ward - December 31, 2013 at 01:22 PM

MW

So suddenly called by the ONE who knew you. I so appreciate who you were BEING in LIFE . . .see you over the rainbow Dean. Love and heartfelt blessings to you and your family, Mary Ward

Mary Ward - December 31, 2013 at 01:36 PM

MW

An inspirational man, I so appreciated who Dean was "Being in Life." He will truly be missed by his friends here at the Napa Valley Center for Spiritual Living. Love and heartfelt condolences and blessings to Dean's family and friends, Mary Ward

Mary Ward - December 31, 2013 at 02:44 PM

DP

“ *For my Dad (Dean)*

What can I say I am so glad we got to keep in touch even though I live a thousand miles away. I will treasure the thousand little memories just as much as the big memories and keep them all close to my heart. Being the first born daughter left me a bit closer to you than the rest we shared so much, in our love of Iowa (except for the winters) , searching for our family tree, the "A's" in good years and bad, traveling the mountain roads (ha, ha)inside family joke. I love you and will miss you tremendously and thank you for being my dad!

Love Danielle

Danielle Petrick - December 31, 2013 at 08:30 AM

PM

*Danni: I'm just reading your Dad's obituary today (8/31/20). He was a great guy with a gentle laugh and made me feel like his "adopted daughter". Debbie was my roommate first year at Sonoma State. Dean & Sharon kindly let us make dinner at their house one time which included throwing spaghetti noodle on the ceiling to see if would stick- thus done. They were good sports about it-I'm sure your sister was the instigator! I'm looking for an apple treat that Debbie used to make-a long rolled pastry with raisins & walnuts-recipe from your grandmother perhaps? So thinking with fond memories of those innocent times & your nice family. Love to you all.
Patti McCabe-Price (Sebastopol)*

Patti McCabe-Price - August 31, 2020 at 08:37 PM