



Written & assembled by his  
daughter:  
*Dana Sue Kelley Bressette*

## Dean Darrell Kelley

*Born: 5 Aug 1927*

*"the "Kabl House"*

*Holstein, Iowa*

*Died: 5 Jun 2012*

*Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center  
Vancouver, Washington*



# *Dean's Family*



His dad, **William Walter Kelley**, was the son of Irish & Frisian immigrants. He would sing Irish songs in German.



His mom, **Marie Reimers**, was the daughter of German immigrants from Schleswig-Holstein.



His brother, **Warren**, was 13 years older and enlisted in the army when Dean was only 5.



His grandfather, **Claus Reimers**, owned a lunch counter and bar in Holstein, Iowa. When he came to dinner he would let coins fall out of his pockets in a big over-stuffed chair.



# Holstein, Iowa

Growing up in German town  
during the depression

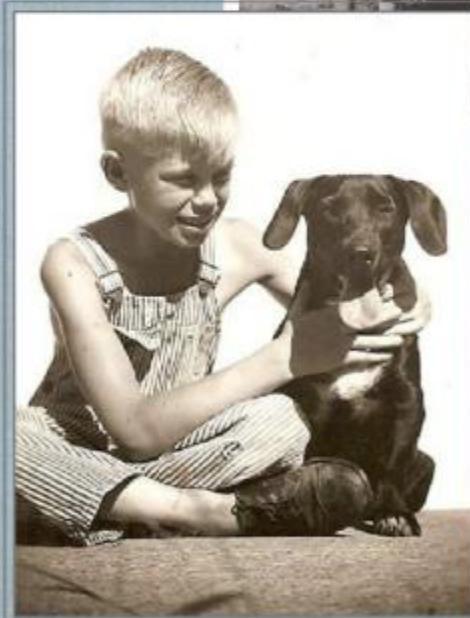
Dean  
with his  
dad &  
Grandma  
Kelley



Dean &  
Mickey with  
his mom  
looking out  
the window



Dean's brother, **Dale**, was 4 years older.



Dean and his dog, Mickey



Dean and his chickens.





He is listed as "Robert D, age 2-8/12." His grandfather Reimers didn't like the name "Dean" and called him "Bob." He was called Bob by family members. His Dad worked as an Oil Station Operator at Hermecke's Morningside Oil Company/Sinclair Gas Station.



The "22 boys, 8 girls" Dean went to Holstein Schools with from Kindergarten through 7th grade.



The two Deans:  
Dean Lemke  
(Daffy)  
Dean Kelley  
(Dizzy)

Edith  
Hansmann's  
Dance Review-  
1937



Edith Hansmann's Dance Review - 1937  
Olson, Jim Langland, Meredith Whittemore  
son, Bonnie Olson (McKenna), Loren Berg,  
Lorraine Burgholtz (Beyer), Don Larsson,  
Swanson, Jr., Lester Matheson, Shirley Koch  
(Stavani), Mary McGuire (Venetick), Helen  
der (Lamp), Jack Will, Shoman Larson, Dick  
s, Dale Kelly, Genella Kuhn, and Edith Hans-  
mann. Dean Kelley



## Fourth Grade



FIRST ROW—O. Friedrichsen, D. Ewaldt, L. Terry, E. Miller, D. Erdulst, A. Will, R. Ellertsen, D.  
Fickling.  
SECOND ROW—B. Ewaldt, D. Lemke, H. Saxen, R. Christensen, H. Kruse, W. Doyle, D. Kelley.  
THIRD ROW—L. Kapuska, Betty Beckenke, Beverly Beckenke, L. Hanke, J. Hansen, D. Albers,  
Gibers, U. Miller.  
FOURTH ROW—K. Klesintz, L. Aarnes, V. Glawe, W. Christoffersen, C. Ewaldt, C. Stricker.

1937 - age 10

D. Kelley—the last one in row 2 all  
the way to the right.

## Fifth Grade



FIRST ROW—A. Will, D. Erdulst, L. Terry, J. Hansen, D. Albers, G. Gibers, O. Friedrichsen, F. Brich-  
man.  
SECOND ROW—H. Jensen, L. Kinsling, B. Christensen, V. Glawe, D. Miller, M. Strong, W. Christoffers-  
son, H. Saxen, D. Fickling.  
THIRD ROW—C. Stricker, K. Ewaldt, L. Kapuska, L. Aarnes, R. Ellertsen, D. Kelley, D. Ewaldt.

1938 - age 11

D. Kelley; 3rd row, 2nd from the right.



His Brother, Dale, worked at the Newspaper.



16-50801-1  
 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE-BUREAU OF THE CENSUS  
 SIXTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1940  
 POPULATION SCHEDULE  
 Wood of city \_\_\_\_\_ Unincorporated place \_\_\_\_\_ E. D. No. 47-11  
 Black Dist. 14 \_\_\_\_\_ Institution \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Date of institution and time on census, except for adults) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Enumerated by me on April 1, 1940  
 M. J. [Signature]

[illegible]



Dean Kelley  
Junior High



Age 13

His dad worked at a Chevy Garage.

His mom cooked at a local  
Restaurant.

*He earned a school letter as a Student manager  
in Track  
and*

*an award of merit for exceptional perseverance  
in Punctuality and Attendance  
1941*



Dean Kelly  
has satisfactorily completed the Course of Study pre-  
scribed for the Junior High School Department  
of the Mapleton Consolidated Schools,  
and is therefore entitled to this

## Certificate

of admission to the Senior High School.

Given at Appleton, Iowa,

this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 1941

Cecilia Myrland Principal Wanda Paal Superintendent

# Carroll, Iowa

1942-age 14

The motel they lived in where his mom was a cook and his dad, a bartender.

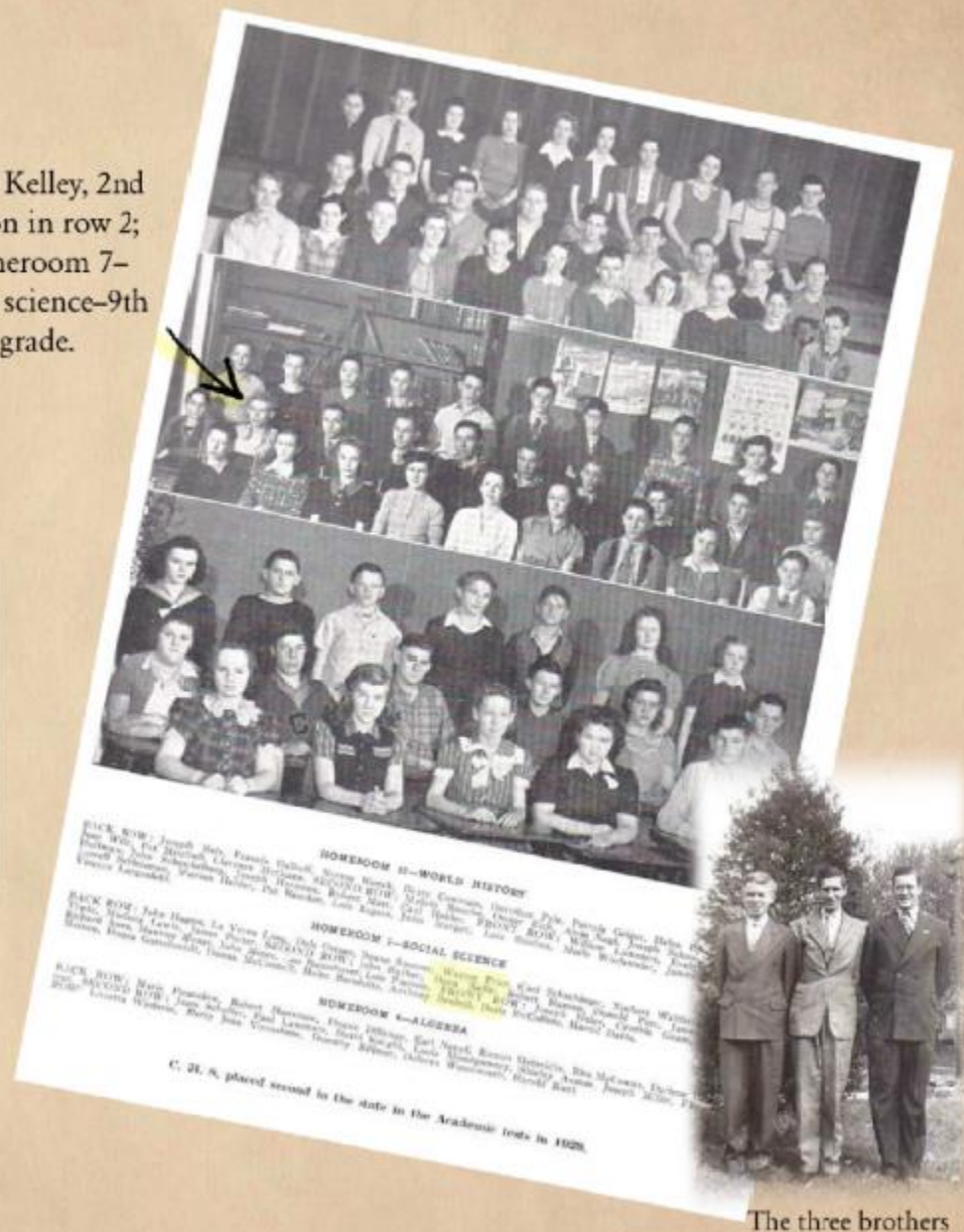


The motel staff, his dad & mom on the left.



Dean in his band uniform; he played the sousaphone.

Dean Kelley, 2nd person in row 2; homeroom 7-social science-9th grade.



The three brothers





Most of the roomers were farm girls who worked just down the street at Mutual of Omaha.

Brothers: Dale, Warren & Dean



Marie Kelley



Dean Kelley

His mom managed and cooked in a boarding house owned by Wilma Marshall.

His dad helped manage the boarding house but also worked as an auto mechanic.

Dean would try to help out his mom by washing dishes.



*3521 Farnham Street  
Omaha, Nebraska*

1943-1945 Ages 15-17

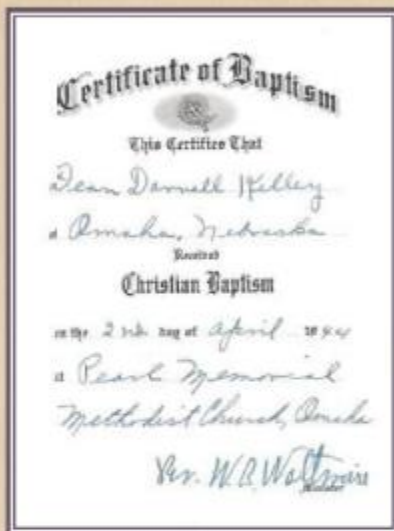


# Dean Darrell Kelley

## Baptism & Brotherhood



Age 16-17



"DeMolay is an organization dedicated to preparing young men to lead successful, happy, and productive lives... DeMolay opens doors for young men aged 12 to 21 by developing the civic awareness, personal responsibility and leadership skills..." Named for the last leader of the Knights Templar, Jacques DeMolay or James of Molay."- affiliated with the Masons.



Also in the church group: Joan Vogt (Moody), Eileen Carver (Troester), Peggy Lafferty (Biersmith), Annette Borkenhagen (Oxley), and his High School Sweetheart, Ellen Jacobson (Walsh).



Old Pearl Memorial Church Gang

Top row: Frank Vondrasek, Dick Wolfe, Robert Wolfe;  
Middle Row: Dean Kelley, Dick Lewis, Jack Forest;  
Front Row: Hank Snodgrass, Dean Jacobsen, Wesley Wescott, Ronald Wolfe.











# The Merchant Marines

Section 303 U. S. Maritime Service  
Training Station, 29 Jun 1945,  
Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, New York

Age 17



In Omaha, Dean took a Radio Technician course through the VFW and the Navy Recruiting Office and even worked as an instructor.

When he graduated high school, he lost out on a pharmacy scholarship to a girl because of the war.

To avoid being drafted in the army, he joined the Merchant Marines. He was sent to Minneapolis and then to Sheepshead Bay in New York.

Consequently, he was in New York City on VJ day, 14 Aug 1945. He remembers how Servicemen & WACs locked arms and walked down Broadway.



He got his tattoo (a ship inside an anchor) in New York—(His father and brothers all had tattoos, too—Later, he would be sorry he got it and would hide it under long-sleeved shirts. For his kids, he would wiggle his fingers and make the ship appear to move)









U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE  
Form No. 1  
2-1-46

**LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIENS EMPLOYED ON THE VESSEL AS MEMBERS OF CREW**


Required under Act of Congress of February 5, 1917, to be delivered to the United States Immigration officer by the representatives of any vessel having such aliens on board upon arrival at a port of the United States.

(Include names of American citizens seamen as well as aliens in order to facilitate inspection of aliens)

Vessel U.S. Fort Caspar, sailing from port of Philadelphia, PA, arriving at New York, NY, January 23, 1946

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No.	Sex	Whether member of crew as listed on last report to U.S.	NAME IN FULL		Length of service on ship	Position in ship's company	SHIPPED OR ENGAGED		Whether to be charged at port of arrival	Whether alien in field	Age	Sex	Race*	Nationality	Height	Weight	Physical marks	REMARKS	Address of Seaman
			Family name	Given name			When	Where											
1	M		BRYANT	BRYAN		Wiper	1/1/44	PA			35	M	W	USA	5'7"	150			
2	M		PATE	MALLOY		"	"	"			37	M	W	USA	5'7"	150			
3	M		EDWARDS	JAMES		STEWART	"	"			35	M	W	USA	5'8"	150			
4	M		BARTON	EDWARD		BA. CRK	"	"			20	M	W	USA	5'7"	150			
5	M		KELLEY	DEAN		2nd CRK	"	"			18	M	W	USA	5'4"	150			



Vessel: USMC Fort Caspar,  
Type T2 Tanker  
Engaged: 20 Jan 1946, Phila.;  
2nd Cook.  
Departed Las Piedras,  
Venezuela, 21 Jan 1945  
Arrival New York, New York,  
2 Feb 1946

Vessel: USS George Washington,  
Army Transport  
Engaged: 5 Mar 1946; Position in  
Ship's Company: Utility.  
Departed Southampton, England,  
17 Mar 1946  
Arrival New York, New York,  
26 Mar 1946

Age 18

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Vessel WASHINGTON, sailing from port of Southampton, arriving at Southampton, England, Mar 26 1946

No.	Sex	Whether member of crew as listed on last report to U.S.	NAME IN FULL		Length of service on ship	Position in ship's company	SHIPPED OR ENGAGED		Whether to be charged at port of arrival	Whether alien in field	Age	Sex	Race*	Nationality	Height	Weight	Physical marks	REMARKS	Address of Seaman
			Family name	Given name			When	Where											
547	M		TORRES	PELICIANO							35	M	WHITE	USA	5'7"	150			
548	M		REYNOLDS	ALBERT							30	M	WHITE	USA	5'7"	150			
549	M		KELLEY	DEAN							18	M	WHITE	USA	5'4"	150			
549	M		NAPZAN	STENO							22	M	WHITE	USA	5'7"	150			



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Vessel US Kenyon L. Butterfield, sailing from port of Le Havre, France, arriving at New York, NY, June 19 1946

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No.	Sex	Whether member of crew as listed on last report to U.S.	NAME IN FULL		Length of service on ship	Position in ship's company	SHIPPED OR ENGAGED		Whether to be charged at port of arrival	Whether alien in field	Age	Sex	Race*	Nationality	Height	Weight	Physical marks	REMARKS	Address of Seaman
			Family name	Given name			When	Where											
1	M		WILLIAMS	ARTHUR		CH. STAFF	5/1/46	PA			39	M	WHITE	USA	5'7"	150			
2	Yes		STEE	CHARLES		CH. COOK	5/1/46	"			33	M	WHITE	USA	5'7"	150			
3	Yes		STEE	CHARLES		2nd COOK	5/1/46	"			31	M	"	"	5'7"	150			
4	Yes		STEE	CHARLES		WASHER	5/1/46	"			38	M	WHITE	"	5'7"	150			
5	Yes		TORRES	PELICIANO		WASHER	5/1/46	"			35	M	"	"	5'7"	150			
6	Yes		KELLEY	DEAN		UTILITY	5/1/46	"			18	M	"	"	5'4"	150			
7	Yes		STEE	CHARLES		WASHER	5/1/46	"			37	M	"	"	5'7"	150			



Vessel: US Kenyon L.  
Butterfield, Liberty Cargo  
Ship;  
Engaged: 5 June 1946;  
Position in Ship's  
Company: Utility.  
Departed Le Havre, France  
5 June 1946,  
Arrival New York, New  
York, 18 Jun 1946

Dean with "Mustang."





He married his high school sweetheart, Ellen Druscilla Jacobsen, on Jul 2 1947- A month before his 20th birthday.

### Dean had various jobs in Omaha & Southern California

\*1947-He lived at 3010 S. 32nd St., Omaha, Nebraska. He worked for Universal Mfg. Co. rebuilding Ford Engines; Drove a Pepsi-Cola Truck; & worked for Swift & Co. Packing House & Lard Refinery.

\*1947-1949-He lived at 2635 E 56th St., Huntington Park, California with his parents. He worked for Zellerbach Paper Co., Drapery Hardware Co.; United States Maritime Commission, and ALCOA, Aluminum Company of America.

\*1949-1950-He lived at 5310 Florence Blvd., Omaha Nebraska. He worked for the Commodore Hotel and for Swift & Co. Lard refinery again.

\*1950-He lived at 923 Royal Oaks, Monrovia, California with his parents. He worked for Avery Adhesive Label Corp.; Arrowhead Rubber Co.; Electroweld Steel Corp.

\*1950-He lived at 425 St. Louis, Long Beach, California. He worked for the Hoover Company.

**Ages 19-24  
1947-1950**

Dean came back to Omaha to marry his high school sweetheart before she married someone else. She seemed to fall in love very easily. She left him for someone else when he was in Korea "and before." -Classy guy that he was, he would only say of her that "She found someone else of interest."

He followed his brother, Dale, and his parents to California- "For better jobs and a warmer climate."



1701 Manderson, Omaha  
He rented an Apartment upstairs.



The Long Beach Officers Town Club



923 Royal Oaks, Monrovia



He stayed with his parents off & on through these years.

Dec 12, 1950 -Dean Darrel Kelley,  
Seaman Recruit, Class V-6, inactive,  
USNR was Honorably Discharged  
from the United States Navy.



In 1951, Dean volunteered for the Draft.

# Korea in the army now



At Basic Training at Camp Roberts, Dean met his friends, Hal Ryerson, Dave Mellen, & Al Ogden. He went from Yokohama to Hwacheon, near the border with North Korea. In the 7th Division, 31st Infantry Regiment he was quickly promoted to Sargeant Major, earning a stripe every 30 days. He never wanted to talk much about Korea, after all, war is hell!...Once he was in a foxhole up to his neck in water, holding his rifle above his head, and bugs crawling in his hair. There was a cryptic remark in a letter from one of his school friends: "I never had an experience like your Hill 1062." The worst part was sending young men to the front and seeing them come back in body bags. He never liked rice much after Korea, but he was proud of his service.

*Dean Darrell Kelley*

SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM  
REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE  
This is to certify that in accordance with the Selective Service  
Proclamation of the President of the United States

Dean Darrell Kelley  
(Print name)  
2635 E. 56th St., Huntington Fk, Cal.  
(Place of residence)  
August 5, 1927 Holstein, Iowa  
(Date of birth)  
October 10, 1948  
(Date of registration)  
John L. McCoy  
(Signature)  
Huntington Fk, California  
(Place of residence)  
The law requires you to have this card in your possession at all times  
for identification and to advise your Local Board of change of address  
SSS Form No. 2 Date registered: 10-10-48 Initial source: 10-10-48 11-48401-1

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

Color of eyes: Blue Color of hair: Lt. Brown  
Complexion: Fair Height (Approx.): 5' 11" in.  
Weight (Approx.): 150 Race: White  
Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification  
Tattoo: L. forearm - Ship & Anchor

4-123-27-581  
GPO 11-48401-1

Age 24







**FLAG IN KOREA** — Two California soldiers proudly unfurled a California Bear flag on the snow-covered battle terrain in northern Korea where they are fighting as members of Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Thirty-

first Regiment, with the Second Infantry Division. They are (left to right) Sgt. Dean Kelley of Duarte, Calif., and Cpl. B. Crawley of 1540 159th Avenue, San Leandro.

## STATE FLAGS SENT TO KOREA

Californians fighting in Korea can now hold their heads high among the boastful Texans.

Time was when the Texas State flag was in evidence everywhere, and the California Bear flag could not be seen. The California boys said that to hear those Texans brag was disgusting.

Alvin B. Lowenbein, chairman of the Armed Forces Assistance Committee of San Francisco, said yesterday that this has been remedied.

He reported that the Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West donated fifty California Bear flags, thirty of which have been sent to Korea.

One of the flags went to the Second Infantry Division, and two of its members, William Crawley, San Leandro, and Sgt. Dean Kelley of Duarte, were among the proudest soldiers in Korea.





# Dean Darrell Kelley

## A War Hero



Medals left to right: Korea, For service in defence of the principles of the charter of the United Nations; Bronze Star for meritorious achievement; "Efficiency, Honor, Fidelity" for Good Conduct; Korean Service USA, National Defense. Above: Combat Infantryman's Badge, awarded to persons under enemy fire, "a very prestigious award."

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD - MERITORIOUS /ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE		
<p>INSTRUCTIONS Use DA FORM 638, 1 JUL 51, WHICH SAT IS USED.</p> <p>This form is provided as an aid to persons desiring to recommend awards of decorations in recognition of meritorious service and to insure submission of required information. A recommendation may be submitted by any person who has knowledge of meritorious service believed to warrant the award of a military decoration. Recommendations must be submitted as soon as practicable following the service to be recognized in order to insure that information and evidence furnished is based on first knowledge of recent accomplishments.</p> <p>All items should be appropriate if still in use in the award. In any case, the full name of the individual, the word "UNKNOWN" should be inserted. Recommend this use person will be recommended in the award recommendation. Fully, with the name of the person, with address, a recent picture (if available), and a brief description of the service to be recognized for recognition of meritorious achievement. Statements may be continued on separate accompanying sheets, a separate sheet for each amplified item, each sheet properly identified.</p>		
<p>TO: Decorations &amp; Awards Section Hq 7th Infantry Div, APC 7</p>		<p>FROM: (Person) Hq 2nd Bn, 31st Infantry 16 Mar 1952</p>
<p>THROUGH: Commanding Officer 31st Inf</p>		
<p>STATUS AT TIME OF RECOMMENDATION</p>		
<p>1. FULL NAME - FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME Kelley, Dean Darrell</p>	<p>2. RECOMMENDED AWARD Bronze Star</p>	
<p>3. SERVICE NUMBER US56073098</p>	<p>4. GRADE M/Sgt</p>	<p>5. ARM OR SERVICE Infantry</p>
<p>6. ORGANIZATION Notated: 23 March 1952</p>		
<p>7. PLACE OF BIRTH (Country, State, City, and State) 1317 Bloomsdale, Duarte, California</p>		
<p>8. FATHER'S NAME (Full Name, Country, and State) Mr William W Kelley, 1317 Bloomsdale, Duarte, Calif</p>		
<p>9. FATHER'S GRADE (Full Name, Country, and State) Not Granted</p>		
<p>10. STATUS AT TIME OF SERVICE Not Granted</p>		
<p>11. DATE OF SERVICE (Month, Day, and Year) US56073098 M/Sgt Infantry Hq Co 2nd Bn, 31st Inf</p>		
<p>12. IS THE FACT OF YOUR RECOMMENDATION BASED ON THE FACTS OF THE RECOMMENDED PERSON'S SERVICE TO THE SERVICE BEEN RECOMMENDED? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO SUMMARY</p>		
<p>13. HAVE ANY PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS BEEN MADE BY YOU, NAME, ACTION TAKEN FOR THIS ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE Not Applicable</p>		
<p>14. IF PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATION HAS BEEN MADE, STATE REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION Not Applicable</p>		
<p>15. OTHER U.S. DECORATIONS AWARDED RECOMMENDED PERSON (Include dates covered by award and authority) Date of Birth: 5 August 1927 Race: Caucasian Component: AUS Entered Service From: California</p>		
<p>16. HAS RECOMMENDED PERSON BEEN MENTIONED IN ANY SPECIAL COMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO THIS SERVICE? (Include dates covered by award and authority) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO SUMMARY</p>		
<p>17. HAVE YOU PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE RECOMMENDATION OR SERVICE? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>		
<p>18. CERTIFICATE OR AFFIDAVIT OF PERSONS HAVING PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p>		
<p>19. UNIT, NO. OF SECTION IN WHICH DUTY WAS PERFORMED S-1, Second Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment</p>		
<p>20. TITLE AND DUTIES OF THE RECOMMENDED PERSON (Include dates covered by award and authority) During the time that he is recommended for this award, M/Sgt Kelley served as sergeant major of the 2nd battalion. His duties were to maintain a duty roster, allocate work and supervise the enlisted men of the command post. He assisted the battalion commander and staff within the command and was the principal assistant of the S-1 in administrative matters. Dates of Service: 23 Oct 51 - 22 Mar 52</p>		
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24. DEGREE OF RESPONSIBILITY OR AUTHORITY OR INDEPENDENT DECISION WITHOUT DIRECTION OR SUPERVISION (For DOW only)		
Not Applicable		
25. INCLUSIVE DATES OF ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED	26. SERVICE COMPLETED	27. NOW IN SAME OR RELATED DUTY ASSIGNMENT
23 Oct 51 - 22 Mar 52	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
28. AWARD LISTED IN ITEM 24 FOR SERVICE IN SAME DUTY ASSIGNMENT OR FOR SIMILAR TYPE SERVICE	29. CHARACTER OF SERVICE DURING PERIOD FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Excellent	
30. WHY DID THE INDIVIDUAL DO THAT MERITS THE AWARD?		
M/Sgt Kelley contributed materially to the overall efficiency of the command post through his thorough knowledge of administration on the battalion level. He coordinated all of the elements into a higher specialized unit.		
31. WHY WAS THIS OUTSTANDING WHEN COMPARED TO OTHERS OF LIKE RANK AND EXPERIENCE IN SIMILAR POSITION?		
This was outstanding because M/Sgt Kelley was indisputably recognized throughout the command post as an authority on administrative work. He constantly went out of his way making himself available to the units as he ironed out their administrative problems.		
32. EFFECT OF THIS ACHIEVEMENT ON SERVICE		
The men of the S-1 Section have followed his example of loyalty and devotion to duty, thereby proving themselves to be more proficient in all their assignments. This efficiency is directly attributed to M/Sgt Kelley's high regard for initiative, thoroughness and punctuality.		
33. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF THE ACHIEVEMENT PERFORMED ON SERVICE RENDERED. (If more space is necessary use additional sheets)		
On 23 October 1951, M/Sgt Dean D. Kelley was assigned as sergeant major of the 2nd battalion. When he accepted the responsibility of his new assignments, M/Sgt Kelley was a novice along the line of army administration. Through long hours of study and practical application, he amassed a functioning knowledge of the nature and purpose of personnel operations. In his indefatigable manner, M/Sgt Kelley worked with the men in the S-1 section along the lines of training, coordinating and stressing the important factors of their jobs. His qualities of enthusiasm, kindness, courtesy, and justice, which are the safeguards of honor and the tokens of mutual respect between man and man, were epidemic. M/Sgt Kelley's admirable manner of forwarding instructions to all of the elements in the command post was frequently termed lucid and straight-forward. Through his lavish application of tact, M/Sgt Kelley received the full cooperation of all the units and, consequently, he was recognized throughout the battalion area as an excellent coordinator. M/Sgt Kelley's overall efficiency indisputably contributed in a material manner to the proficiency of the entire battalion. (See attached sheet)		
34. RELATION POSITION OF INDIVIDUAL INITIATING RECOMMENDATION TO PERSON RECOMMENDED	35. IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD FOR PRESENTATION TO—	
Assistant Executive Officer of Hq 2nd Bn		
36. LIST OF ENCLOSURES (Include Promotional Citation)	37. WILL THIS DUPLICATE A PREVIOUS AWARD FOR SAME ACT OR PERIOD, IF SO, IS REVOCATION OF PRIOR AWARD DESIRED?	
None	No	
TYPED NAME, GRADE, ARM OR SERVICE AND TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL INITIATING RECOMMENDATION		SIGNATURE
JOHN W B KOCH Asst Exec Off Hq 2nd Bn		Captain Infantry



#### Dates of Special Orders & Training

- 8 Jun 1951 Transferred to 31st Inf. Reg.-PVT-2
- 5 Aug 1951 Promoted PFC-E3 to CPL
- 24 Aug 1951 Certificate of Training "He is authorized to administer all ...tests up to and including High School Level General Educational Development Test."
- 30 Sep 1951 Awarded Combat Infantryman's badge for Satisfactory Performance of Duty under enemy ground fire in the vicinity of Chure-ri, North Korea.
- 8 Nov 1951 Promoted CPL to SGT
- 27 Dec 1951 5 Days R&R Kokura, Japan
- 11 Jan 1952 Promoted SGT to SFC
- 1 Mar 1952 Promoted SFC to M/SGT
- 25 Mar 1952 Transferred to Sasebo Replacement Depot Army Base in Japan.
- 22 Apr 1952 Transferred to Camp Roberts
- 16 May 1952 Certificate of Training "Rules of Land Warfare, Geneva Conventions of 1949."
- 28 May 1952 Awarded Bronze Star Medal
- 12 Sep 1952 Date of Release



## After the Korean war...

\*1952 He lived at 1317 Bloomdale St., Duarte, California, with his parents & brother, Dale's, family. He worked for Royal Heaters, inc. and the Department of the Navy as a Wiper.

\*1953 He lived at 6120 B Orchard Ave., Huntington Park, California. He worked for the Department of the Navy as an Oiler.

\*1953 He lived at 128-1/2 N. 2nd St., Alhambra, California. He worked for Square D Company, an electric component manufacturing Co; then Pacific Finance Co. as a skip-tracer.



309 2015-10-10 Oiler (Temp) 12  
1020993 KEILEY DEAN  
USA 206R60229 A 05 27

Departure: Dec 20  
1952, Manila, The  
Philippines  
Ship: USNS David  
C. Shanks, Troop  
Transport; Position:  
Oiler (Temp).  
Arrival: Jan 25, 1953  
Honolulu, Hawaii



Then...later in 1953 when he was attending East LA Junior College, he met **Doretta Rose Clifford** in a Psychology Class. It was taught by his favorite teacher, Jean V. Mairesse—he took every Psychology & Philosophy class he taught.

His teacher had said something about marriage and Dean said: "Don't look at me, I'm not married." After hearing that, Doretta, scanned down the roll sheet to find his name.



They went out for coffee (tea for Doretta). He asked her out. Their first date was to the risqué movie "The Moon is Blue." He had a flat tire on the way home! (Mom said the flat tire was when they saw "The Glenn Miller Story," after they were married.)

Dean proposed at Rcass's where they would get steak sandwiches. He had an engagement ring wired into a camellia corsage. Afterwards, they went to another favorite hangout, the Ice House near Mt. Baldy in the San Gabriel Mountains. "Sipping on one Singapore Sling all night and dancing" to a 3-man combo band.



Engagement  
Party, Feb.  
1954  
With  
Doretta's  
brothers Bob  
& Jay B and  
their wives  
Pat & Peggy



When Doretta met Dean's Family she had to ask who "Bob" was. Dean's mom was happy that Doretta called him Dean— after all, she liked the name when she named him!





Dean & Doretta Kelley



Walter & Alice Clifford, Doretta & Dean Kelley, Marie & William Kelley

## Dorretta Rose Clifford Weds Dean Darrell Kelley

A white satin gown with a lace collar and train, worn by Doretta Rose Clifford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Clifford, 195 S. Mariposa Ave., San Jose, for her marriage to Dean Darrell Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Kelley of Hollister, Calif.

The standard collar was trimmed with seed pearls and a Juliet cap held her tulle veil. She carried an heirloom beaded shawl, which belongs to the mother of the bridegroom, and wore a huge strand of pearls with matching pearl earrings, a gift from the bridegroom.

Her bouquet was composed of

white roses and feathered cactus leaves, carried on a white Rhinestone.

The Rev. Kenneth D. Deaton, former minister of the Community Methodist Church in Monterey Park, performed the ceremony in the church during the late afternoon. More than 100 guests attended the feast.

Mrs. Robert L. Clifford, sister-in-law of the bride, was mistress of honor. She was attired in a pink and white cotton print dress and carried a spray of pink carnations.

Bridesmaids were Mrs. Jay B. Clifford, sister-in-law of the bride; Misses Hal V. Ryerson and Rob and T. Math. Each was attired in a pastel and white cotton dress with matching accessories and carried matching carnation sprays.

Orsley Lee Clifford, niece of the bride, and Wayne Kelley, nephew of the bridegroom, were flower girl and ring-bearer, respectively.

Dale K. Kelley, brother of the bridegroom, served as best man and ushers were Robert L. and Jay B. Clifford, brothers of the bride, and Hal V. Ryerson.

Ervin Skanes, vocalist, and Mrs. Marilyn Porter, organist, provided music for the ceremony. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, following which the couple departed for a week-long honeymoon at an unannounced destination.

The bride is a graduate of Alameda High School and Woodbury Business College in Los Angeles, where she was affiliated with the Upsilon Gamma sorority. Alpha Rho Phi chapter.

Her husband was graduated from Ontario Technical High School and is now a student at East Los Angeles Junior College. Military service with the U. S. Army in Korea.



AFTER CEREMONY — Mr. and Mrs. Dean Darrell Kelley. Doretta Rose Clifford left for a week-long honeymoon at an unannounced destination following their nuptials at the Community Methodist Church in Monterey Park.

...married  
June 26 1954  
Monterey Park,  
California



Las Ondas Motor Hotel

Laguna Beach, Calif.





## Dean & Doretta the early years

1954-1957

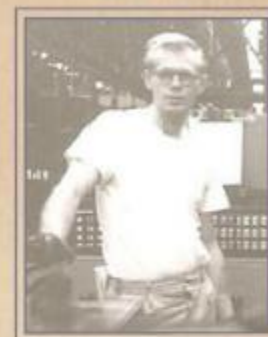
Their first apartment was at 1300-D Fremont Ave., Alhambra, California. There were railroad tracks out front—it turned out to be the main line of the Southern Pacific. If you were on the phone, you would have to wait until the train passed so you could hear. Dean was attending Long Beach State College.

They bought their first house for \$50 down on the GI Bill at 9702 Colchester Dr. in Anaheim, Orange County, California. Dean was going to college during the day and working swing shift at Delco Battery on the assembly line. He had to quit his job because he had a lab class he had to take in the afternoon. Then he said he worked for Safeway Creamery, filling cheese orders; mom said he worked for a greeting card company. Doretta worked for Monsanto & Mobay/Bayer Chemical Companies.

KELLEY, DEAN D., 9702 Colchester Dr., Anaheim  
KELLEY, MRS. DORETTA R., 9702 Colchester Dr., Anaheim

1956 voter's registration

Ages 26-30



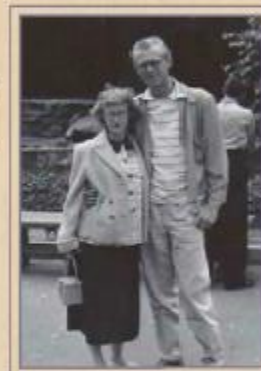
Doretta & Dean with their dog,  
Princess



Bruce Dean Kelley

born September 24, 1955.

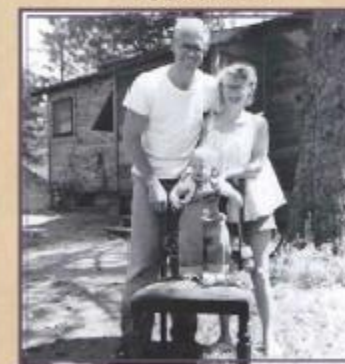
They lived in Anaheim, but Doretta wanted to go to her Doctor, Orin J. Riddell at Alhambra Hospital.



People would always want to go to Disneyland when they came to visit.



Happy parents



Dean, Doretta & Bruce in Crestline.

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## Boys & Bassetts



Walter Clifford, Doretta's Dad in the background next to his shop in Crestline.

Bruce & Eric always shared their birthday parties.

Eric's 1st-bc is being held by Grandma Kelley; Bruce's 2nd-He is being held by Grandpa Clifford; with mom and cousins: Craig, Scott, Robin & Chris.

*Dean enjoyed photography, so he is usually the one taking the pictures!*



Dean and Doretta's Bassett Hound: **Forty-niner Susie**. She won 2nd prize at the 1956 Orange Empire Dog Club, All breed dog show and Obedience Trial; First Prize at the Dec 1957 show. She died of cancer.



Her promising puppy, **Forty-niner Sally**, won 1st prize at the Jan 1957 Sunrise Bassett Breeders Association Puppy Show at North Hollywood Park Sep 1957. She tragically died of Hepatitis, because her vet neglected to give her the vaccination.



**Eric Brent Kelley**  
born September 23, 1956  
St. Joseph Hospital, Orange, California



Bruce



Eric



# Granada Hills, California--in the San Fernando Valley

With 2 kds and another on the way, Dean quit Long Beach State College, thinking he "He had to get a real job." He started work for A.H. Robins as a pharmaceutical representative on Nov 11, 1957. He called it "the start of the good times." Dean & Doretta moved to 17632 Horace St., Granada Hills, California on the day that Jay was born, Grandpa "C" painted the rental for them in lieu of 1st month's rent. Later, they rented for a few months in Sepulveda prior to buying the house at 10820 Dempsey, Ave., Granada Hills. Dean later started school again at San Fernando State College at Northridge.

Ages 30-38  
1957-1965

Jay, Bruce &  
Eric  
Christmas  
1958



Family  
outings  
fall  
1959



**Jay Darrell Kelley**  
Born December 30, 1957  
Garden Park General Hospital  
Anaheim, California



Eric, Jay & Bruce







Doretta's brothers, Bob & Jay B, with  
Dean in the Middle



Dean & Dana

Dean  
Planted  
Trees  
wherever  
he lived,  
too!



Grandma  
Kelley with  
the family  
in front of  
the pink  
house on  
Dempsey  
Ave.



Brothers, Dale, Warren & Dean



**Dana Sue Kelley**  
Born November 29, 1960  
VanNuys Presbyterian Hospital







# Dean Kelley

## *the Family Man*

Many Easter Holidays were spent at Grandma & Grandpa "C"'s in Crestline.



Singing Christmas carols.

**He was always ready to read a book, get down on the floor to play with the kids, play outdoors, ride bikes or teach the kids how to fish!**



**Snow in Southern California?  
Haskell Avenue School across the street.**







1964

*More Family fun!*

Dean & Dana



*The Dean & Doretta Kelley Family*  
*Eric in back, Dana, Jay & Bruce in front*





## Northwest Vacation!

(Dean was usually the one taking the photos. He also was taking home movies.)

In the Summer of 1964, the Kelley family went on a Vacation to the Northwest. This turned out to be a pivotal trip that caused Dean & Doretta to later decide to settle in the Northwest. The following are excerpts from Doretta's record book:

- Visited Sutter's Fort-very interesting.
- Swimming in Sacramento-but didn't much like the city.
- Stopped at Shasta Dam, the kids fed a tame deer.
- Everything looked greener in Oregon.
- Klamath Falls, "clean & nice;" swimming at the motel. Dean & Doretta play cribbage after the kids are put to bed.
- Crater Lake, worth the time.
- Bend, Oregon: "The trees were tall and the grass was a beautiful green." Drake Park was right by the river and the kids fed the ducks and saw some Canada Geese. Went swimming at the motel. Dean & Doretta play Perquack.
- Fishing at Todd Lake, no luck, too hot. The lake and meadows were beautiful; went back to the motel for showers & swimming. The car's air conditioner broke and they were unable to get it fixed.
- Went through John Day to La Grande; a beautiful town, kids went swimming at the motel. Dean & Doretta watch TV on the National Educational Network about Kenya, art objects, American Indians & Mythology.
- Wallowa Lake, hiked about 2 miles up the trail to ice lake before turning back. 3 hour horse trip to ice lake, spectacular views; fished; 3 hours back-Dean & Doretta were so sore, they could hardly move. Went to museum the next day and saw old kitchen tools, washing machines, books, etc. Played cards with the kids & popped some corn.
- On a day trip to Hell's Canyon, they saw a lot of Chukars, causing Dean to wish he had his shotgun. The view from Hot Point was spectacular; the Snake River looked small.
- Back at Imnaha, tried fishing again, Doretta couldn't manage to land a fish. Went for a Go-Kart ride which was "fun, but a little hectic, especially whenever Bruce was involved."
- On the way to Portland, Doretta commented on the different terrains to be found in Oregon. They went through Pendleton. Because of slow traffic, they took a ferry to the Washington side of the Columbia River but due to a misdirection by Doretta, they took the toll bridge back to the Oregon side 20 miles before the Dalles. They stopped at the Fish Hatchery by Bonneville Dam.
- They couldn't find a motel in Portland, and went on to Beaverton, and visited with friends, Pat & Lackie Thornton. The next day they picked up their kids, Linda, Bob and Kirk and went to the zoo & science museum. They had the "walk-through" heart back then! Then they went to Lloyd Center Shopping Center, 3 levels with a skating rink in the middle; "It is a nice way to keep the children busy while mother shops." Dean & Doretta played pinochle with the Thorntons after dinner.
- Drove home. They were delighted to hear the Dodgers game on the radio. Stayed the night in Ukiah. The kids were thrilled to cross the Golden Gate Bridge. The air conditioner was still broken.
- "It is nice to go on a trip, but...the best part is coming home to Pete and Daisy (the family dog & cat)...." "There is no place like home."



Shasta Dam



Feeding a Deer



Crater Lake



# Thousand Oaks, California

Ages 38-40  
1965-1967

68 Westbury St.

A new home in a new development in the suburbs. It had a park at the end of the block where the family would all ride their bikes together.



Prior to moving to Thousand Oaks Dean was promoted to District Manager for A.H. Robins. He had been going to college again at San Fernando State College in Northridge, but dropped the 2 classes he was taking because of the extra work the promotion involved. Later he learned that with those 2 classes he would have been eligible for graduation. A.H. Robins had started to require that their sales representatives have a degree, so not having a degree himself made Dean feel a bit abashed when hiring new sales reps. He had applied to begin again at San Fernando State College at Northridge just prior to moving to North Carolina.



Dean helped manage the Cardinals Little League team. He is the one on the left in the back row. Dana, the cheerleader, is on the bottom left with Jay 2nd, Bruce 5th. Eric was on a different team, "the Pawnees," in a different league.





# Charlotte, North Carolina

## Olde Providence District

Corner of Lancer & Brookmeade Drive

Age 40 1967-1968

### Position Changes

Dean D. Kelley has been named merchandising manager of Swinson Products Co. here ... He was formerly associated with A. H. Robins Co., Richmond-based pharmaceutical manufacturer which acquired Swinson last January ... He will move here from Thousand Oaks, Calif., where he was a district manager in Robins' Central California division.



KELLEY

A.H. Robins purchased Swinson snack food company and wanted Dean to take over the Marketing Department.



The move from southern California to the South was a bit of a culture shock for the family, but the accent was easy to pick up! Dean, however, did not like his new job. He found he had loads of responsibility but never the final say on his projects. . .



Doretta



Jay, Bruce, Dana & Sammy on the front steps.

The Dogwoods were beautiful.



Sammy, our English Setter



One time it snowed and the whole neighborhood had a sledding party!  
-Dean and Eric having fun in the snow.



Eric in his baseball uniform.





## Travelling the U.S.A

...So Dean quit his job, packed up his family, his wife, four kids, the dog, Sammy, and the cat, Tabby, and travelled across the country in a small travel trailer heading toward the Pacific Northwest.



The Hermitage

The family with Aunts Esther and Peggy



Last stop, Forest Grove Oregon.

Doretta also made a record of this trip. Here are some excerpts:

—August 2, 1968, Left Len and Sonny's at 8:00 a.m.; 2:30 p.m.; the car keeps heating up going over the Great Smokey Mountains. Stayed the 1st night at Concord Trailer Park 10 miles west of Knoxville, Tennessee. "It is really lovely. Our campsite is right on the lake." (Tabby had to ride in the trailer because Dean didn't appreciate the cat licking his hair while he was driving.)

—August 3rd, Stopped in Nashville to see the Hermitage, Andrew Jackson's home. "It was worth seeing."

—Stayed at Holiday Hills Campground. "The kids got to go swimming. . . They had a nice beach at the lake." "Sammy still has to learn to stop barking when we tell her to." Doretta and the kids played Hearts while Dean laid down.

—August 4, The car kept heating up but they made it to Travelers Park in Springfield, Missouri. The whole family played Hearts. The kids were happy to stick mom with the Queen of Spades.

—August 5, "Happy Birthday Daddy" Arrived at Uncle Glen's in Tulsa, Oklahoma about 1:00 p.m. Aug 6, also visited with Aunt Esther (Guy's widow) and Margo & Terry and their new baby, Sharon Lynne. Also went to the zoo, then played croquet.—Put medicine on Jay's chiggers before bed.

—August 7, Got to Aunt Virgie & Uncle Clate's in Coffeyville. The kids discovered the henhouse and reported on how many eggs had been laid all day long. Deana & Frank with Linnie, Richard & Norma and Darrell and Mary came to visit.

Aug 8, went to see Anna Ruth in the hospital at Bartlesville, she suffered from severe depression after her husband, Gene died. Clate & Virgie lost water that night. We were enjoying the visit so much we decided to stay another day—to help fix the pump, or valve as it turned out. Watched the lightening that night.

—August 10, Arrived in Omaha, visited with Warren, Shirley, Sharon and Mrs. Shaw. Called Pop to wish him a happy birthday. Aug 11., went to the zoo. Sharon played password with the kids. Uncle Warren got the whole family interested in rock-hounding. Dana made a necklace, Eric & Jay made tie-tacks.

—August 13, Ran out of gas just before Henderson, Nebraska. The gas gauge was off, but fortunately there was a gallon of gas in a can. Had trouble finding a campground. Finally found Otter Creek Trailer Park after 7:00p.m. It rained all night and Dean was worried they wouldn't be able to make it out of the campground, but "we made it."

—August 14, Stayed at Hell's Half Acre Campground—it looked like the Grand Canyon. Went rock hunting and found a lot of petrified wood. Doretta played Dominoes with the kids. It was very windy during the night.

—August 15, the Rockies were beautiful; it was snowing at the summit "so we stopped and took a couple pictures." We stopped at Dubois and got some comic books. Got to the trailer park at Twin Falls around 8.

—August 16, "We're headed for Bend- It is Oregon or Bust!"—was the final entry.





1968-1976

Ages 41-49



Dean & Doretta in LaCenter

#### Gregg's Food



DEAN KELLEY

Apprentice of Dean Kelley as director of marketing of Gregg's Food Products has been announced by Robert Gregg, president of the Portland based processor of margarine, ice-cream and a product recently introduced, named Creamer Spread.

The rapidly growing firm at 8700 N. Division recently announced the start of construction of a 10,000 square-foot modern plant at 3000 N.E. Marx Drive to be completed around April of this year.

Kelley, Gregg points out, has had wide merchandise experience in the food field, including sales management, advertising and production. Prior to joining the Gregg organization, he was district sales manager in California of W.A. H. Baker Co. of Richmond, Va., maker of pharmaceuticals.

Dean parked the trailer in Forest Grove, Oregon. He got a job as Director of Marketing at Gregg's Food Products in Portland, Oregon. The kids started school. In October 1968, Dean and Doretta bought a house on 5 acres in LaCenter, Washington.

Route 1 Box 73

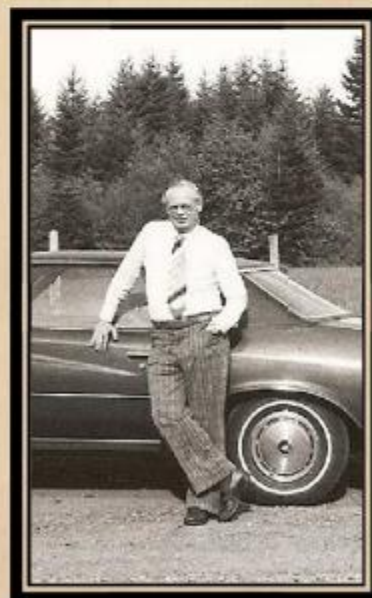
End of McCroft Rd.



## LaCenter, Washington



Exploring the Northwest



Dean Worked for Gregg's Foods only a year or two. It involved a lot of travel, taking him away from his family. He felt he was missing too much. Even though it meant a large cut in pay he took a job as a Sales Representative for CIBA Pharmaceuticals; it was the career job that he liked the most. With CIBA he only had to go out of town every couple weeks.





Dean and sons

# *Fishing Fun* *with his sons and* *friends, new & old.*



Dean & Gene Lucas

Dean and Bob Redd



Although, after Korea, he didn't much care for camping, it was the most cost-effective way to take family vacations.



August 1970- the "b.ggest one weighed 18 1/2 lbs."



# A Gentleman Farmer



The Chicken House



Jay at harvest time

Cindy loved riding on the back of the tractor; she would sit & wait for a ride.



Doretta & Dean



Pigs, Bruce in FFA showed pigs at the Clark County fair. One time we had 3 sows with about 30 piglets running around!



Cow giving birth



Dana with Cindy & Tanya



A calf sucking on Dana's fingers with Jay & Doretta



The boys learned how to drive a tractor and buck hay bales.







# Graduation

After over 20 years of trying to go back to school and having to quit many times due to financial difficulties and obligations to his country and his family, in 1973 Dean finally earned his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology—

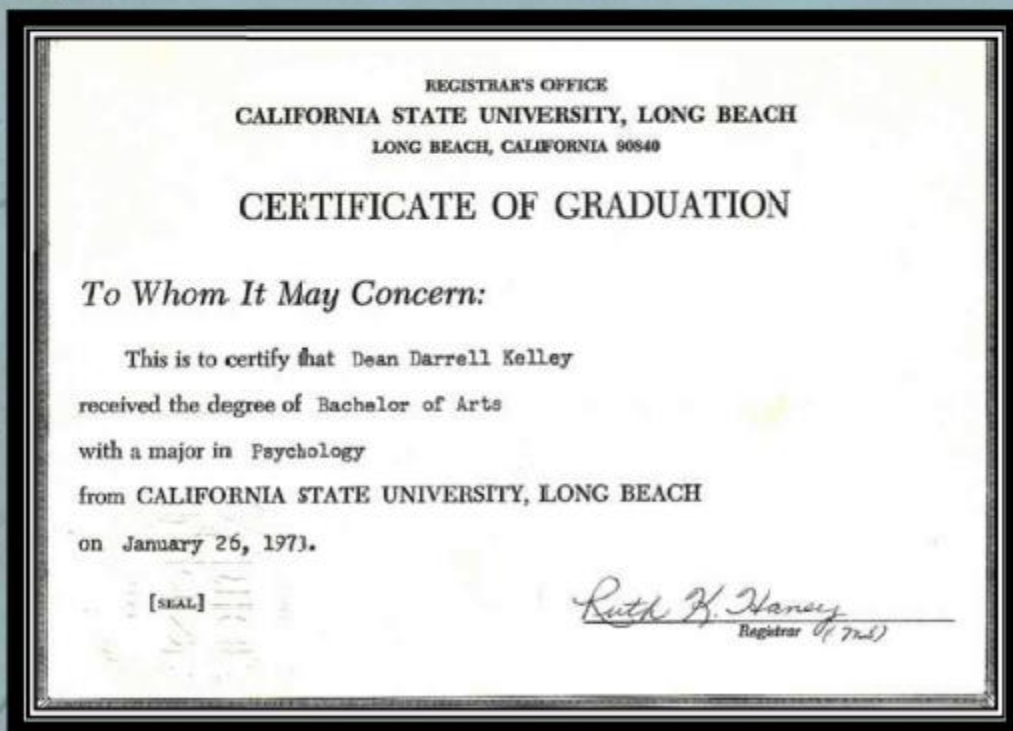
He found a good advisor at Portland State University that counseled him to see if he could transfer all his credits from the various colleges he attended back to Long Beach State, where he had already met the residency requirement.



Dean was always respectful of people of different ethnicities and religions. He would never discuss religion. Even when asked point-blank, he only would say: "When you have taken as much philosophy as I have you begin to question." It was then I realized that he purposefully did not want to influence his children, but wanted them to learn and find their own answers.

As far as politics was concerned, although Dean & Doretta were registered as Democrats in the 1950's. They became involved with the Young Republicans when they were living in Granada Hills. Later in the 1980's, Dean would get involved in initiative campaigns concerning term limits and tax issues.

He was a patriot and was proud to fly the American Flag in his yard.





Modest as he was, although his degree was a goal that he had worked many years to achieve, he preferred to highlight the activities of his children. Education was important to him and he encouraged all of his kids to continue their education and helped pay for much of their college.

*I learned years later from my grandma "C" that dad was worried that I would quit college to get married when I asked for money to get a formal dress for an upcoming dance at WSU. (He had been on a business trip to California and had stopped in to visit them.)*



Bruce  
Salutatorian  
1973



Eric  
Valedictorian  
1974



Jay  
Salutatorian  
1976



1973 Trip to Crestline  
Last Family vacation  
before Bruce leaves for  
college.

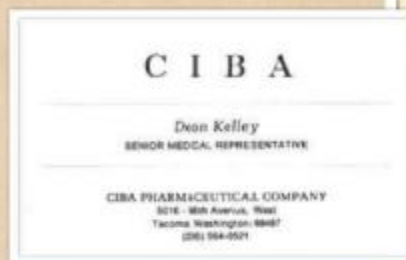


Eric, Dean and Rocky & Cindy & their  
Springer Spaniel pups.



## Tacoma, Washington "University Place"

Dean's company wanted him to take over the Tacoma territory and to do some lobbying for CIBA in Olympia. Dean agreed if he could keep Centalia & Chehalis and get an "Executive move." Bruce was at Whitman College; Jay at Washington State University. Dean & Dana stayed in a motel so Dana could start her Junior year at Curtis High School and Dean could start work before they all were able to move into their new house. Doretta and Eric supervised the packing and came up later.



CIBA product display

5016 96th Ave. West



Visiting nephews and Doretta's Parents: Jay, Scott Clifford with son Garique, Eric, Craig Clifford & friend, Dean; Walter Clifford, Dana, Scott's wife & stepdaughter, Friscilla, Alice Clifford, & Doretta.

Doretta worked as a secretary at in the Education Department at St. Joseph's Hospital also to help pay for Jay & Dana's college.



Dean Planted rhododendrons & fruit trees.

**Ages 49-59**  
1976-1986



## *The late 1970's*



Bruce (with Dana) graduated Whitman College-1977



Dana  
Graduated:  
Cartis  
High  
School-  
1978;  
Honor  
Student.



Bruce married Anna Gun Johanson  
June 16 1978

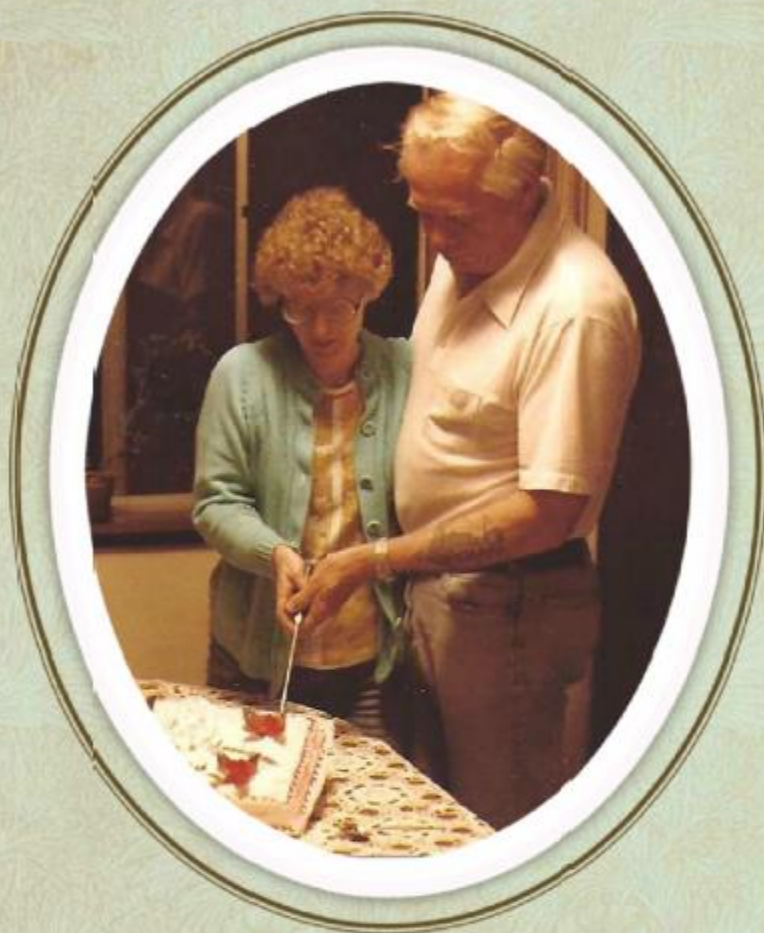


Eric worked as a cook in  
several local restaurants &  
enjoyed playing in an adult  
baseball league.



Dad's weekend WSU with Dana & Jay-1979





*25th Wedding Anniversary  
June 26th 1979*



*Dean & Doretta loved  
entertaining friends &  
family at their timeshare  
@ Eagle Crest golf resort  
in Redmond, Oregon*





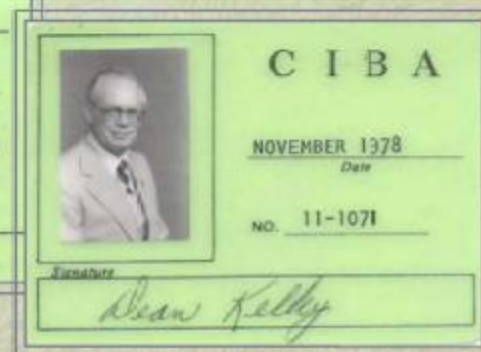


Washington D.C.

With the kids  
now adults,  
Doretta was  
freer to join  
Dean on  
business trips.  
Dean always  
made an effort  
to visit  
extended family  
and friends on  
business trips,  
often extending  
his stay with  
vacation time.



CIBA-Geigy Distinguished Performance  
Award - 1977







Dean loved playing with radios and other technological gadgets.



Dean & Doretta enjoyed socializing with colleagues, friends & family.

(Notice ancestor photos on the wall—Dean & Doretta had started doing genealogical research.)



St. Joe's Ball, 1983



Dean & Doretta with Peggy Thome



A pool table/Ping Pong table in the Rec Room





*Anna, Dana, Doretta, Bruce, Dean, & Jay with grandchildren Maria, Cliff & Alan*



*Jay married Sharon Jean Maynor  
25 August 1984*



*An Easter Ham*



*Dean, Dana & Doretta*



*Dean Kelley--father & grandfather*



*Eric married Kim Dee Raney  
15 December 1984*



# *The Highlands in Tacoma*

*Ages 59-75*

*904 N. Frace St.*

*1986-2002*

Dean and Doretta decided to buy a retirement home at the Highlands Golf Course. They arranged to sell the house in University Place to Eric. It seemed an ideal place to spend their golden years—golfing and socializing with friends. Dana moved with them, having begun her horticultural career.



Dean retired early at about 62 on a disability. He was having severe heel pain which ended up being caused by back problems. It was painful to be in his car for long hours. He had to go to court to argue his case to receive his social security benefits. It helped when he told the judge that his original back injury occurred when fighting for his country in Korea. Arthritis also began causing him great pain.



*They were still doing genealogical research. They had a whole wall devoted to family photographs.*





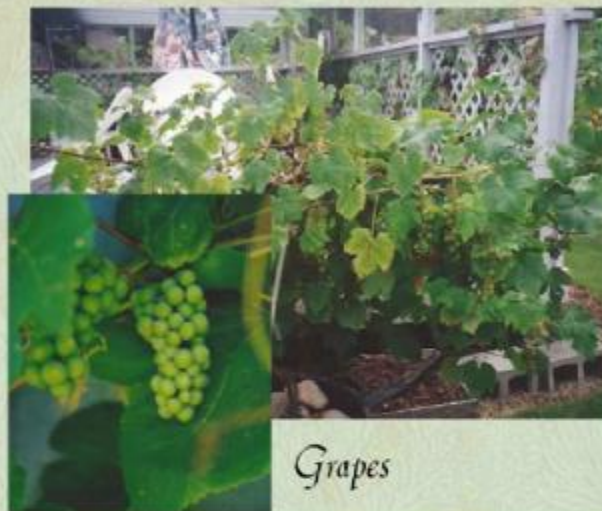
## Dean Kelley,

Dean became a WSU Master Gardener. He enjoyed volunteering at the Pierce County Master Gardener main office.

Dean organized a fund-raiser to get donations from his neighbors and planted 35 Leyland Cypress Trees for a noise buffer between Highway 16 and the Highland Golf Course & neighborhood.



Blueberries, golfers would often graze as they played through.



Grapes



October Glory Red Maple



Apples



Rhododendrons





*Dean & Doretta enjoyed entertaining friends...*

*Herb & Dolores Joyce*



*Dean was always at home in the kitchen and enjoyed barbecuing.*



*Dean's Cousin, Marion*



*The Highland Gang*







*Dean and his brother-in-law, Jay B. Clifford*



*Eric, Garique & Scott Clifford with Sharon and more grandkids in the background.*



*Dean always had a cupboard full of candy and a refrigerator filled with soda pop--Here is Great-nephew, Shane Donnell, helping himself.*



*Bruce built the roof over the patio for his dad.*

## *...and Family*



*Dana Married Edmund George Bressette Jr.  
July 10, 1993*

*with the whole Kelley Clan*



*Father/Daughter Dance*



*Doretta's mother, Alice Clifford came to live with them, but not long after, Doretta was diagnosed with breast cancer--Alice moved to an assisted living home nearby. Much of Dean's time was now given to taking Doretta to her doctor appointments and caring for his wife.*



*But his greatest joy was his kids and grandkids!*



*Maria, Cliff, Alan, Rose & Michael*



*The Kelley Clan*



*The 2 Deans, Clam-digging*



*Guy*



*Brandon & Jennifer*



*Dean & Guy with the neighborhood kids!*





Sky

*The Hammock & Hot tub were favorites spots for the grandkids.*



*Dean shared his interest in computers with his family—Here is granddaughter, Maria, with Dean's 1st great-grandchild, Gunnar and his youngest grandchild, Sky.*

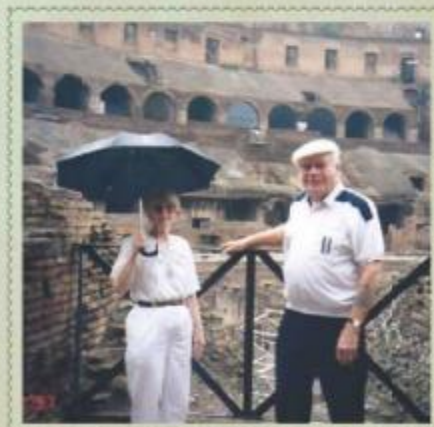


## Touring the World

Dean & Doretta were able to enjoy retirement travelling the world on many cruises & tours. Often with their good friends, Dick & Doris Huth and Doretta's brother and sister-in-law, Bob & Pat Clifford and mother, Alice Clifford. They travelled to Alaska, Australia, Costa Rica, the Panama Canal, the Caribbean, the Mediterranean, the British Isles, the Mississippi River & more...



*Celebrating their 45th engagement anniversary somewhere in the Tasman Sea between New Zealand and Australia aboard the MV Nieuw Amsterdam journeying from Dunedin, N.Z. to Hobart, Tasmania.--  
On their 45th Wedding Anniversary he wrote: "Happy Anniversary My Love,  
I would do it all over again. Your Husband, Dean."*









# Merrill Gardens

in Gig Harbor

3213 45th Street Ct. NW

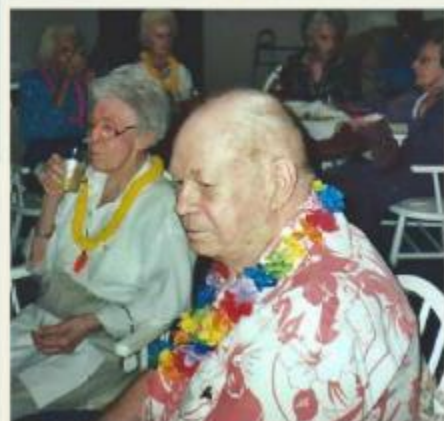
2002-2005

Ages 75-78

At Frace Street, Dean & Doretta were unable to play golf anymore due to back problems. Many of their Highland friends had moved away. They were finding it increasingly difficult to keep up with the housework & yardwork even with hired help. Their kids convinced them to move to a retirement home to hopefully make life easier and to combat depression. It was a great move for Doretta, who loved to participate in all the social activities. Dean was not entirely happy with having to give up his home, but he agreed with the move because what he wanted more than anything was to be with his wife and make her happy. Because his own parents and brothers died in their late 60's and early 70's, Dean didn't think he would live much longer. His pain and depression worsened. He began to need some of the assisted living services that the retirement home provided.



50th Wedding Anniversary June 26th 2004







*Santa came to visit.*



*Christmas at Ed & Dana's in Lakebay, 2003*



*Christmas at Jay & Sharon's in Snohomish, 2001*



*Valentine's Day at Merrill Gardens*



## Cottesmore Nursing Home

2909 14th Ave NW

Gig Harbor

2005-2006

Ages 78-79

July 2006

### Resident of the Month

Dean Kelley was born in Holstein, Iowa - a German community originating in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. He attended Holstein public schools as a child and later Omaha Technical High School. He graduated from Long Beach State College with a degree in Psychology and a minor degree in Chemistry. After a time in Korea as a sergeant major in the army, he met his wife Doretta. They married in 1953 and had four children. Three sons and a daughter. The oldest son Bruce received a Ph.D in Horticulture. Doretta and Dean settled down to a quiet retirement in Gig Harbor. He is interested in sports and horticulture as a Master Gardener. Dean attended the "WSN" Master Gardener program receiving a degree. He has been a resident at Cottesmore since 2005 and is well liked by staff and residents. Dean states, "The Staff here is Great!"



Dean started needing more care than what could be provided at Merrill Gardens. They recommended that he be admitted to the Geriatric Unit at Harborview Hospital in Seattle for evaluation. He spent 2 weeks there as they adjusted his medications for pain and depression. Afterwards, he was released to Cottesmore Nursing Home. This was the same nursing home that his mother-in-law, Alice Clifford, spent her final days and where Doretta had stayed to recovery from surgery.

Doretta always had 1 or 2 cats.

Dean would always joke that he wanted to be reincarnated as one of her cats.

He came to enjoy them himself, even though he was somewhat allergic to them. Here he is when they lived on Frace St. in Tacoma.





# Sweet Care Home

18612 NE 122nd Ave  
BattleGround, Washington

After many years of trying, Bruce finally convinced his parents to move back closer to him. He wanted to be able to help care for them. He found a nicer group home for his dad with a more private room. Doretta moved to an apartment nearby for awhile until she found the retirement home where she now lives.

I would always go down to visit him at least every 2 months with my son Sky. He would always say: "Don't worry about me, I'm okay," and that he was proud of me. He was always was happy to see family and participate in family get-togethers.

2006-2012  
Ages 79-84



Caregivers: Lidiya & Mikhail Tasmaly





Dean passed away on  
June 5th 2012 at  
*Legacy Salmon Creek  
Medical Center  
Vancouver,  
Washington*

Cause of Death: gram  
negative sepsis;  
contributing conditions:  
dementia, congestive  
heart failure, acute renal  
failure.



*The family is one of*  
**NATURE'S**  
MASTERPIECES.

*- George Santayana*



*Family Memorial*  
*August 5, 2012*



His ashes are buried at  
La Center Cemetery



Fiona  
Grænna



Dean



Guy



Brandon

Aiden  
Connor



Jennifer



Sharon & Jay



Sky



Edmund & Dana



Doretta & Dean Kelley



Eric & Kim



Michael

Mia  
Oliver  
Nella



Bruce & Anna



Maria

Gunnar  
David  
Leif  
Rosalie  
Dren



Alan



Matthew  
Laila  
Kaylee  
Chelsea  
Mitchell  
Corin  
Wendy

Michelle  
Sofia  
Stuart

Rose

## GRANDCHILDREN

are the dots that connect the lines  
FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION.

—Linda Wayne



## *Memories of Friends and Family*

Uncle Dean, was always so loving and kind to me, I always knew I was loved by him. He always had time for his family. I loved the way his eyes sparkled when he was going to tease you, or give you a hug to let you know you were loved. ...so many memories, stories, some to make us chuckle, some to make us cry, and all to make us family. Our family lost someone very special when we lost your Husband, Dad, Grandfather, and my Uncle. It's hard to imagine what life will be like from now on without him to just to be able to talk to him and feel better. We're going to need each other as never before. Let's stay close the way he would want us to be, the way a family is meant to be. I believe that families can be together forever to share life here on earth and through all eternity.

-Sharon Knoblock, Omaha, Nebraska-Niece.

Dean was such a fine man...I have warm memories of high school days with our neighborhood "gang." Kelley, as he was called then, was well-liked by all the boys & girls in the group. I remember that Kelley was genuinely witty...perhaps from [his] Irish heritage. Those were such fun days for all of us.

-Annette Borkenhagen Oxley-high school friend.

He was my favorite uncle when I was little. I thought he was so handsome. I especially remember his blonde hair, something as a 4yr old, I had never seen before. I'm so sorry that he passed away. He was a good man. My sister, Sally Jacobson, was the flower girl at Ellen and Dean's wedding. I was, I think, 3 and too little, or too rambunctious. I have one tiny memory of that day. I remember watching for my sister and saw her go up the aisle with flowers - that's it. My Mom and her mother, our grandmother, made the dresses. They were pink taffeta, moire as it was called. Looked like wood grain in the weave. We had blue ribbons in our hair and blue sashes. I still have the dresses. I sure don't remember the year, but had to be around 1948, I think. Please accept my condolences to you and all your family. You were very lucky in having him as a father. Love to all,

-Mary Jacobson Payne-His first wife's niece.

My family was visiting Dean and Doretta when I was in high school. Dean and I had a discussion about school. I mentioned I was struggling with Trigonometry because I was having trouble getting my homework done. I was having to do it at school juggling getting it done when the teacher was at school and my sports practice. When Dean found out that the problem was the lack of a slide rule or a book of tables needed to get the problems solved, Dean left. When he reappeared he had in his hand a well used slide rule. It was his that he used in school. We spent a long time using it and solving problems. He was so patient helping me. As we said our good byes he handed me the slide rule and asked me to take care of it. I still have no words to say how much this meant to me. I treasured that slide rule for many years. Reluctantly, I returned it to him. When he asked how I did I was proud to tell him I passed with flying colors, all due to the kindness of Dean. Dean will always have a special place in my heart. My prayers go out for Doretta and family.

-Carolyn Ayers, Madera, California-Doretta's younger half-cousin.

Auntie, I will always remember the summers that I spent with you and Uncle Dean. He was a wonderful Uncle and will be always be special to me. I send all my love to you, Bruce, Eric, Jay and Dana.

-Love Always, Chris-Doretta's Niece.

I was sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. Uncle Dean was special to me and my brother Wayne. When we were young he was the only uncle we knew. I only wish that our families had lived closer as we grew older so we could have had many more opportunities to share experiences together. Even in my old age I can still remember many great times we had with your family when we were young. I especially remember the trips to your grandparents home in the Valley of Enchantment near Crestline. Your dad gave me the first fishing pole and reel. I ever had so I could fish with the men when we went to Lake Gregory.

-Ken Kelley, Nephew.

We are thinking of you lots and cherishing lots of great memories with Uncle Dean. Sent a plant...He loved them and butterflies.

-Love Erin (Niece), Art and Shane.

Thank you for your service and for keeping our Country free.

-anonymous.



So sorry to hear of you losing your Dad. He was a great man and wonderful friend to many. I remember the many trips to Porterville they made to visit Doris & Dick and the wonderful times they shared traveling. We remember how fun their visits were and the great times we had with your whole family when visiting Washington. He will be missed but never forgotten, just know he is at peace and getting to visit now with friends and family that preceded him. Our thoughts are with you all and wishing you happy memories in this sad time.

-Steve Huth-son of their oldest & dearest friends, Dick & Doris Huth.

We were so sorry to hear about your dad and really appreciate you letting us know about it. We have been friends with your folks for many years, both here and in California. We've had many good times with them. We send both you and your family our sympathy.

-Lee and Liz Hegge- friends & neighbors from Thousand Oaks.

Doretta: It was a joy to work with Dean over a number of years. He was one of the truly greats at Ciba-Geigy and one of the people who made Ciba a great company. I will always remember him as a person of honesty, integrity, and a respect for right & wrong. Dean will truly be missed.

-Jerry Johnson, Cupertino, California -Colleague.

We remember the *Old Times* so close to our hearts, when we were all neighbors & friends and had fun times together...we remember him so well-as a great guy.

-Jim & Alice Hunter, friends & neighbors from LaCenter.

A flood of memories, of LaCenter, bridge, sports events, The Newbills', The Redd's and the Kelley's, Dean's laughter and his ever present encouragement, pushing all of us to be better. Sending a veil of warm memories and love to you Doretta, Bruce, Eric, Jay and Dana and your families. Your Dad was an inspiring man and loved his family very much. May you always treasure his friendship, as I have. Big Hug to all.

-Kim Ransier, Hayden, Idaho-Family Friend.

I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing. He was indeed a kind and caring family man. May God's blessing pour over you all and may your family time in memory of your Dad be a blessing and precious to all of you. May God bless you richly and comfort you as He holds you in His loving arms.

-Charlette Cummings-Family Friend.

Dean is definitely someone to be remembered. For all and every reason. My heart is with you, Doretta, and all of the family. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of it. He will always be there with you. My love to you all.

-Kim Ramey-Kelley, Port orchard, Washington-Daughter-in-law.

So many important lessons to pass on to our children in the same way that Grandpa passed them to his children and grandchildren: Always be a gentleman; Research before you buy; Appreciate good food; If you know something bad about someone, don't talk about it; Be honest; Do the right thing; Serve; Stand up for your values-We miss him.

-Maria Tormanen, Battle Ground, Washington-Granddaughter.

Lots of great memories staying up at Grandma and Grandpa's! Riding bikes, eating candy, playing board games and selling golf balls for candy money. :) Our kids still talk about Great Grandpa K. being gone... We will miss him!

-Cliff Kelley, Battle Ground, Washington-Grandson.

One time dad came home with the Debby Boone album, "You Light up my Life," giving it to me he said: "This is what you do for me." If I could, I would dedicate to him the Celtic song: "You Raise me up... so I can stand on mountains; You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas; I am strong, when I am on your shoulders; You raise me up... To more than I can be. -Love you Dad, I'll always be your little girl, Dana

-Dana Kelley Bressette, Lakebay, Washington-Daughter.



## A Legacy of Gardening, My dad, a Master Gardener

By Dana Kelley Bressette

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My father, Dean Kelley, passed away on June 5th. It was because of his interest in horticulture, that on a whim, I changed my major in college to horticulture. I have come to realize that so many of my values, interests and passions mirror his.

Just prior to his death, I started working on a biography of his life. While going through old photos of places that we lived, I noticed that there always were newly planted trees in the front yard, although we usually moved before the trees matured. A Facebook post I saw recently could have applied to him: "A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in"—a Greek Proverb. My dad planted both shade trees and fruit trees—like a modern Johnny Appleseed.

After he retired, my dad became a Master Gardener in Pierce County. The WSU Master Gardener program was originally designed to relieve the County Extension Agent from being swamped by gardening questions. The idea was to train hobby gardeners to answer basic horticultural questions.



In return for training, WSU Master Gardeners are required to volunteer at the Master Gardener Office, Community Plant Clinics, Demonstration Gardens, and other outreach educational programs. Because many horticultural professionals also sign up for the program, they created a more expensive non-volunteer track. For those interested in this program, applications can be found at: <http://county.wsu.edu/pierce/mg/Pages/default.aspx>. Deadline is September 28; but it is best to apply early. They get a large quantity of applications and cannot accept all that apply.

I knew many Master Gardeners when I worked at the Seymour Conservatory. Many were retired and gave their time answering questions, and sharing their gardening experience. They, like my dad, were special people who provided a valuable service to their community. My dad grew roses, rhododendrons, apples, blueberries and grapes on his small lot on Highland Golf Course. After he helped my brothers and I buy our first homes, he would give us trees, shrubs & vines to add to our landscapes.

My oldest brother, a teacher, now a school administrator, got his doctorate in horticulture—his kids would bemoan being slaves to their dad's orchard dream—but now he gives them trees for their own yards. My other brothers also grew fruit and make cider & wine. I earned a master's degree in horticulture and although I specialized in ornamental and native plants, I continue to plant fruit trees, as well as grow a vegetable garden. I have a couple of blueberry bushes that came from my dad's yard, a Hollywood plum tree he bought for me, and some grapes from cuttings of his grapes. Every harvest reminds me of him.

My dad grew up in the depression. It was always important to him to have money in his wallet. Providing for his family was of paramount importance. I think that growing fruit was an extension of ensuring food security for his family, with the added bonus of anticipating the pleasure of consuming nature's candy-sweet, fresh fruit, and the pride in knowing you grew it yourself.

Now it is time to pay it forward—teaching younger generations to tend the earth that nurtures us. In *Gone with the Wind*, Gerald O'Hara tells his daughter: "Do you mean to tell me, Katie Scarlett O'Hara, that Tara, that land, doesn't mean anything to you? Why, land is the only thing in the world worth workin' for, worth fightin' for, worth dyin' for, because it's the only thing that lasts."



Biographical information Dean, himself, provided for his 50th High School Class Reunion in 1955:

- Married for 41 years
- Former occupation: Pharmaceutical Marketing-various capacities.
- Children: Bruce, a pomologist; Eric, a newspaper account manager; Jay, a structural engineer, Dana Sue, a horticulturist.
- Grandchildren: Nine, ages 16 to 7.
- Clubs/Organizations: Elks, Highland Golf and Racquet Club, 31st Infantry Regiment Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Western Cascade Fruit Society, North American Fruit Explorers
- Hobbies: Golf, Bicycle riding, raising different cultivars of table grapes, grafting specialty apples on mini-dwarf rootstock and espaliering them, raising different varieties of blueberries.
- Special Interests: Cruising or traveling the good old U.S.A., Canada, Europe, Central America, the Caribbean and hopefully to Australia, New Zealand, Polynesia and Micronesia before we're too old.
- Highlights of my life: 1) Graduation from Tech High; 2) Rotation from Korea in March 1952, ALIVE; 3) Marriage to Doretta; 4) Graduation from college; 5) Our four children; 6) Our grandchildren; 7) Retirement.

## An interview of Dean Kelley can be heard at the following websites in 5 parts:

- 1) <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/3095474/person/-1776180059/audio/7dc34f67-0e09-4d52-a093-df51a40d9114?spn=dab83373a339b4fbce4e018c2113f60000039bd0484291f&spn=Dana%2bBressette>
- 2) <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/3095474/person/-1776180059/audio/cd0892a4-2b0b-4145-91d7-2ffd229845c8?spn=545281c193ac380ed610e6827f30a941000039bd04883c61&spn=Dana%2bBressette>
- 3) <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/3095474/person/-1776180059/audio/71416448-5eb7-434d-aa23-dac79e6c6ba0?spn=70f564fd23d77a4f0ab523cca2cb45f0000039bd04887e6c&spn=Dana%2bBressette>
- 4) <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/3095474/person/-1776180059/audio/3c320572-0ed5-46c2-9076-10acfaa4c501?spn=35aca0f42fcb7ff3d7a99e9f5c0f7d02000039bd0488bac6&spn=Dana%2bBressette>
- 5) <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/3095474/person/-1776180059/audio/6d23c250-6753-495b-bf7e-42d21cdb72a6?spn=416c0db243a6eb7c43e43a8beb666a50000039bd0488ebad&spn=Dana%2bBressette>

-This interview was conducted on Memorial Day 2005 by his daughter, Dana and his kindergartener grandson, Sky Bressette.



DEAN DARRELL KELLEY

August 5, 1927 - June 5, 2012

"His was a life of love and sacrifice for his family and he will be tremendously missed."

Dean Darrell Kelley was born on Aug. 5th, 1927 in Holstein, IA and died on June 5th, 2012 in Vancouver, WA. He lived for the past five years in Battle Ground, WA, after having lived in Tacoma and Gig Harbor for 30 years.

Dean graduated from Omaha Technical High School in 1945 with honors, and then served in the Merchant Marine. He later served in the Army in Korea for 21 months and reached the rank of Master Sergeant.

After serving his country, Dean earned a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Long Beach State University.

For most of his working life Dean was a pharmaceutical sales representative. He retired from CIBA/Geigy, now Novartis.

Dean met Doretta Rose Clifford in southern California in 1953, and they were married on June 26, 1954. In 1968, they moved to a country home on 5 acres in LaCenter with their four children: Bruce Dean (married to Anna Johanson), Eric Brent, Jay Darrell (married to Sharon Mayner), and Dana Sue (married to Edmund Bressette). They have ten grandchildren: Maria, Cliff, Alan, Rose, and Michael; Dean and Guy; Jennifer and Brandon; and Sky. Dean and Doretta also have 22 great-grandchildren.

Dean's hobbies included golf, bridge, genealogy, and gardening, but his main hobby was his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Dean lived his life for his family.

He spent many hours camping, fishing, playing games, and attending school events. He valued education and worked hard for his children's future, encouraging them by example to live a responsible and productive life.

Following his request, there will be no funeral services.

Condolences may be sent to Doretta and family in care of Layne's Funeral Home, P.O. Box 7, Battle Ground, WA 98604.

Please sign his guest book at: [www.columbian.com/obits](http://www.columbian.com/obits).

**Layne's**  
FUNERAL HOME

Obituary published in The Columbian, Vancouver, Washington June 10, 2012



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After graduating from Omaha Technical High School in 1945 with honors, he joined the Merchant Marine. He proudly served in the Army in Korea, reaching the rank of Sergeant Major. In 1974, Dean earned a BA in Psychology from Long Beach State. He worked as a pharmaceutical sales representative, retiring from CIBA, now Novartis, in 1989.

Dean met Doretta Clifford in southern California, and they married on June 26, 1954. In 1968, they moved to a country home in LaCenter with their four children: Bruce, Eric, Jay, and Dana Bressette. They have ten grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

He enjoyed socializing with family, friends, and colleagues. His hobbies included golf, bridge, genealogy, and gardening, but his main hobby was his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Dean devoted his life to his family and enjoyed attending school events. He valued education and worked hard for his children's future, encouraging them by example to live a responsible and productive life. His was a life of love and sacrifice for his family. He will be tremendously missed.

Obituary published in The News Tribune, Tacoma, Washington, June 17, 2012