



Dean Edson Mann

July 22, 1927 - April 21, 2014

Dean Edson Mann (1927-2014)

Devoted husband, beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Dean Edson Mann passed away in Santa Barbara, California on Monday, April 21, 2014. He was 86.

Dean was born on July 22, 1927 in Ogden, Utah to Leslie John and Veda Nettie Edson Mann. He grew up in Oakland, California and briefly served in the Navy at the end of World War II. He married Helen Joyce Krage (also of Oakland) in Logan, Utah in 1951. This was the beginning of 58 years of marriage that included the raising of 7 children and moves to Arizona, Washington, D.C., Caracas, Venezuela and, then, Santa Barbara, California where they lived for over 35 years. In retirement, Dean and Helen also lived for seven years in Visalia, California before Helen passed away and Dean returned to Santa Barbara.

Dean received his bachelor's degree and doctorate in political science from the University of California at Berkeley and began his early career at the University of Arizona in Tucson. It was there, while finishing his dissertation, teaching and conducting post-doctoral research, that he established himself as an authority on the politics of water in the western United States. In the late 1950s, as a congressional fellow, Dean served on the legislative staff of U.S. Senator Kefauver of Tennessee and, in the early 1960s, as a fellow with the Brookings Institute in Washington D.C. He received a grant from the Ford Foundation in 1962 to work in Caracas, Venezuela for two years and was accompanied by his family during that wonderful experience.

He began his career in the Department of Political Science at the University of California, Santa Barbara in 1965. As an associate and, then full professor he taught, performed research and published in the areas of American politics, public administration and natural resource policy and twice served as chairman of the department. As a longtime member of the Western Political Science Association, he served as the organization's president and as editor, for over 10 years, of its premier journal, the *Western Political Quarterly*. With the exception of his service as Chief of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Division at the National Water Commission (1970 to 1971) Dean remained at UCSB until his retirement in 1991.

Dean was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

throughout his life and served faithfully in many capacities. He served as a missionary for the Church between 1947 and 1950 in the New England States mission and also served as the branch president of the Caracas branch while in Venezuela.

A natural athlete, Dean enjoyed watching many sports as well as playing tennis, basketball and swimming throughout his life. He enjoyed the outdoors and he and Helen maintained a lifelong tradition of annual camping with their family at Bass Lake, California – a much-treasured family experience. Dean's favorite hobby was reading and he was a great lover of the fine and performing arts. He and Helen had a love of fine paintings and surrounded themselves with art from all over the world. Dean enjoyed singing in choirs his entire life and sang with the Santa Barbara Choral Society for many years. While in Visalia, Dean was very involved in community affairs including serving on the City of Visalia Environmental and General Plan Update Committees. He also served on the Tulare County Grand Jury and was an active volunteer with the local American Red Cross. He also wrote a book review column entitled "Dean's Reads" for the Visalia Times Delta newspaper.

Dean is survived by his seven children, Jeffrey (Marlena) Mann of Puyallup WA, Karen (James) Nelson of Santa Barbara, Lindsay (Lesa) Mann of Visalia, Preston (Debra) Mann of Santa Barbara, Kimberley (Kurt) Clement of Long Beach, Randall Mann of Palo Alto and Tamara (Vince) Summerhays of Maple Valley, WA. He is also survived by 39 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren. Dean was beloved by his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well as by a large extended family; he will long be remembered for his fine example, good nature, deep compassion, humor and fatherly influence.

Services will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Santa Barbara Chapel, 2107 Santa Barbara St., Santa Barbara, CA 93105 at 10:00 a.m. on May 1, 2014 with viewing at 9:30 a.m. Interment will immediately follow at the Santa Barbara Cemetery.

Cemetery

Events

Santa Barbara Cemetery

901 Channel Drive

Santa Barbara, CA, 93108

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Visitation

09:30AM

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

2107 Santa Barbara St., Santa Barbara, CA, US, 93101

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Funeral Service

10:00AM

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Comments



“ We were greatly saddened to learn of the loss of a great guy and good friend and next-door neighbor during the years both of our families lived on Wakefield. We enjoyed participating in our monthly study group activities with Dean and Helen as well as in the functions of our Santa Barbara Third Ward. What a surprise it was when Lindsey and our son John became companions while serving in the Argentina Buenos Aires South Mission.

Stan Hall - May 03, 2014 at 05:08 PM



“ Bro. Lindsay and family,

Thoughts and prayers your way today. Only new your Dad for a short time. Enjoyed him in the quorum meetings etc. I could tell when I first talked with him that he was a man of great integrity. One of my fondest memories was us sitting at a Relay For Life event (Cancer) at the COS sports field. He came over and had some refreshment. We must have talked for an hour. Loved him as a brother.

My heartfelt condolences,
Mike Powell

Mike Powell - May 01, 2014 at 12:08 PM



“ Dear Mann Family,

Jerry and I remember Dean---with smiles upon our faces. What a dear man! He lived a remarkable life as noted by all of his accomplishments. Remarkable as well was his devotion to family and church and friends. Although our political views were so different, we could still have an interesting and lively conversation about the happenings of the world and nation and still be friends afterwards. Here was a man of great intellect and education yet we never heard him belittle another individual of lesser educational and intellectual standing. We are sorry for your loss but we want you to know he always spoke to us about his family with a delight in his eyes and with great pride.

Love,

Joan and Jerry Haws

Joan Haws - May 01, 2014 at 11:57 AM



“ Hope the Haws family is doing well. We are still enjoying life in Provo, but at a slower pace. John Sorenson celebrated his 90th birthday with a party last evening. Dorothy and Stan Hall

Stan Hall - May 03, 2014 at 05:12 PM



“ I have such fond memories of this wonderful man. He was a unique father figure who taught with love and compassion and not a heavy hand or voice. He made me feel like a part of the family whenever I infused myself into the Mann household (which was often). I still remember the first time I saw Tammy kiss her father on the cheek before we went out for some teenage fun and I thought how unusual (for me) and special all at the same time. So sweet. My hope would be that my own children had the same respect for me as the Mann children had for their father. It was evident that they never wanted to disappoint their father...and he could never feel disappointment for his children. He saw only joy.

...and this man could really rock a bow tie too!

My condolences...wish I could be at the funeral.

Love always,

Jan Sanford Trotter

Jan Sanford Trotter - May 01, 2014 at 02:36 AM



“ Dearest Dean Mann Family - Our memories of your family are very treasured. Dean, Helen and all of you were among our dearest and closest friends during the growing up years of our families. The Bass Lake memories of water skiing, camping, your mother's boat driving, and many other wonderful times. Serving with Dean in the Elders' Quorum Pres'y. Having fun with our political differences and enjoying our book club experiences will never be forgotten.

He was such a talented person with his poems and writing skills. The many times we played tennis and swam together with your dad and mom. He was such a competitive basketball player and respected for his intellectual accomplishments. We will always remember the quick fast drive with all of you back to Santa Barbara from Washington DC. Those were the days, weren't they?

What a wonderful legacy your parents have left you and he was such a giant in his profession. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. He and the love of his life, Helen are now together again. He will be missed but he now is so much better off.

God Bless you all,
Lovingly, Gary, Gerry Johnson and family

Gary, Gerry Johnson and Family - April 29, 2014 at 06:32 PM



“ We hope that the Johnson family is doing well. We continue to enjoy life in Provo, if at a slower pace as we age. John Sorenson celebrated his 90th birthday at a party last evening.

Stan Hall - May 03, 2014 at 05:14 PM



“ Dear Lindsey and Lisa Mann and Family - Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time as you mourn the loss of your father. We never met him personally but in reading the obituary realize he not only was well educated but was also a wonderful family man.

We enjoyed reading his book review in the Times-Delta. Sincerely, Roger and Ann Johnson

Roger and Ann Johnson - April 29, 2014 at 04:58 PM



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Scott Reid - April 28, 2014 at 02:20 PM



“ Bishop Mann, We are truly sorry for your loss of your father. He must of been an awesome man, because you are just wonderful. May God give you and your family comfort at this time of your trials through your fathers passing. All of our Love...Brother and Sister Moala

Cheryl - April 29, 2014 at 01:34 AM