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Zane Gene Dewey, of Springdale Arkansas, passed on from his mortal bonds to the freedom of Life Eternal, at 3:05 pm on Tuesday, January, 22, 2008 in N.W. Medical Center, Springdale, AR, in the Company of members of his beloved Family.

Zane was born June 6, 1924, to Ed Dewey and Kitty Huffington in Oswego, KS. His birth Mother passed six months later, and he came to be raised by her Sister, Sadie Huffington of Cherryvale, KS. Sadie, or "Auntie" as he, and his family called her and knew her, was his Mother, and the Grandmother to his children.

Zane enlisted in the U.S Marine Corps as a young man in 1943. He trained in Bowling Green, OH and shipped off to San Diego for further training before boarding a troop ship bound for Hawaii, and then the immortal battle on Iwo Jima, the turning point of the War in the Pacific Theater. He kept his recollections of his intense involvement in the Battle, including witnessing the raising of the Flag on Mt. Suribachi to himself for many years, before he spent a day alone and dictated his memories in graphic detail of the horror of War that he witnessed, and his miraculous survival of the combat. These were published a few years ago in the Morning News of N.W. Arkansas. After the Battle, he returned to Hawaii and then was part of the Occupation Force in the remains of Nagasaki, Japan.

Zane returned home and gained a Law Degree from Washburn University in Topeka, KS. He married Susan Elizabeth Hoppe of Lincoln, Nebraska in 1952. This marriage endured for 56 years, and they enjoyed the love of three Sons, two Grand-Daughters and one Great Grand-Daughter. Zane retired after 35 years of service to State Farm Insurance Co. in 1982.

Zane is survived by his Wife, of the home, Susan Elizabeth Dewey, Sons Kim Dewey of Springdale, AR, David Dewey of Valley Center, KS, and Mark Dewey of Falls Church, VA. Daughter-in-Laws Connie Dewey of Butte, MT, Eva Dewey of Valley Center, KS, and Sandy Dewey of Falls Church, VA. Grand-Daughters, Cary Dewey of Fayetteville, AR, and Shannon



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Dewey of Falls Church, VA. and Great-Grand-Daughter Meredith Moler of Derby, KS. Also, his beloved companion, a Cairn Terrier, Mr. Charlie M. Cheswick, of Springdale, AR.

A Celebration of Zane's Life will be held at the Nelson-Berna Funeral Home, Fayetteville, AR on February 16, 2008 at 1:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, Mr. Dewey asked that donations be made to The Carter Center, One Copenhill Rd., 453 Freedom Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30301

To Sign the online quest book go to www.nelsonberna.com

Arrangements are by Nelson-Berna Funeral Home and Crematory of Fayetteville.

Visitation Date Time No Visitation None Visitation Location No Visitation Service Date Time
Saturday, February 16, 2008 1:00 PM Service Location Chapel of Nelson-Berna Funeral Home,
4520 North Crossover Road, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72703



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HS

Harry Simpson sent a virtual gift in honor of Zane.

Saepe Expertus, Semper Fidelis, Fratres Aeterni. Often Tested, Always Faithful, Brothers Forever. Thank you for your service to this nation.

December 15 at 10:57 AM



JF

John, Cinda, Laura And Stephen Nichols (Friends Of The Family) posted:

It was an honor for our family to have known Zane. We considered him a man of great integrity. He and Susan raised three upstanding sons. We know that he will be terribly missed. Please accept our very deepest sympathy.

August 30 at 9:08 AM

FR

(Friend) posted:

Zane was a great man that I have known since 1980. I spent many summers with him and his family on Beaver Lake in Arkansas. He treated me like I was one of his own and I will never forget that. To this day, the tradition carries on as I take my wife and 3 kids to the lake every summer. After recently losing my father I realize how precious time can be. I was fortunate to spend some time with Zane last fall. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

August 30 at 9:08 AM

FR

(Friend) posted:

A friend, always with a smile.

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SF

Steve Spencer (Kim Dewey's Best Friend) posted:

Zane was one of the most kindest, loving person of most all I have ever known. My girls and I loved him as our own. We could see the love for his wife and children was one of the most finest example's as a great, grand father, father and husband, and he will be missed dearly. Our thoughts and prayers go to the family. Steve Spencer and family

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JC

Jack Macy (Classmate) posted:

I enjoyed having Zane as a classmate through highschool and am proud to have served in the same service as he did. He was a good Marine. I salute you Zane. Jack Macy USMC

August 30 at 9:08 AM

TW

Tommie Francis (Co-Worker) posted:

Susan, I am so sorry to hear about Zane. Mitch just called me. I was in Rogers for two weeks...I just got home on Wed. Two or Three times I thought about you guys and was going to give you a call...and as things go I DID NOT do it. I am sorry. I don't know if you knew it or not, but I lost Gary on May 27th. Zane was a prince of a guy. He run a tight ship at State Farm. I tell everyone that he is the only person that I ever knew that only had one job all his life. (I think that is true and not something I dreamed up). Take care of yourself, and trust in the Lord.

August 30 at 9:08 AM

JF

Jo And Vernon Forbes (Friend) posted:

We knew Zane as a charming, witty, and caring man who was smart enough to choose Susan as his wife. They made a beautiful couple whose love can not be parted and whose legacy will endure through their wonderful family. We send our caring thoughts and love to you all. Jo and Vern

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JC

Jim Cunningham (Class Of 42, Classmate Chs) posted:

I remember Zane as a special friend in Cherryvale High School. I offer my condolences to his family. May God bless and comfort you.

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MS

Mark Dewey (Youngest Son) posted:

Family Man--that was my Dad. Dad loved being with his family. He was always there for us. Though we are all grown and have our own families, we three boys now feel a little more alone in this world without our Dad's presence to guide and support us. My Dad introduced me to the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and boating. He set a wonderful example of how to be a good husband, father, and a citizen of this country. Most importantly, his unconditional love for us was always there when we needed it. I love you and miss you Pop.--Mark

August 30 at 9:08 AM



TR

Ted Larimer (Knew Zane And Relatives) posted:

Zane was a bit younger than, the same age as my brother, Max. I vividly recall as a lad and even at that time knew Zane had a bright future. My sincere condolences!

August 30 at 9:08 AM

SF

Silas L. Larimer (Cherryvale Friend) posted:

My wife and I send our sincere sympathies to you Susan, and all the family. My brother, Max, was a classmate/good friend of Zane's and for me, Zane was the epitome of the type man all young boys should strive to emulate. We are sure that throughout his lifetime, many others similarly viewed Zane as did I in those long ago more youthful days in Cherryvale, Kansas. A fine man!

August 30 at 9:08 AM

CM

Colleen And Boyd Wilkes (Best Man) posted:

The passing of a long time friend, classmate, and the best man at my wedding 57 years ago comes with a sense of loss. Even though we hadn't visited in person for many years, we kept in contact through Christmas Cards and letters. They served to refresh the pleasant memories of years past during high school and the summer of 1946 when we were out of the service fooling around waiting to start college in the fall. Susan won't know about it but I certainly remember the little yellow Ford Model A roadster with a rumble seat that Zane drove during high school that was the envy of every one of us Cherryvale High School boys. And we won't mention the rumble seat stories that were passed around. In 1950 when I married Colleen, Zane was my best man and he returned the honor in 1952 when he married Susan. Both of our marriages have endured for many years and it is sad that Zane and Susan's have come to an end. Colleen and I extend our sincerest sympathy to Susan and the children and are sure that you will have many pleasant memories to remember Zane that will overcome the current sadness.

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FC

Freda P. Webb (Classmate) posted:

The Cherryvale High School Fighting Cherries - Class of 1942, wish to express our condolences to Zane's family. As our Class Prophecy stated: "Here is a laddie who has really gone places"... Even though he wasn't "America's number one "drummer boy" featured at the Coconut Grove." Susan, his classmates really enjoyed speaking with him on the telephone in October 2007 during our 65th Class Reunion in Cherryvale. He will be deeply missed by all of us.

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SW

Susan Dewey (Wife) posted:

I "grew up" under Zane's love and patience. I was 20 and Zane 28 the day we were married. The memories of those early days are vivid and precious. No one could have loved me more. He was always there to help me in any way, and anything I did for him was with great love. The births of our sons was each one so special and brought joy to our parents as well. Christmas always a grand event with all grandparents present. Our years in Wichita so happy and where we celebrated our 40th anniversary with a lovely event planned by the boys and their wives. Church bonded our family and was a constant blessing. Everyone loved you, dearest, and you will be missed so very much. Always you are with me and I with you and I rejoice in your freedom as you counseled me to do for you would be free of the many restraints you endured for so long. Zane's and my friends in the neighborhood loved you and have been generous and so loving. So many good qualities you express, none that aren't. You truly reflect your Father, Mother, God. Love always, Susan

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KS

Kim Dewey (1st Son) posted:

I wrote Dad's obituary with the help of my Brothers Mark and David. I think it portrays in a few words the character and quality of the Man that he is. Dad was on oxygen 24/7 for 20 years, fighting Emphyzema. He was tethered to a cord basically either to a concentrator or, if out of the house, to a portable tank. I was with him for most of those 20 years, and can only think of a few times he ever openly expressed the disdain and despair he must have felt for this onus. When I think of the burdens I have borne in my own life, they pale in comparison to what he carried with him for so long. Through it all, he was always there for our Mother Susan, for Me, and for my Brothers and Daughter In Laws. My Daughter Cary grew up around him, and had the blessing of knowing and loving him through her childhood and young Adulthood. I miss you Dad. But, you will always be with me, and I rejoice in your freedom, in the reward that is promised by Christ Jesus, our Lord and Saviour who promised, on the Cross that, "this day, you will be with me paradise". I know that you believed that, and I know you are. Love Forever, Kim

August 30 at 9:08 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Zane by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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