

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

*2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he
leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.*

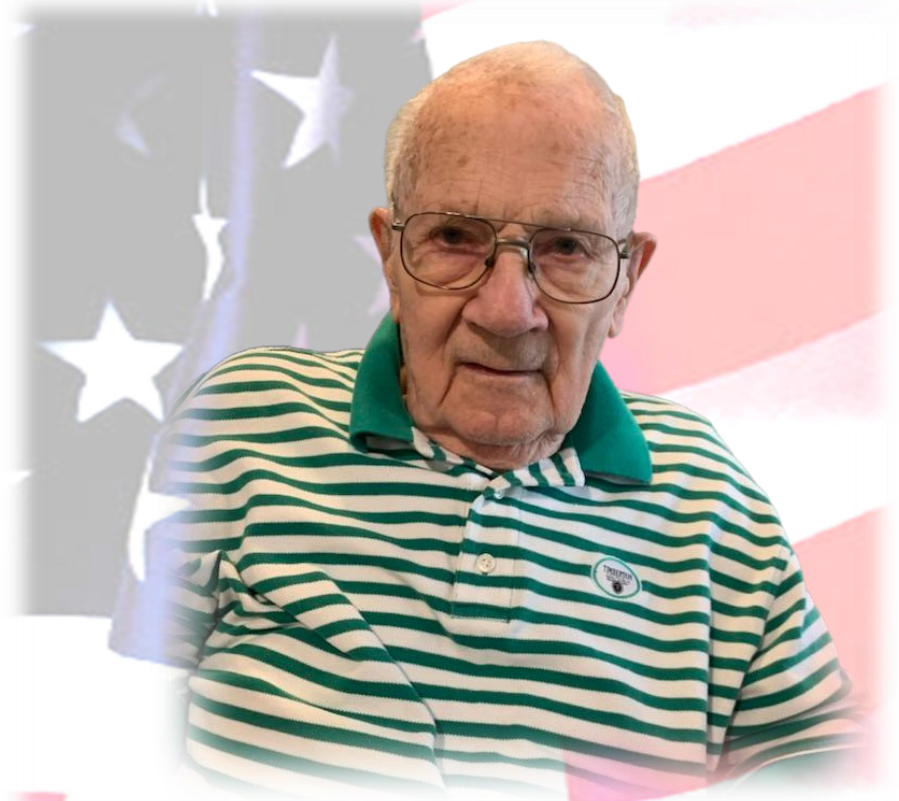
*4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art
with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of
mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my
cup runneth over.*

*6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the
LORD for ever.*



A LIFE REMEMBERED



MELVIN DEAN
HORTON

AUGUST 9, 1925
NOVEMBER 18, 2024



Melvin Dean Horton

Melvin “Dean” Horton, 99, of Sedalia, MO, formerly of Topeka, KS, passed away peacefully on Monday, November 18, 2024, at Loving Arms Memorial Care and Assisted Living in Sedalia. Dean was born on August 9, 1925, in Topeka, KS, to Archie A. Horton and Ruth Adora (Foster) Horton, both of whom preceded him in death.

Dean was united in marriage to Erma "Maxine" Vowels on October 31, 1943, in Topeka, KS. They shared a loving, enduring marriage for 77 years, until her passing on May 13, 2021. Dean's devotion to his family was evident in all aspects of his life, and his love for Maxine remained strong until the very end.

Dean attended Highland Park High School before answering the call to serve his country during World War II. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1943, serving with honor until his discharge in January 1946. Following the war, Dean dedicated 40 years of his life to the Cash and Carry Division of Fleming Food Companies, retiring in 1986.

A lifelong sports enthusiast, Dean was a passionate supporter of Highland Park High School and Kansas State University athletics. Whether attending games or watching from home, he remained a dedicated fan of his teams throughout his life.

Above all, Dean was a devoted family man. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, always placing family at the center of his world. His kind nature, sense of humor, and strong moral compass left a lasting impression on all who knew him. Dean was also known for his work ethic, his generosity, and his steadfast commitment to his community. He was a faithful member of the First Assembly of God Church, Masonic Lodge #17 and Scottish Rite all of Topeka, KS.

Dean's legacy lives on through his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He is survived by two sons, T. Dean Horton (Linda) of Raleigh, NC, and Larry Horton (Sharon) of Sedalia, MO; a son-in-law, Jim Spetter of Berryton, KS; seven grandchildren, Terri, Lisa, Tiffany, Traci, Amy, Lori Ann, and Troy; twelve great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild, all of whom were deeply loved by their father and grandfather.

In addition to his wife and parents, Dean was preceded in death by his beloved daughter, Deana Dale Spetter, and five brothers: Vernon, Robert, Dale, William, and Wayne Horton.

Dean's memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him, and he will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all whose lives he touched.

Funeral Service

12:00 p.m., Monday, November 25, 2024
Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home, Topeka, KS

Officiant

Pastor Mike Swendson

Eulogy

Granddaughters

Special Music

“The Old Rugged Cross”

“If You Get There Before I Do”

“Go Rest High On That Mountain” - Video Tribute

Interment

Memorial Park Cemetery, Topeka, KS

Military Honors

United States Navy

Pallbearers

Eddie Micheal, Bob Shelinbarger, Gary Horton,

Robert Horton, Troy Spetter, Tyler Woodington

Memorial Contributions

Alzheimer's Association

First Assembly of God Church, Topeka