

Dean Howard Roe passed away Monday, February 9, 2026, while on Hospice at Froedtert Hospital in West Bend.

Dean was born on August 21, 1934, in Whitewater, Wisconsin to Wilfred and Virginia (nee Howard) Roe. He attended the Spring Brook School in Lima Township, Rock County, Wisconsin. He then went to Whitewater High School graduating in 1952. He was in the FBLA, FFA (Pres.), participated in two musicals, was in choir, on the track team, and was in the Octet singing group. In 1952 as a senior, he was awarded the American Legion award, the DeKalb award, and achieved the FFA State Farmer Degree.

Dean attended the University of Wisconsin - River Falls, graduating in 1960 with a degree in History and Broad Area Social Studies as well as a degree in Chemistry. Prior to this, Dean was a Chemical Laboratory Technician and then a Metallurgy Laboratory Technician for Minneapolis Honeywell from 1955-1958. He taught Chemistry, Biology and Science. He also coached track and football in the Winner South Dakota High School System. His track team went to the state meet in 1961 where they dominated the mile relay event.

In 1961, the Roe Family moved 700 miles east to Kewaskum, Wisconsin. There Dean taught American and World History, Economics, and various Social Studies for 30 years before retiring in 1991. He was also the Social Studies Department Chairperson in Kewaskum, Wisconsin for approximately 25 years. He served as a past president of the Kewaskum Education Association and was also a Mentor Teacher at the Kewaskum High School. Dean served the North Central certification procedure in Kewaskum as well as other high schools in Wisconsin. Dean was for many years, an adviser to the Junior Class and the American Field Service (AFS) local organization.

Dean wrote the history of the Kewaskum Aluminum Company, as his thesis while attending the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh in 1971. He received his master's degree in 1972. Prior to that, Dean attended one quarter at the University of Minnesota - Minneapolis and one quarter at Stetson University in Deland, Florida.

Dean married Colleen Adaire Ingli, daughter of Irvin & Evelyn (nee Borchert) Ingli on November 27, 1954, at the Martell Methodist Church in Martell, Wisconsin. They are the parents of Patricia Roe, who is a retired teacher that taught in the area of Special Education and Sign Language.

Dean wrote the following genealogies: Swiss Family Rothenberger, Pioneer Farmers of Wisconsin, Seven Generations in America, and Related families - Borchert, Breseman, Dix, etc. Dean's two trips to Switzerland (Colleen's favorite trip) were such great experiences.

Dean has compiled a very extensive genealogy of the Roe Family and related branches which can be found on Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.com, and FamilyTreeMaker.com. This was a product of his interest in history and storytelling of the lives of his Dutch, German, Norwegian, Irish, French, Scottish, and English ancestors who settled in America in the 1620's and later.

Dean and Colleen have enjoyed several winter vacations to Arizona, Nevada, California, Texas, Florida, as well as Minnesota, where they owned a second home for seven years. This home was located near their daughter, Patricia, in Worthington, Minnesota.

Dean has served as a trustee on the Kewaskum United Church of Christ Consistory and has served on the Planning Commission for the Township of Kewaskum. He worked summers for over a dozen years for the Wisconsin DNR in the northern unit of the Kettle Moraine as Patrol Officer/Campmaster. He is a past member of the Worthington, Minnesota Kiwanis organization and the Kewaskum Lions Club.

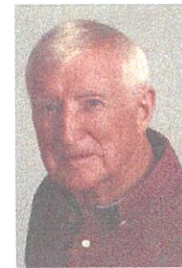
Dean was a special kind, caring, and gentle person. He was never selfish and always saw the best in everyone. He will be missed.

Dean is survived by his loving wife, Colleen Roe; a loving daughter, Patricia (Trish) Roe; a brother, Donald (Mary) Roe; sister-in-law, Rita (Wayne) Hojem; [sister-in-law, Wanda Olson - passed away 2/11/2026]; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Dean was preceded in by his parents, Wilfred and Virginia Roe Sr; his brother, Wilfred Roe Jr; and sister, Judith Triebold; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Irvin and Evelyn Ingli; brothers and sisters-in-law, Marie Roe, Karen Roe, Ted Olson, Shirley and Jim Brown, Ralph and Joan Ducklow and Richard Triebold.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF Dean Howard Roe



BORN TO LIFE

August 21, 1934

Whitewater, Wisconsin

BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE

February 9, 2026

West Bend, Wisconsin

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, March 14, 2026

11:00 a.m.

Peace United Church of Christ

Kewaskum, Wisconsin

OFFICIANT

Reverend Eric Kirkegaard

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.

I'm following the path God laid for me.

I took His hand when I heard Him call,

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day

To laugh, to love, to work or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way.

I found that place at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it with remembered joy,

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.

As yes, these things, I too, will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow.

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much;

Good friends, good times, a loved

one's touch.