

Harris Dean Larson (Dean)

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Born: Aug. 3, 1928 Moroni, Utah

Wife: Vonda Gay Ivory, born in Fountain Green, Utah



Dean and Vonda were married one month after he graduated from high school. Before that, he worked with his father on the farm, raising turkeys, cattle, horses, and various crops and driving a truck. In high school, Dean enjoyed playing basketball, and he participated in church sports. For the first few years of married life, he was an avid deer hunter, and enjoyed going with his father and brother.

For the first ten years after marriage, Dean worked mostly for his father-in-law, driving trucks and doing all kinds of construction work. He says that “we did it all.” And when it came time lay the bricks, he did that also, and has done it ever since. (Editor’s Note: He is known as one of the best brick layers in St. George, or perhaps the best.)

In 1956, he became self-employed and has been since that time. He also was a volunteer fireman for a time and served four years on the community council.

Dean says that of all his church callings, the most rewarding has to be that of Bishop. “As Bishop, I have come to love the people I serve.” But close behind that experience was his activity as a seventy, doing missionary work. One year, he was involved in the baptism of 16 people in his Bloomington ward.

Dean’s hobbies include doing things with his hands, especially wood work. He loves to read good books and like good music. He goes fishing “rarely.” And he enjoys doing things with his family.

Dean says that the most memorable events in his life have been things he has been able to do with Vonda. For example, they once spent two weeks in the Holy Land. He also lists going together to BYU Education Week, taking vacations together, and building family traditions. But, “the greatest day of my life was when Vonda and I, with two little children, went to the Manti Temple and were sealed as an eternal family.