



## Deane O. Behrends

January 1, 1931 - January 24, 2015

Deane O. Behrends, 84, of Havana, passed away at Mason District Hospital in Havana at 10:21 p.m. on Saturday, January 24, 2015. He was born January 1, 1931 in Peoria, IL to Edward and Ruth (Bishop) Behrends. He married Mary Vanderveen on August 2, 1959 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Havana.

Mr. Behrends is survived by his wife, Mary, of Havana, three daughters, Brenda (Steve) Davenport-Fornoff of Havana, Karen (Chip) Boggs of Springfield, Gail Behrends of Havana, one son, Brian (Lindsey) Behrends of Havana, seven grandsons, Kyle (Katie) Davenport, Travis (Rachel) Davenport, Ty Fornoff, Cameron and Cooper Boggs and Landin and Taylin Behrends. Also surviving is one sister, Jane (Gene) Sellier of Alabama. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, John Bishop Behrends, and son-in-law, Tommy Davenport.

Mr. Behrends was a lifelong member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Havana where he had held several positions. He served as an Army MP during the Korean War and later joined the American Legion and VFW in Havana. In April 2014, Deane, along with grandson, Kyle, went on the Honor Flight to Washington D.C. He was a 1948 graduate of Havana High School. He wrestled at Western Illinois University and later graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in Agriculture. He taught at Balyki School. He was a co-founder of Kifco Inc. in Havana and worked there until his retirement in

2010. He also sold insurance for Pekin Insurance. He served on the Board of Directors at the Peoples State Bank of Manito. He enjoyed duck hunting and was a member of the Dry Hole Duck Club and Ducks Unlimited. He had been a member of NMLRA for 55 years. He had been a member of the Havana Optimist Club for many years. He rebuilt Willy's Army Jeeps and enjoyed attending steam engine shows.

Most of all, Deane loved spending time with his family. He had traveled the world with his wife. When he was near home he enjoyed spending his days at his cabin; chopping wood while visiting with his family and friends.

Visitation will be held at Hurley Funeral Home in Havana from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27, 2015. Funeral services will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Havana at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28, 2015. Burial will follow the services at Laurel Hill Cemetery. Rev. Kevin Wendorf will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Veteran's Honor Flight, Mason District Hospital, St. Paul's Lutheran Church or the HHS Booster Club. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com).

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ My first job in high school was being a co-op worker at Ag-Rain; working under Dean. My first assignment was to clean and organize Dean’s work area. I did my very best to impress him and one of my strengths was organization. I so admired Dean and he was a very good role model. Dean had a wonderful family that I respected more than they realized. I’m so grateful to Dean. He was a very good man!

Harold Percy - May 12, 2025 at 06:21 PM



“ Deane O. Behrends

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM

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“ I enjoyed talking to Deane when he came into Peoples State Bank for the Board meetings. My mom told me about riding with him and a jeepful of kids to school! My condolences to Mary and the family.

Jeanne Garlisch Mitchell

Jeanne Garlisch Mitchell - March 13, 2015 at 01:20 PM



“ Deane was a warm kind, friendly man. As an active member of the 77Deuce Association (Retired MP of the Korean War) Deane was well loved and appreciated by all in the association. He will be greatly missed but will live on with us through his loving wife Mary, RIP, Dear Deane. In thoughts and prayers of Paul and Mari Rich

Mari Rich - February 05, 2015 at 09:27 PM