



## Ronaldean "Dean" Pawlisch

July 14, 1925 - July 24, 2019

### Obituary

Brodhead – Dr. Ronaldean “Dean” Pawlisch, age 94, passed away on July 24, 2019 at the Woods Crossing Nursing Home in Brodhead.

Dean was born on July 14, 1925 in Baraboo, WI the son of Benjamin and Myrtle (Deyhle) Pawlisch. Dean was united in marriage to Leah (Gaetzke) Pawlisch on June 22, 1951 in North Freedom, Wisconsin. He was a graduate of North Freedom High School in 1943. Following graduation he served two years in the United States Navy and was honorably discharged in 1946 from the submarines with the rank of Gunner’s mate 3rd class.

On discharge, he attended the University of Wisconsin Madison and subsequently was awarded a Bachelor’s Degree in Animal Science in 1950. In 1954 he was granted his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from the University of Minnesota. He began a dedicated lifetime profession of Veterinary Medicine at Brodhead Veterinary Service in Brodhead in 1954 and continued until his retirement in 1991. In an effort to support and strengthen his profession, he took an active part in many areas. Locally he served as chairman of the Corn and Hog festival for several years, chaired the Farm Institute, was awarded an honorary membership to the FFA in 1956, served as FFA alumni president and helped establish the 4H program in Veterinary Science in Green County. He also worked on the Ag advisory board at

Brodhead High School and the Green County Ag Chest. He helped organize the “disease free” hog program in our area. He was president of the Rock Valley Veterinary Association and on the WVMA Executive board for 4 years in 1963-1966 and was chairman in 1966. He was director of the Wisconsin Association of Professions in 1965-1967. He served as president elect and president for the Wisconsin State Veterinary Association from 1969-1970. He cooperated with the University of Wisconsin in research programs and consequently he was instrumental in discovering the first documented case in the world of the transmission of swine influenza from pigs to a healthy normal human on the same farm and in the same episode. In 1994 his service to the Brodhead area and his cooperation with researchers at the college of agriculture and life sciences earned him an honorary recognition award from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, one of the highest honors bestowed by the college. He served on the board of directors for the Wisconsin Agriculture and Life Science Alumni Association from 1988 – 1994. Dean was appointed and served on the task force for the Veterinary Medical Animal Health Diagnostic Laboratory support services in 1988-1990.

His dedication and service also extended to his Brodhead community. He was a Jaycee President and general chairman of the Red Cross Bloodmobile when it was organized in the Green County in 1960. He was mayor of Brodhead in 1962-1964. In 1975 -1976 he co-chaired the Brodhead Bicentennial Committee. The Jaycees presented him with the Distinguished Service Award in 1979. He was a member of the American Legion, Gehr Swan Post 197, where he served as commander and adjutant for 15 years. He was elected as a director at the Bank of Brodhead and served from 1972 to 2011.

Dean was an avid hunter and sportsman and was a longtime supporter of wildlife and conservation programs. Dean worked with Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever and was also a member of the Sugar River Pheasant

Club.

His faith in God led him to be an active member in the Juda Baptist Church in Juda from 1955 until it closed in 1990. He held various offices, taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. At the present time he was a member of the Brodhead United Methodist Church and sang in the choir for many years.

Dean is survived by three children, Ray (Carol) Pawlisch, Deb (Paul) Chotlos and Kim Pawlisch; 5 grandchildren, Benjamin (Andrea) Pawlisch, Dean (Joanna) Pawlisch, Anna Chotlos, Nathaniel Chotlos and Matthew Chotlos; 6 great grandchildren, Audrey, Sam, Owen, Everett, Magnus and Truman.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Leah on October 10, 2013 and one brother, Deyhle Pawlisch.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Brodhead United Methodist Church or the Sully Fund: providing veterinary care for animals in need.

Memorial services will be held at the Brodhead United Methodist Church on Monday, August 5, 2019 at 11:00 AM. A visitation will also be held at the church on Sunday, August 4, 2019 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 pm and on Monday from 10:00 am until the time of services. Burial of cremated remains will be held at the Greenwood Cemetery with military honors.

DL Newcomer Funeral Home

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Ronaldean "Dean" Pawlisch, please visit our floral store.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Camping will never be the same out on the Wisconsin River!! Many great memories.....*

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**Terri Terbilcox** - August 14, 2020 at 06:15 PM

ES

“ *An European Basket Garden was ordered on August 2, 2019*

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**Expression of Sympathy** - August 02, 2019 at 11:25 AM

SN

“ *A candle was lit in remembrance*

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**Shirley Nordeng** - August 01, 2019 at 12:22 PM

AT

“ *I'm so very sorry to learn of Dean's passing. He was a wonderful neighbor to us, and such a kind man. He will definitely be missed. My thoughts and sympathies are with the family.*

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**Andrea Tway** - July 31, 2019 at 04:36 PM

KO

“ *He was a great man who lived a rich and full life. His accomplishments are many but his family has to be his greatest. He and his family have always been important friends to our family. The end is always sad but it is important to celebrate how he lived. He has left a lasting impression on many people and will be missed. Godspeed Dean.*

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**Kurt & Gayle Otteson** - July 31, 2019 at 10:36 AM

ES

“ *An A GARDEN PATH was ordered on July 31, 2019*

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**Expression of Sympathy** - July 31, 2019 at 08:11 AM

EL

“ *Ray, Carol, Ben, and Dean: Condolences to you and your families. Dean lived an incredible life and has touched many people throughout our community.*

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**Evan Laube** - July 30, 2019 at 09:10 AM

KK

“ *It was one of the regular highlights of my youth whenever we had to call the vet and Dean showed up. He was a great man, and probably a good part of the reason I wanted to be a vet when I was a kid. (I'm a carpenter now). My favorite memory goes back to when I was probably about 6 years old. Dean was doing a DA on one of our cows, and me being in his back pocket, asking a thousand questions and wanting to see everything, he lifted me up and gave me a flashlight so I could look inside the cow. I'll never forget it, and so glad I was able to share that story with Dean at my Dad's visitation a few months back. Look forward to more adventures with him in Heaven one day.*

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**Kurt Kamholz** - July 29, 2019 at 07:41 PM

TN

“ *Ray, Deb, and Kim, I'm so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to the whole family! Your dad was one of the special ones, every time he came to the farm on a call he had a joke or a story to tell. When he was done with the call and left dad and I would still be smiling. You will be missed Doc!*

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**Tim Newman** - July 29, 2019 at 04:06 PM

SC

“ With heartfelt sympathy. Your Dad was a wonderful man! My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sue Coplien - July 28, 2019 at 08:48 PM

RW

“ Sending prayers to the Pawlisch family as they process the loss of their family patriarch.

Robin Walenton - July 27, 2019 at 02:06 PM

GG

“ Condolences to the Pawlisch family.

Greg Gray - July 27, 2019 at 10:47 AM

TF

“ The volunteers, flight team and board of Badger Honor Flight mourn the loss of their hero, Ronaldean Pawlisch. We are thankful for his military service and proud to have served him on his trip to Washington D.C. on November 12, 2011.

Tammi Alexander, Badger Honor Flight - July 27, 2019 at 08:48 AM

JM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. Such a kind man!!

Jeff and Wanda McLain - July 27, 2019 at 08:39 AM

DO

“ Your father and grandfather will be greatly missed but his warmth, kindness, and gentle spirit will be remembered forever. You'll be in our thoughts and prayers. Allen and Donna Olson

Donna Olson - July 26, 2019 at 07:15 PM

PA

“ Sending you my sympathy.

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**Peg Albrecht** - July 26, 2019 at 06:43 PM

MP

“ We at the Brodhead UMC loved having “Doc” as a member of our choir. His kindness to and concern for others was unfailing. Doc’s name may have been on a church membership roll, but his love of the Lord could not be contained by any earthly walls. His life was and is a witness and testimony to the faith he so obviously embraced. Rest In peace, Doc. Well done, good and faithful servant.

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**Marcia Petersen** - July 26, 2019 at 06:42 PM

DB

“ Such a nice man, I am thankful for having had the opportunity to know him. He will be missed. Darcey Bedward

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**Darcey Bedward** - July 26, 2019 at 06:06 PM

SP

“ My heartfelt condolences to the Pawlisch family. He was a wonderful man to talk to and be around. May God keep and rest his soul.

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**Sven Prestbrotten** - July 26, 2019 at 03:55 PM