



## Dean Reed Heaton

June 21, 1936 - March 26, 2019

Dean Reed Heaton, 82, passed away suddenly at his home in Mesa Arizona on March 26, 2019. He was laid to rest at the National Memorial Cemetery in North Phoenix, April 3rd.

Dean's parents, Clyde and Mildred, preceded his death by many years, but only a week earlier had lost his beloved sister Nancy.

Dean was born in Larned Kansas on June 21, 1936. He attended grade school in Larned and after graduating high school, joined the US Navy. Dean was assigned to a cruiser that visited many great sea ports, which fueled his interest in travel and culture. During one visit to an Australian port, he met and married his first wife, Louise. After leaving the military, he moved to Fort Wayne Indiana where he attended and graduated Indiana Technical Institute with a degree in Electrical Engineering. Dean put his education and world experiences to good use by accepting an engineering position at Honeywell Inc in Maryland, where he raised 4 children. Dean and his wife had a great love for dogs which resulted in raising and showing champion Borzoi's. He became very involved in radio based defense warfare and prospered in his career. His career ultimately took him to Silicon Valley, CA during the late 70's with TRW Inc. and lastly Watkins Johnson, when he decided to retire to be with his aging parents in Mesa. Dean was an avid "single digit" handicap golfer well into his seventies, capturing an untold number of tournament wins and trophies. He was also extremely interested in genealogy research which led him to trace his own family tree back to the earliest period of the USA. The book that reflected that interest "The Heaton Families, 350 Years in America" was published in 1982. It was later followed up by additional books including "Heaton Families II". Dean had top secret clearance and with his access to the Pentagon, researched and wrote a book about superstars of military history, "Four Stars". Finally, for the last 20 years, Dean produced nine volumes of "Remember Me" which researched and documented how Stars of Film and Television were remembered and buried. Ironically, Dean wished for and received the simplest burial and left no obituary.

Dean is survived by his brother Bob, four children, James, John, Michael and Leslie as

well as many grandchildren

# Cemetery

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## **National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona**

23029 N. Cave Creek Rd.

Phoenix, AZ,

# Comments

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“ Dean was a very close friend of mine over 25 years including business and many social activities. We were golfing friends and best friends. I have always had the utmost respect and admiration for him. I will miss him greatly. Rest well my friend. Bill Berry



**Bill Berry** - April 15, 2019 at 09:45 PM

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