



Dean Alton Berkenbile

July 1, 1949 - April 8, 2026

Dean Berkenbile, of Hunter OK, passed away on April 8, 2026, at the age of 76. He was born on July 1, 1949, in Enid OK to Delmar & Alta Mae (Morris) Berkenbile. He graduated from Hunter High School in 1966. After attending Oklahoma State University for a couple years, he moved back to help with the family farm. He joined the Oklahoma National Guard where he served from 1970-1975. He moved to Guymon OK where he worked at the Texas County Feedyard. While in Guymon, he met his future bride, Karen Hill. They were united in marriage on February 19, 1972 at Oslo Lutheran Church in Gruver, Texas. They lived in the Garber and Hunter area where he continued to farm with his dad and later with his brother, Chuck. Dean and Karen worked together in various capacities whether it be on the farm or at Enid Travel. He also worked various jobs during the winters including Pillsbury, Ditch Witch, & Enid Sale Barn. He was a member of the Hunter Christian Church and the Hunter Volunteer Fire Department. He loved spending time going to team ropings around the area where he won multiple championships. He also helped orchestrate the various roping, team penning, and ranch rodeo events for the Hunter Fire Department. Dean spent several winters running the Circle C Arena in Ponca City where they had team roping schools, team roping events & even rodeos. Along the way he made many friends that he still talked about many years later. If you knew Dean, you also knew how long it would take him to tell some of those stories. And he loved telling stories. He devoted his life to farming and ranching, cattle and horses, friends and his

family.

Dean is survived by his wife of 54 years, Karen, and children Laura (Mike) Mittasch, Dusty (Rhonda) Berkenbile, and Kelsey Berkenbile. He was Grandad to ten grandchildren Daevry, Bryce (Madi), Ryley, Jasmyn, Adler, Kelcie, Devyn, DJ, Dutton, and Travis and he was great grandad to Jagger and Aurora. He is also survived by sisters Joyce (Merle) Young, Patricia (Walter) Jenkins, brother-in-law Gary Mills, Jaquita (Jerry) Icenhower and brother Chuck (Trish) Berkenbile. Dean is also survived by sisters-in-law Sandi Mulder, Mary Ann Shaddy & Marcia Brown along with brother-in-law James (Jimmy) Hill Jr. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Lucretia, mother-in-law, Raevella Larson Hill Pyle, fathers-in-law, James Lenard Hill & Joe Pyle, and brothers-in-law, Tony Shaddy and Don Mulder. Dean is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins and other extended family members.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Hunter Christian Church on April 13, 2026, at 2pm, with cousin Jimmy Berkenbile officiating. Burial will follow in Enid at Memorial Park Cemetery with arrangements by Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home. Visitation with the family will be Saturday, April 11, 2pm-3pm, at the funeral home.

Memorials can be made through Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home to the Hunter Fire Department or Hunter Christian Church.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

6405 Memorial Dr
Enid, OK 73701

Previous Events

Family Visitation

APR 11. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Anderson Burriss Funeral Home & Crematory
3002 N Van Buren
Enid, OK 73703
(580) 233-2700
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<https://www.andersonburriss.com/>

Celebration of Life

APR 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

Hunter Christian Church
117 Kiowa Street
Hunter, OK 74640

Tribute Wall

LH

“ Love Brian, Jess and Rocker Holman purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dean Alton Berkenbile.



Love Brian, Jess and Rocker Holman - April 12 at 07:32 PM

BC

“ Brent & Sandy Catterton purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dean Alton Berkenbile.



Brent & Sandy Catterton - April 12 at 12:49 PM

CC

“ Karen and family, I am so sorry to hear of Deans passing! Prayers and thoughts are with you!! Please know that God will be at your side to comfort you!! Your friend, Carole Courter

Carole Courter - April 12 at 12:40 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dean Alton Berkenbile.



April 11 at 02:56 PM



“ We lost a good man here. I've always cherished the time i spent with Dean in the fields during harvest, just having a cold one in the barn. He was a role model for me, great friend and brother in law. Things happen, we all go our ways, but memories last as long as we do.

J Alen Brown - April 11 at 02:45 PM

JS

Karen, I'm so sorry to hear that Dean passed away. I remember the good times we had together! I pray that our Heavenly Father wrap His arms around you and your family and comfort you during this difficult time. 🙏

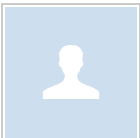
Judy Shockley-Smith - April 13 at 07:19 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dean Alton Berkenbile.*



April 10 at 11:05 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dean Alton Berkenbile.*

April 10 at 11:05 PM

SM

“ Steve & Dee McDonald purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Dean Alton Berkenbile.



Steve & Dee McDonald - April 10 at 10:42 PM

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“ Steve & Dee McDonald planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dean Alton Berkenbile.

Steve & Dee McDonald - April 10 at 10:42 PM

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“ Cathy, Leigh Ann, and Cristi purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Dean Alton Berkenbile.



Cathy, Leigh Ann, and Cristi - April 10 at 08:04 PM

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“ Cathy, Leigh Ann, and Cristi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dean Alton Berkenbile.

Cathy, Leigh Ann, and Cristi - April 10 at 08:04 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dean Alton Berkenbile.* ”



April 10 at 07:01 PM