



Bernhard Randolph Dehl

June 8, 1931 - August 27, 2013

Bernhard “Barney” Randolph Dehl passed away in Carson City, Nevada, on August 27, 2013, at the age of 82. He was born in Manhattan, New York City to German immigrants, father, Arthur Paul Bernhard Dehl and mother, Johanna Henriette Mielchen Koester. He is preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Billy Logas, and sister Eleanore Logas Fanire Linquist. He is survived by his wife, Annie Ruth Crowson Dehl, his four daughters Bernice Schroer (Bradley), Darlene Loff (Scott), Diane Olvera (Mike) and Peggy Dehl (Kevin Widener), sister, Joany Legg (John), one cousin Fred Koester, 12 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He moved with his mother to Ohio and later settled in Kingman, Arizona. This was a hidden blessing because this is where he met a young, precocious teenager from Arkansas named Annie Ruth Crowson. He was 18, and she was 16 when they married on June 4, 1950.

Barney had a lifelong career in law enforcement, having worked in various agencies. He worked as an inspector in the Arizona Motor Vehicle division. Then, as a Korean war veteran of the U.S. Army, he served as a military policeman between 1952 and 1954. He then became a deputy sheriff for the Mohave County Sheriff’s Office in Kingman, Arizona. In 1959, Barney joined the Henderson, Nevada police force and shortly thereafter was promoted to Sergeant. On April 1, 1962, he joined the Nevada Highway Patrol as a trooper

and worked through the ranks from patrolman to Chief (Colonel) of the Highway Patrol. He was also appointed by Governor Mike O'Callaghan to the Nevada Crime Commission in 1970, and appointed as chairman in 1975.

In 1980, Governor Bob List appointed Barney as the director of the Nevada Civil Defense.

Shortly thereafter, Sheriff Bob Galli called Barney and asked him to work for him at the Washoe County Sheriff's Office as a Chief Deputy Sheriff. While in Washoe County, he was instrumental in the planning and building of the new Washoe County jail on Parr Boulevard. He retired from Washoe County in 1993.

He wasn't retired long before Carson City Sheriff Rod Banister asked Barney to be his undersheriff. As undersheriff, he was tasked to head the task force to build the current Carson City jail on Musser Street.

Barney was known throughout his distinguished career in the various law enforcement agencies for his expertise in accident investigation and reconstruction.

Barney was always involved in the community. He was recognized for his remarkable dedication and distinguished service by the Carson City Library Board of Trustees, was awarded "Volunteer of the Year" in recognition and appreciation for his outstanding performance and dedication rendered to the City of Carson, was voted Kiwanian of the Year and was presented with the President's Volunteer Service Award by the National and Community Service and USA Freedom Corps.

Bernard was a graduate of the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia and was considered a national expert in accident investigation. He taught Criminal

Justice classes at the University of Nevada, Reno and the Nevada POST Academy. His hobbies included collecting pistols and working on antique cars. He loved reading books and spending time at the fitness center with his workout buddies. He especially enjoyed going on drives in the country with his family. He often remarked that his family was the best accomplishment of his life, and he was proud of each and every one of them.

His family wishes to thank each and every friend that has touched the life of this great man and incredible father. He will be greatly missed by many.

Tribute Wall



“ *Bernhard Randolph Dehl*

November 04, 2023 at 08:25 PM



“ *Bernhard Randolph Dehl*

November 01, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ *I miss you Dad.*

Darlene Dehl - February 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *The finest law enforcement man ever in Nevada. I will miss you deeply my dear friend.*

Mark Cameron - September 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bernice, Irene and family are in my thoughts, Theresa*

Theresa Daniel - September 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to Annie and the girls. Rollie and I lived next door to you in Elko. we have many fond memories of those days. Barney was a wonderful person. Love and prayers to Annie, the girls, and your families. With great sadness, Terri Mchughes Andersen and family*

Terri McHughes Andersen - September 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *Barney was a mentor to me at Washoe County Sheriff's Office. He taught me many things. I will always remember Friday lunches and shopping for guns with him along with Kiwanis meeting. Although I had not see Barney in several years I have thought of him often. He was a great person and his support and word meant a great deal to me. May he rest in peace.*

Ray Wright - September 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *One of the finest men I have ever know.*

Ray Saylo - September 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WJ

“ *Bernhard Randolph Dehl*

William A., Hanna Jr. - September 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *I worked with Barney when I was in both Office of Traffic Safety & DPS Criminal Justice Asst. We schemed many Federal Grants that were highly successful. His honesty, credibility and humor will never be forgotten. What an honor it is to have known such a wonderful man.*

MaryLynne Evans - September 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Like so many others who have signed this register, I owe so much to Barney Dehl. A few years ago I read an article about identifying the one person who has contributed the most to my life. The first and only one who came to my mind was Barney Dehl and I wrote and thanked him. As it was Christmas I also wished he and his family a Merry Christmas. Barney and I have exchanged seasonal messages ever since. Although our notes were brief and only once a year, I will miss him this year and every future Christmas. Here in the south funerals are called "goings home." Welcome home, Barney, you've earned a rest.

DennisGreen - September 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ As a new Trooper in Elko in the 1970's, I worked for and with Barney...and we became friends. He was one of the greatest influences on my career with the Nevada Highway Patrol and my life. He's a man I'll never forget. Though I doubt they remember me, my sincerest sympathy goes to Annie and the family.

He was one of the Good Guys.

Paul F. McGowan - September 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HE

“ Annie & Family, My heart goes out to you. Barney was a wonderful man & always full of smiles. I am so sorry for your loss, it is hard when we lose a loved one even harder when it is the person that you have spent decades living with & sleeping next to. You are in my thoughts & prayers & know that he is looking down on you & watching over you. May you find peace in the months to come knowing how much he loved you. Take care Miss Annie!!! Love & Hugs Heather

Heather - September 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FG

“ Our prayers are with you and your family. It was a pleasure to have you and Barney as our friends and we will miss him. Annie, even though he is gone, know that his spirit will still be with you forever and will always be watching over you and your family.

Floyd & Gayle Goins - September 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I know you will greatly miss your husband, your dad, your grandpa, great grandpa and uncle. You will all have wonderful memories to ease the pain.

Mary Robinson - September 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ A remarkable man who will be missed unmeasureably. We send our love and pray that his family find peace and comfort in knowing how many lives Barney touched. We will hold you all in our hearts and prayers.

Charlotte Rose-Lawton and Tracy Lawton - September 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ I was so sorry to hear about Barneys passing---He was a great man and will always be remembered. My thoughts and prayers are with you all

Kay Hess - September 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Barney will be missed. Enjoyed working with him at the NHP & Sheriff's office. A real honorable individual who always had the employee's and others best interest at heart.

Paul & Darlene McGrath - September 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *My prayers are with the family. Barney was a great man.*

Judie Fisher - September 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Judie Fisher has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.*

Judie Fisher - September 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *I was very lucky in my life to see Barney outside of his law enforcement career. That role was as a Husband and Father. He shined in that part of his life as well. A beautiful man who will be deeply missed. Patty*

Patty Holt - September 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Chief Dehl, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, taught me more about the meaning of law enforcement and what it meant to serve the public than all the formal education I attained. Whether Chief Dehl knew it or not, he mentored me for all the years we served together and after our respective retirements. The many things he taught me still serve me well today.*

Dan Coppa, Undersheriff (Ret.) Washoe County Sheriff's Office

Dan Coppa - September 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *Dear Diane, You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers as you grieve the loss of your dear dad. With our prayers and deep sympathy, Sisters Mary, Cyndie and JeremyE*

Sr.Jeremy - September 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *I love you Dad.*

Darlene Dehl-Loff - September 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *Barney was a great and sincere Nevadan who loved the state and the people he served so well, and in so many different capacities. We all owe him a great sense of gratitude. His was a life well lived.*

Robert List - September 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Diane,*

My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Barney what a fine man and a great credit to our community

Darrell J. Fike - September 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY*

GARY & BARBARA BROWN

Barbara I. Brown - September 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Barney was the one who recruited me for the N.H.P. in Elko. It became my career, for which I am extremely grateful. An amazing man.*

Lucky Clark - September 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WZ

“ We had a lot of fun at HPD in the 60s. For a guy who did not smoke or drink you made the world laugh. You were my mentor. Every time I saw Annie she was pregnant. The world and Law Enforcement has lost a great person. Walt Zawrotny, retired assistant chief HPD

walt zawrotny - September 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM