

Dean Haylett passed away on Dec. 28, 2019, unexpectedly while playing a round of golf in Orlando, Florida.

Dean was born in 1951 in Green Bay and grew up in Waukesha. His parents, Donald and Lucille Haylett, were lifelong residents of Waukesha.

Dean graduated from Waukesha (now known as Waukesha South) High School in 1969. He excelled in athletics. He won a total of seven letters in three sports — cross country, basketball and track, where he ran the hurdle events. He captained the cross country and track teams in his senior year. Dean's brother and sister, Dave and Marianne, were also Waukesha High graduates.

Upon graduation from Waukesha High, Dean attended the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. He graduated from the academy in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He achieved a double major in political science and international affairs. Upon graduation, he married Patricia Heschke, daughter of Malvin and Marion Heschke, also lifelong residents of Waukesha. He and Patty met in junior high and became great friends throughout their high school years. Dean entered navigation training at Mather Air Force Base in Sacramento and became a C-141 transportation navigator in 1974.

In addition to his flying career, he served the nation as a munitions maintenance officer, aircraft maintenance officer, logistics officer, and Air Force ROTC department chief at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, where he and Patty made their retirement home. He earned a master's degree in logistics management from the Air Force Institute of Technology in 1980 and a Master of Business Administration degree from Strayer University in 1999. He commanded two Air Force maintenance squadrons during his career. He served overseas tours in Korea and Japan. He retired from the Air Force in 1996 as a lieutenant colonel.

Dean was hired in 1996 by Booz, Allen and Hamilton, a management consulting firm located in northern Virginia. His primary duties were to support Air Force logistics in the Pentagon and throughout senior Air Force combat and support commands. He worked in the Pentagon for five of his 10 years with the firm. In his final year with Booz, Allen and Hamilton, he was a key participant of a major task force to redesign the Air Force's base organization structure to meet the demands of the 2010 to 2040 time frame. He retired from this career in 2007.

Dean and Patty returned to Orlando in 2007 and began their retirement lives. He turned to golf and community support as his primary retirement activities. He cut his golf handicap by more than half and played at more than 25 golf courses on the PGA, LPGA and Champions Tours. He was an official with the Florida State Golf Association and volunteered several years with both the Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill and the Childrens Miracle Network (Disney) golf tournaments. He was on the Board of Directors for his home owners association for many years. Dean and Patty spent much of their time traveling the country and the world.

In addition to his wife, Dean is survived by their two grown children, DeAnna and Marshal. Both graduated from high school in Orlando and from the United States Air Force Academy in 1999 and 2002. Both became Air Force pilots. He had three grandchildren.