

David W. Mee dedicated his life to public service. Beginning with his military service, serving as a Trooper with the Kansas Highway Patrol, and eventually becoming Sheriff of Nemaha County.

Dave took an oath in 1969 of Service, Courtesy and Protection to the citizens of Kansas as a member of the Highway Patrol. He never deviated from this oath. His professionalism, fairness and unrelenting work habits still linger with those who came in contact with him or worked beside him. Dave had duty stations in Kansas City, Newton, and finished his 27yr career in Nemaha county. Although a native New Yorker, Dave, called Nemaha county home. He was committed to taking care of the citizens in his district. He was their Trooper. In 1996 Dave retired from the Kansas Highway Patrol as a Master Trooper.

Dave's retirement from law enforcement did not last long. In 2000 Dave decided he could make a difference once again and placed his name on the ballot for Nemaha County Sheriff. He was sworn in January 2001. Although this was a path Dave had not been down before, he took it on with the same professional attitude that had served him well for 27yrs. Dave quickly learned what it took to become a respected Sheriff, yet maintaining the friendship of citizens. This was apparent when Dave was reelected Sheriff in 2004. Dave's unexpected death in 2006 left a large empty space in our hearts and in the county he served so diligently for so many years.

I first met Dave in 1986 as a new recruit assigned to Nemaha County. Dave was my field training officer and quickly became much more. He took myself and my family under his wing as if we were his own. I was still in the training phase when my wife was expecting our first child and she began having contractions. Who drove her to the hospital? It wasn't me. Dave did. After our shift was over he came to the hospital and was in the birthing room

before the Doctor could get out. I tell you this to show what kind of person Dave was and to give you a small picture of Dave's commitment to help others.

I apologize I can't be here to speak to you personally, but I do hope that you will realize what Dave Mee meant to this community and the sacrifices he made through the years. Naming a portion of K-9 highway in honor of Dave would be a small token of appreciation for the years of service to the citizens of Kansas.

Thank You

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