



Dennis "Denny" Lou Knuth

October 13, 1945 - November 29, 2025

Dennis "Denny" Lou Knuth passed away on November 29, 2025, at Community Memorial Health Center in Burwell, Nebraska at the age of 80.

Denny's life on this earth was marked by love, hard work, and generosity. His passing has left a void in the hearts of his family, friends, and many more whose lives were touched by him. We ask that you remember him not for the way his life ended, but for the way it was lived.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Denny's life on Friday, December 5th at All Faiths Funeral Home (2929 S Locust St, Grand Island, NE) beginning at 10:30 AM, with Dan Naranjo officiating. Visitation will be held Thursday, December 4th from 5-7 PM, also at All Faiths Funeral Home. Memorials can be directed to the family to be designated at a later date.

Denny was born on October 13, 1945, in Grand Island, Nebraska to Hellmuth and Dorothy "Dora" (Schultz) Knuth. He grew up on the family farm south of Grand Island with five older brothers and graduated from Grand Island Senior High School in 1963.

In 1965, Denny entered the United States Army Reserve, serving during the Vietnam era. Although he did not deploy overseas, he served his country with honor and was discharged in 1969.

On September 10, 1966, Denny married Wanda Boltz. Together they built a solid life full of family, friends and hard work.

In 1978, he pursued his entrepreneurial spirit and founded Denny's Lawns, a seeding, sodding and retaining wall business that he operated with dedication and pride. His hard work can be seen all over Grand Island and the surrounding area in the lush, green grass of yards and solid retaining walls he designed and built.

He was a member of the Platte Deutsch and the VFW. Denny and Wanda shared many wonderful moments dancing at the Platte Deutsch and cherished time spent with their many friends. He enjoyed bowling, golfing, gambling, playing cards and attending the activities of his daughters and grandchildren. In the past decade, Denny and Wanda also embraced traveling, creating memories together in Jamaica, Mexico, Hawaii, Alaska, and other places they loved exploring.

Denny is survived by his wife of 59 years, Wanda Knuth; his daughters, Teresa Ruppert (Eric) of Burwell and Teri Vitallo (Mike) of Omaha; five grandchildren, Taylor Sandoe (Bailey Dishman), Skyler Sandoe, Luke Vitallo, Cody Vitallo, and Katie Vitallo; and one great-granddaughter, Pryor Sandoe, affectionately called "Proctor" by her great grandpa. Brothers, Howard (Arlene) Knuth, Gordon (Diane) Knuth; sisters-in-law, Betty Wichmann, Jeanette (Ron) Bahensky; brother-in-law, Wendy Toben; sister-in-law, Karen Knuth; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Denny was preceded in death by his parents; mother and father-in-law Walter and Erna Boltz; brothers, Donald Knuth, Eugene Knuth, Larry Knuth; sisters-in-law, Donna Knuth, Carol Knuth, LaVonne Knuth, Beverly Toben and brother-in-law Donald Wichmann.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

DEC 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The Donald Knuth Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dennis "Denny" Lou Knuth.*



The Donald Knuth Family - December 04, 2025 at 11:41 AM

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“ *Sure sorry for the loss of a wonderful man. Will always remember him with a smile on. We are one of the many Dennys Lawns. Hugs to all his family. Rest in Peace Denny.*

Steve and Lora Buhrman - December 02, 2025 at 05:16 PM



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December 01, 2025 at 09:43 PM