



## Rev. Dennis Knee

February 20, 1941 - January 3, 2016

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Our lives are a journey, a woven tapestry. They create the diversity, beauty, and struggles of humanity on this earth. Dennis Allan Knee by faith, placed his life journey under the salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ on June 4, 1952, at age 11. "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." (New Living Translation, Jeremiah 29:11)

Rev. Knee passed away January 3 at the age of 74. Visitation will be held at GI Evangelical Free Church Tuesday, January 5, from 5-7 pm. There will be a sharing service at 6:30 pm. The funeral service will be at 11 am on Wednesday, January 6, at GI Evangelical Free Church. All Faiths Funeral Home is serving the family.

February 20, 1941 Dennis Allan Knee was born to Glen S. Knee and Doris (Porter) Knee at Carbon, Iowa. He enjoyed his youth on the farm, attending one room schools in Adams County, Iowa, and helping his father with custom farm work. He loved flying and received his pilot's license at age 17. Dennis graduated from Cumberland High School in 1960. December 29, 1962 he married Carolyn McLaren at Massena, Iowa. Three children were born to this union: Denise Pedersen (Clark) of Boelus, Janet Gibbs (Kenneth) of Olympia Fields, IL, and Dr. Daniel Knee (Lynne) of Grand Rapids, MI.

Dennis and Carolyn began their married life in Omaha, where Dennis completed the Tool & Die apprenticeship at Western Electric. In preparation to be missionaries, the couple moved to Chicago and Dennis graduated from Moody Bible Institute in 1967. God's plan took him to work at Camp Forest Springs near Westboro, Wisconsin in 1968. In 1970 the family moved to Scranton, Iowa, where they directed Raccoon River Bible Camp. Taking teenagers on raccoon hunts and canoe trips to the boundary waters in Minnesota were several memorable experiences at camp. Scotia Baptist Church in Scotia called Dennis to be their pastor in 1975. He was ordained in 1976 and served the congregation 12 ½ years. He enjoyed watching his children participate in high school events and appreciated the community support. The next move was to manage Concord Bridge Apartments in Bellevue in 1987. Dennis and Carolyn enjoyed beautiful Estes Park, Colorado as managers of Meadowdale Conference Center from 1989-1992. Meadowdale Conference Center was sold, which brought them to Timberlake Ranch Camp near Central City until 1995. Due to health problems, Dennis then worked part time at the Evangelical Free Church in Central City and later at the Evangelical Free Church in Grand Island.

His prayers for others, commitment to God's Word, and dependable, caring character will be missed. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn, of Grand Island, three children, and grandchildren; Andrew and Olya Pedersen and great grandson Jack of Omaha, Adam and Natalie Ray of Lincoln, Caleb Pedersen of Kearney, Kameron and Rebekah Hunter and great granddaughter Abigail of Bedford, VA, Esther Gibbs of Jefferson City, MO, Joel Gibbs of Kelowna, B.C., Canada, Joanna Gibbs of Kelowna, B.C., Canada, Noelle Knee of Waco, TX, and Nathan, Sadie, and Annie Knee of Grand Rapids, MI. Dennis is survived by his sisters; Carolyn (Raymond) Plowman of Oskaloosa, IA and Diane (Bradford) Moore of Lincoln.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Glen and Doris Knee, his father and mother-in-law, Kenneth and Louise McLaren, and his brother-in-law, Leroy McLaren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Gospelink Preachers Contingency Fund at: <http://www.gospelink.org/content/current-needs-pcf>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Dennis Knee*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Health Nut Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Dennis Knee.*



January 05, 2016 at 07:05 PM



“ *To the Dennis Knee family,*

*We have many fond memories of Dennis & Carolyn, but the most special one is: One Sunday afternoon we took a little road trip to west central IA, to look over the facilities of Raccoon River Bible Camp. We tried to convince them this was just the place for them. Must have worked, because they came and served the camp for several years. We learned an amazing amount about camping from them. A few years later God called us there to serve for over 24 years. You can learn a lot about someone following them in the ministry. May God grant the comfort that only He can during these difficult days.*

*Dennis & Kathy Le Fleur*

DENNIS LEFLEUR - January 05, 2016 at 03:28 PM



Elizabeth  
Watson

“ To Carolyn and Family--I'm so sorry for the loss of your Husband and Father. I attended Scotia Baptist Church for a few years under Dennis' leadership. I made many friends there and have many good memories. I was just thinking of Dennis and Carolyn a few days ago and decided to try and contact them after the first of the year. I wanted to thank you both for your kindnesses to me down through the years and remembered that I still owed Dennis a homemade peach pie. He had probably forgotten but I had not. This is a shock to me. We always think we have time to get in touch with someone and someday it will be to late. Scotia Baptist Church camp was great. Carolyn you and Dennis did have a great talent for church camp.  
Betty Smith Watson

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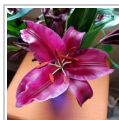
**Elizabeth Watson** - January 04, 2016 at 05:00 PM

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Very sorry for your families loss. May you feel Jesus' arms wrapped around you.

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**Kathy Dagit** - January 05, 2016 at 11:39 AM



Carolyn and family--I'm so sorry to hear of Dennis' passing. I hope and pray for comfort for your family. --Becky Knee

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**Rebecca Knee** - January 05, 2016 at 06:49 PM

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We pray and know that God will give His comfort and strength to you during this time of great loss. Thank you for your faithfulness to Him.

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**Chuck Pace, Gospelink** - January 07, 2016 at 03:21 PM