



Doyle E. Denney

April 28, 1945 - August 24, 2015

Doyle E. Denney, 70, of Grand Island died on Monday, August 24, 2015.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, August 27, at the Evangelical Free Church in Grand Island.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 28 at the Evangelical Free Church. Rev. Paul Canady will officiate. Burial will follow at 3:30 p.m. at Pella Reformed Church Cemetery in Adams, NE. All Faiths Funeral Home in Grand Island is serving the family.

Doyle was born on April 28, 1945 in Onawa, IA, son of Floyd and Ida (Martin) Denney.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Melanie; sons, Dr. Sean (Lindsey) Denney of Kearney, Seth (Melissa) Denney of Minden, and Ty (Chris) Denney of rural Douglas; brother, Otis (Shirley) Denney of Onawa, IA; sisters , Marlene (Dick) Ping of Onawa, IA, and Sharon (CJ) Harris of Springfield, NE.

Those also left to cherish his memory include his grandchildren, Jenna, Joshua, Josie, Weston, Cassidy, Evan, Bryce, Hadley, Kellen, Caitlyn, and Delaney; mother-in-law, Marjorie Nieveen of Panama, NE; brother-in-law, Roger (Shirleen) Nieveen of Bellwood; sister-in-law, Kay (Don) Softley of Grant; along with several nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Doyle is preceded in death by his parents; brother and sister-in-law, Vern (Mardell) Denney; and father-in-law, Melvin Nieveen.

While attending Wayne State College he met Melanie Nieveen; and they were united in marriage on April 21, 1967. Following their marriage, Doyle began

coaching high school boys' basketball and other sports. Later on he was hired as a head basketball coach at Wilber Clatonia, Waho Neumann, Ord, Grant, Lincoln Christian and McCook. Beginning in 1990, he was employed as a principal for several locations, most recently North West High School, until his retirement in 2010.

Doyle loved to share his faith. He and Melanie were active in starting Fellowship of Christian Athlete huddles in many of the high schools he worked and they were active in Bible studies. He most recently was the FCA Coaches Ministry Director for Nebraska and he and Melanie were Teammates Mentors. Both were members of the Evangelical Free Church in Grand Island.

He and Melanie were a team, doing nearly everything together. Spending time with his family was very important, whether coaching them in a variety of sports or working together while painting houses in the summer. In recent years, Doyle's grandchildren meant the world to him.

Memorials are suggested to Fellowship of Christian Athletes or to Compassion International.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **27**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Evangelical Free Church

Service

AUG **28**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Evangelical Free Church

Tribute Wall



“ *Doyle E. Denney*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *He will forever be "Mr. Denney" to me. I had him as my senior year basketball coach at Lincoln Christian. Our season 1984-1985 was an incredible learning experience. I have never worked so hard on defense! But beyond the lessons I learned on the court, he modeled Jesus for us, especially under pressure. I am a better person for having known him and played for him. May your loss be softened by the love of God, family and friends.*

Linn Erickson - February 01, 2017 at 07:42 AM



“ *Doyle was such a stand up guy to work with. It was an honor knowing him.*

Randall and Rose Mary Datus

Rose Mary Mary Datus - August 31, 2015 at 10:06 PM



“ *Coach Denny made an impact on my life. The best we can do is to follow his example and be a positive influence for others.*

Ted Tietjen - August 31, 2015 at 10:04 PM

RL

“ Sorry to hear of Doyle's passing. He was a dedicated, professional educator and coach who certainly earned the respect of students and colleagues. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Doyle's family. Our sympathies to all--
Ron and Nancy Lamberty - Seward, NE

Ron Lamberty - August 31, 2015 at 06:37 PM

MR

“ *Melanie and family*
What a wonderful experience getting to work with Doyle at McCook Sr High. No matter where I ran into Doyle in the following years he always had a smile on his face and a quick and sincere "How ya doing?" We all are a little better having had the chance to know Doyle. Our sincerest sympathies to you and your family.
Mike Rasmussen

Mike Rasmussen - August 31, 2015 at 03:39 PM

LS

“ *Melanie,*
Our hearts go out to you and your family as an amazing member of the FCA family has departed to be with Him...What a blessing you two have been to SO many through the years as you have served Him so very well...We are humbled by your example and thank God for who you are...May He give you peace and comfort in the days ahead...Our love and prayers...Larry and Jan Stuckey

Larry and Jan Stuckey - August 31, 2015 at 08:57 AM

LT

“ Love, Fred and Maggi Thorne purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Doyle E. Denney.



Love, Fred and Maggi Thorne - August 30, 2015 at 10:00 AM

TS

“ Melanie-
So sorry to hear of Doyle's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Ted Sheely

Ted Sheely - August 28, 2015 at 05:19 PM

MM

“ Melanie, GOD has received a wonderful Christian man. purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "When ever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Doyle E. Denney.



Melanie, GOD has received a wonderful Christian man. -
August 28, 2015 at 04:03 PM

ES

“ *Dottie and I are saddened to learn of Doyle's passing. Please accept our condolences.*

I first met Doyle and Melanie at the UNL Ticket Office where they were attempting to purchase away game football tickets and I was there to pay for my order and turn several others back. I offered them to Doyle and Melanie who graciously accepted them. Later, we met them at the Northwestern game in Evanston and had a great time watching the game and visiting.

We wish we had known Doyle and Melanie sooner in our lives, but feel fortunate to have known he and Melanie for the short time that we did. Our love to Melanie and her family.

Ed & Dottie Svendsen - August 28, 2015 at 01:01 PM

KF

“ *To the family of Doyle Denney, My thoughts and prayers be with you all in this time of sorrow on the loss of Doyle. Special soft hugs go out to the "whippersnapper" Seth ;) family. I have missed watching you Seth, all week but keeping you all in my prayers now and days ahead. I will hold a moment of silence at 10 a.m . with a lit candle in memory of Doyle. God Bless Doyle and family. May Doyles memories comfort all and Doyle always be with you. God Bless :(<3*



Kimberly Friesen - August 27, 2015 at 10:30 PM

JK

“ We nearly always watch NTV news in the evening and always appreciate the fine job their news team does. Seth, you must know that God never makes a mistake so we pray that He will bring comfort to you and your family as you adjust to this transition. May you each find peace in knowing that your faith will carry you through. John and Erma Dillon, Northbranch, KS

John and Erma Dillon, Northbranch, KS - August 27, 2015 at 10:16 PM

BH

“ We want to share our love and condolences to the Denney family. We know that God does not make any mistakes when he calls one of his disciples home. Doyle and his family were a living example of what Christ expects all of us to be. He made friends wherever he went. He was always open to sharing his faith in Jesus Christ to anyone that was interested in learning about what he had already received. His life was lived to serve his Savior Jesus Christ and to lead as many as possible he could to the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We are blessed to have been friends with the Doyle family for many years and we will celebrate with them, that the victory has been won. Cherish all of your memories and be thankful for the example he left for each of us to live out. In loving memory from Bill and Kathy Holliday (Aurora, Nebraska).

Bill Holliday - August 27, 2015 at 09:49 PM

KW

“ Kearney Sherwin Williams purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Doyle E. Denney.



Kearney Sherwin Williams - August 27, 2015 at 02:10 PM

TH

“ Keeping you all in my prayers during this difficult time. Mr. Denney was a wonderful man and he leaves behind a wonderful legacy. My love and prayers to all of you. Tobi Davis-Hunter



Tobi Davis Hunter - August 27, 2015 at 01:41 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Doyle E. Denney.



August 27, 2015 at 12:49 PM

YS

“ Your Friends at Embassy Suites-Lincoln purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Doyle E. Denney.



Your Friends at Embassy Suites-Lincoln - August 27, 2015 at 10:53 AM

CW

“ I was saddened to hear of Mr. Denney's passing. He served as the principal here at Mead Public School for several years. I always remember him as a kind and caring man. My sympathy to all the family. Connie Weiss

Connie Weiss - August 27, 2015 at 09:45 AM

BF

“ *Melanie and family,*

Doyle will be missed by so many. I think of Doyle as the "salt of the earth" Matthew 5. It's been a blessing to have known Doyle as a fellow educator and FCA worker.

Blaine and Karren Friesen

Blaine Friesen - August 27, 2015 at 09:44 AM

MF

“ *So sad to hear of your loss. It was a privilege to get to know and work with him in Mead. He was a caring, kind and faith filled man. Melanie and the rest of the family you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

marcia fick - August 27, 2015 at 09:19 AM

CS

“ *We remember you at the FCA Family/Coaches conference we were at together years and years ago. Your boys were little. I think you lived in Wahoo then. Those conferences were great in instilling the faith in our children. They saw that Dad lived the faith in his daily work, it was not just something for Sundays. Such a blessing!*

*Denny and Carolyn Scheer
Elkhorn, NE*

Carolyn Scheer - August 27, 2015 at 09:12 AM

SH

“ David and I were so sad to hear of Doyle's death and we wish to share our condolences with His wife, his sons, their wives, and the rest of his family. Doyle and his family will long be remembered in McCook for the many positive things that they accomplished while living here, in the school, their church and the rest of the community.. Personally, I will never forget how Doyle encouraged his sons to take an active part in ministering to a young boy who came to live in McCook. His name was Adrian Shocks, and Doyle's family had a profound impact on this young man's life. Adrian was later killed in a tragic gun related accident, but it was a great comfort to know that Adrian had really turned a corner in his life for the good. I believe that much of this could be credited to Doyle and his family. sharing the love of Christ with Adrian. I'm sure that this is only one of many lives touched through Doyle's life and ministry. We feel so privileged to have known him during his time in McCook. May the Lord Jesus strengthen and encourage Doyle's loved ones at this time of sorrow at their loss, but also the joy of knowing that Doyle has gone on to his true home with Jesus. Sincerely, Sharon and David Huegel

Sharon Huegel - August 27, 2015 at 01:24 AM

EJ

“ Ed, Terri, and Sarah Johnson purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Doyle E. Denney.



Ed, Terri, and Sarah Johnson - August 26, 2015 at 11:54 PM

DT

“ *Darrin Brumbaugh and his Northwestern Mutual team. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Doyle E. Denney.*



Darrin Brumbaugh and his Northwestern Mutual team. -
August 26, 2015 at 11:08 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Doyle E. Denney.*



August 26, 2015 at 10:58 PM

LW

“ *May God watch over you Melanie and all your family. Doyle was always there with a smile to share with everyone and made you feel welcome no matter where we would see you both. He always had a great message to share with Justin too. Doyle would make him smile and laugh even, while he was sharing the message with him!(setting him straight on a few things,ha ha) There are so many memories to treasure and so much love around you and your family Melanie. God Bless, Love Curt , Justin and Lori*

Lori Wentz - August 26, 2015 at 10:48 PM

DM

“ My heartfelt condolences to the family of Doyle Denney. A great coach, a great Father, a great Christian - and an even better man. He served as a valued mentor to me, and I will cherish his memory.

Dan McLaughlin

Dan McLaughlin - August 26, 2015 at 09:52 PM

JS

“ We are so saddened by the loss of our precious friend, Doyle. He meant so much to everyone who had the privilege of knowing him, his precious wife, Melanie, and his sons. We will always treasure those years together in Bible study and times of prayers. We feel so privileged to have just been with Doyle and Melanie last Sunday night. Before we parted we had such a beautiful time of prayer together. Stay strong, Melanie, you are surrounded by prayers to get you through this difficult time of being parted. 2Corinthians 5:1-9.

John and Joyce Svoboda - August 26, 2015 at 09:41 PM

BH

“ In my 30-plus years of teaching, Doyle was definitely one of my favorite administrators. He showed genuine concern for the entire staff and was someone I could count on to "have my back" if necessary. Praying for God's comfort and peace to be with all of you as you prepare to say good-bye to your husband, dad, and grandpa.

Barb Huls - August 26, 2015 at 09:22 PM

JC

“ *Denney Family, No words can express my sincere sympathy in the loss of your husband, dad, and grandfather. May your faith give your family the strength to get thru this difficult time. All of your memories of him will bring you some comfort in the weeks, months and years to come. He will always be with you. Prayers for your family. Joanie Coleman and family.*

Joan Coleman - August 26, 2015 at 08:51 PM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Doyle E. Denney.*



August 26, 2015 at 07:50 PM

MF

“ *Mrs. Marj Nieveen, Roger Nieveen Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Doyle E. Denney.*



Mrs. Marj Nieveen, Roger Nieveen Family - August 26, 2015 at 06:24 PM

MW

“ *My wife and I wish to extend our condolences to the Denney family for their loss. While we didn't know Doyle, we know Seth. Mr. Denney was obviously a positive influence and will be greatly missed by family and friends.*

*Mike & Octa Webb
Kearney, NE*

Mike Webb - August 26, 2015 at 06:21 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Doyle E. Denney.*



August 26, 2015 at 06:03 PM

TF

“ *The Softley family purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Doyle E. Denney.*



The Softley family - August 26, 2015 at 04:58 PM

KH

“*Melanie, I always enjoyed you and Doyle stopping by my desk in the Media Center at the High School as you came to visit your TeamMates each week. Your smiles and the joy that was evident in your shared project was a testimony to your love for each other and other people! May God bless and comfort you and your family in the days ahead. Kristin Henry*

Kristin Henry - August 26, 2015 at 04:26 PM

AP

“*Ann Purdy, Diane Rouzee, and Jeff Paige purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Doyle E. Denney.*



Ann Purdy, Diane Rouzee, and Jeff Paige - August 26, 2015 at 03:55 PM

TM

“*I remember Doyle coaching along Dad (Duane Mackey) in Stanton, NE in the 1960s. Dad always spoke highly of Doyle & treasured the memories of their coaching time together. I think my favorite story is how a rival coach would come over to check out what players would be starting on for that night's game. While 1 or the other of them would be talking to that coach, the other one would slip away to the announcer's table to give the list to them. The rival coach would always get a little irritated by this! I'm sorry for your loss & it's amazing what Doyle and the rest of his family have done in the education field as well as with FCA & the Teammates program. He left quite a legacy! Sincerely, Terrell Mackey (Duane's daughter)*

Terrell Mackey - August 26, 2015 at 03:32 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Doyle E. Denney.



August 26, 2015 at 03:23 PM



“ Melanie & family –
On behalf of myself – and the class of 1994 (Lexington, NE) – a donation has been made in your name to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. I have fond memories of being welcomed into “the principal’s home” for FCA huddles as a teen. That kind of graciousness – opening your home to students – spoke volumes to the student body about how sincerely he cared for each of his students. We were blessed to have known him in such a way!
Thank you for sharing him with us!

Becky (Henry) Grosvenor

Becky - August 26, 2015 at 03:04 PM



“ I'm mourning this news, that the world has lost of a true gentleman. I have met few human beings as kind, generous, and patient as Mr. Denney. He was a great coach but a greater person. I will not ever forget his assistance and counsel during a time of great struggle in my life. My wife and I send our sincerest condolences to Mrs. Denney, Sean, Seth, and Ty.

Richard J. "Jim" Bell III

Dick Bell - August 26, 2015 at 02:16 PM

KF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you, so sorry for your loss.

The Kuhlen Family

Kuhlen Family - August 26, 2015 at 12:54 PM

OA

“ Otis & Shirley, Dick & Marlene, Sharon & CJ Love always purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Doyle E. Denney.



Otis & Shirley, Dick & Marlene, Sharon & CJ Love always -
August 26, 2015 at 10:15 AM

PR

“ Dear Melanie and Family,
I met Doyle at Northwest High school as a substitute teacher there. He was always friendly and gracious, welcoming me and thanking me for driving to Northwest to sub. I have worked at other schools where that wasn't the case. He often shared the lunch table with us teachers. We missed his friendliness when he retired. My sincere sympathy to you and the family.

*Pat Rasmussen
Ravenna, NE*

Pat Rasmussen - August 26, 2015 at 09:44 AM

PH

I didn't have the opportunity to meet your Dad. What a wonderful memory of his legacy. God must be saying: "good work my good & faithful servant".

Phyllis Andrijeski Holdrege - August 26, 2015 at 01:35 PM

LG

Melanie and Family,

All of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Doyle was a great role model for many students and his passing will be a great loss for you his family and his many friends. We lost a good friend and Heaven got a great man.

Larry & Marlene Pritchett, Grant - August 26, 2015 at 10:01 PM