



Gerald A. "Gerry" Denne

September 27, 1943 - September 25, 2017

Gerald A. "Gerry" Denne, 73, passed away Monday, September 25, 2017 surrounded by his wife and daughters.

Mass of Christian burial will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 30th at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Burial will be at Grand Island Cemetery with military honors provided by the U.S. Army and United Veterans Honor Guard. A dinner and time of fellowship will follow at the church.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. Friday at St. Leo's Catholic Church with Rosary at 7 p.m.

Gerry was born in Minneapolis, MN, on September 27, 1943 to Edwin J. and Dorothy M. (Anderson) Denne. Gerry lived on a farm in Hoople, ND with his grandparents from 1944-1945 while his father served in the war, then lived in St. Louis until 1950. Gerry lived in Denver, CO from 1950-1956 moving to Broomfield, CO in 1956. He attended high school in Louisville, CO, graduating in 1961 and went on to college at Colorado State University where he played baseball and graduated in 1966.

Gerry then entered the U.S. Army and served until 1968. He started with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in 1969 in Emporia, KS. There he met and fell in love with Karen Watson and they were united in marriage in 1972.

Gerry lived and worked in Emporia and Topeka, KS and then Grand Island, Nebraska from 1985 until now.

He has been a member of St. Leo's Catholic Church since 1985. His primary enjoyments include his grandchildren, dogs, bird hunting, reading, and visiting the mountains.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Karen; daughters, Lori (Dwayne) Ourada of Omaha and Kelli (Shawn) Wilke of Lincoln; four beloved grandchildren, Zach and Gavin Ourada and Alexander and Rebekah Wilke; sister, Kay (Michael) Waneka of Tucson, AZ; brother, John (Cindy) Denne of Baker City, OR; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Edwin and Dorothy Denne.

Memorials are suggested to GRACE Foundation, Hearts United for Animals (a no-kill rescue shelter located in Nebraska City), or Hall County Vietnam Hero Flight.

Cemetery Details

Grand Island City Cemetery

Grand Island, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Leo's Catholic Church

Rosary

SEP **29**. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Leo's Catholic Church

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Leo's Catholic Church

Tribute Wall



“ Gerald A. "Gerry" Denne

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ Hi Karen. I know we lost touch through the years but still I remember the last Louisville HS reunion we all attended and then the get together shortly thereafter at the cabin in Dillon. Terri, myself and our white dog Sabina thoroughly enjoyed that fun time along with Kay and Mike. I learned of Gerry's passing through Jim Hutchison. I was not even aware of Gerry being ill. My sincerest prayers and condolences go out to you and your family.
Bob Cranford. Enid, OK
Email:sooner1603@suddenlink.net

Bob Cranford - October 03, 2017 at 03:53 PM



“ Hi Karen My thoughts and prayers have been with you and your family. I wanted to share how much I enjoyed Gerry. He was one of a kind and that is what I appreciated about him. I enjoyed the visits when he came into the bank whether it was when he did his banking or just stopped for a cup of coffee or a bottle of water. I know the times have not been easy since he has been sick but now his suffering is over and you should be very proud of the care you gave him. That is part of the wedding vows (for better or for worse) that you demonstrated. Take care and please know my continued prayers are with you as you adjust to life without Gerry.
Sharon Kleint
Retired employee from Home Federal

Sharon Kleint - October 03, 2017 at 01:12 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Gerald A. "Gerry" Denne.



October 02, 2017 at 12:12 PM



“ Gerry,
So many memories are going through my mind and heart right now as I look at your picture. Memories of the time all of us spent in St. Cloud when our parents would let us sleep on the floor. Remember your "donkey" the one you rubbed all the fur off rubbing your nose to put you to sleep? Or the car rides to Hoople when you, Kay and I shared the back seat? I still remember the puddle you, Kay and I were playing in on the farm and you ended up on your butt--maybe shedding a few tears. Gerry, I have many more memories but right now all I can say is that I will miss you and I love you.
Cousin Judy

Judy Klein - September 28, 2017 at 07:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald A. "Gerry" Denne.



September 28, 2017 at 01:11 PM



“ *Karen, Lori, and Kelli, We are so sad to read about Gerry's passing. I know that the last couple of years have been difficult with his health, knowing he is now at peace hopefully is a comfort. Condolences to all of you. Paul and Marlene Pietzyk*

MarleneandPaul Pietzyk - September 28, 2017 at 11:24 AM



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September 27, 2017 at 03:58 PM