



Dennis Dean “Red” Groeneweg, son of Walter and Alta (Kats) Groeneweg, was born April 14, 1955 at Sioux Center, Iowa. Red grew up near Rock Valley, Iowa and graduated from Western Christian High School in Hull, Iowa. Dennis was united in marriage with Joan M. Boer on August 8, 1975 in Rock Valley. Together the couple made their home on a farm near Rock Valley where Red farmed. He also worked as a

mechanic and could fix almost anything. In addition to his craft as a farmer and mechanic, Dennis belonged to the Rock Valley Gun Club where he served on the board and helped coach the Rock Valley Clay Crushers trap shooting team.

In his younger years, Dennis enjoyed archery, trapping and racing Hot Rods at Marion, South Dakota. As time went on, Red’s hobbies turned to gun collecting, hunting, fishing, and four-wheeling. Most of these things were enjoyed with his Kats family cousins. Most of all though Dennis loved time with his grandchildren. Red enjoyed being social and knew a stranger for all about five minutes before he knew their life story and had made a new friend. Dennis loved God, family, friends, and the United States of America. Dennis died Sunday, September 26, 2021 at Hegg Health Center in Rock Valley at the age of 66.

Dennis is survived by his wife of 46 years, Joan; 3 children, Rose (Barry) Staples of Sheldon, Iowa, Miranda Groeneweg (David Fiech) of Inwood, Iowa, and Nathan (Heidi) Groeneweg of Rock Valley; 8 grandchildren, Isaiah, Chris, Cleo, Caleb, Blake, Gabe, Ellymae, and Rhett; mother, Alta Groeneweg; brother, Leon Robert (Cheri) Groeneweg of Rock Valley; sister, Laura (Greg) Getting of Matlock, Iowa; and brother-in-law, Hank Blankespoor of Doon, Iowa.

Dennis was preceded in death by his father, Walter Groeneweg; sister, Gail Blankespoor; nephew, Brock Kleinwolterink; mother-in-law, Helen (Voetberg) (Boer) Scholten; father-in-law, Peter Boer Jr., father-in-law, Andrew Scholten; and sister-in-law, Mary Boer.

Remembering the Life of Dennis Dean Groeneweg

PRIVATE FAMILY INURNMENT

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Valley View Cemetery

Rock Valley, Iowa

CLERGY

Rev. Matthew Haan

First Christian Reformed Church

Rock Valley, Iowa

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

“How Great Thou Art”

Recorded by: Elvis Presley

“I Wish Grandpas Never Died”

Recorded by: Riley Green

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Dennis’ Grandchildren

Isaiah ~ Chris ~ Cleo ~ Caleb

Blake ~ Gabe ~ Ellymae ~ Rhett

MEMORIAL

Rock Valley Gun Club

CELEBRATION OF LIFE GATHERING

4:00-7:00 PM, Thursday, September 30, 2021

First Christian Reformed Church

Rock Valley, Iowa

Close the Gate

*For this one farmer the worries are over,
Lie down and rest your head,
Your time has been and struggles enough,
Put the tractor in the shed.
Years were not easy, many downright hard,
But your faith in God transcended,
Put away your tools and sleep in peace.
The fences have all been mended.
You raised a fine family, worked the land well
And always followed the Son,
Hang up your shovel inside of the barn,
Your work here on earth is done.
A faith few possess led your journey through life,
Often a jagged and stony way,
The sun is setting, the cattle are all bedded,
And here now is the end of your day.
Your love of God's soil has passed on to your kin;
The stories flow like fine wine,
Wash off your work boots in the
Puddle left by blessed rain one final time.
You always believed that the good Lord would provide
And He always had somehow,
Take off your gloves and put them down,
No more sweat and worry for you now.
Your labor is done, your home now is heaven;
No more must you wait, your legacy lives on,
Your love of the land, and we will close the gate.*

~ Nancy Kraayenhof



Celebrating the Life of



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