

Remembering the Life....

Dennis Emmen was born to Ulfert and Grace Emmen in Clara City, Minnesota. He attended Clara City High School where he was active in sports. After graduation, he enlisted in the US Army and served as a sergeant in the 11th Airborne as a parachute jump instructor. After discharge, Dennis enrolled in the University of Minnesota and earned his degree in Accounting.

Dennis and Audrey were married in September 1958. After working as a CPA for Deloitte Haskins & Sells in Minneapolis, they moved to Fergus Falls where Dennis started working for Ottetail Power Company. Here they raised their two sons, Kirk and Mark. Dennis was very active in the community including leadership roles with the Elks, Rotary, and First Lutheran Church. He also served as a board member of Otter Tail Power and Lake Region Healthcare. He eventually retired from Ottetail Power as Sr. Vice President, Finance, Treasurer & Chief Financial Officer.

Dennis and Audrey spent much of their retirement traveling or enjoying a winter home in Arizona and a lake cabin near Fergus Falls. Dennis really enjoyed Otter Tail County and its abundant fishing and hunting opportunities.

Dennis will be remembered for his sense of humor, a great ability to make people smile, a notepad and #2 mechanical pencil tucked into his shirt pocket, and as a loving husband, father and grandfather.

On Sunday, May 1, 2022 Dennis passed away peacefully at PioneerCare in Fergus Falls, Minnesota at the age of eighty-eight years.

Preceding Dennis in death were his parents; his brother John Emmen; and his sister Jeannette Holwerda.

Dennis is survived by his wife of 64 years, Audrey; his brother Leonard Emmen; his two sons and their spouses, Kirk (Jean) of Eagan, MN, and Mark (Sabine) of Minneapolis, MN; granddaughters Isla and Lucinda; brother-in-law Arnie (Pat) Gaasterland; and many nieces and nephews.

Blessed be the Memory of Dennis Emmen



Celebrating
the **Life** of



Dennis



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
 I'm following the path God laid for me
 I took His hand when I heard Him call
 I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
 to laugh, to love, to work or play
 Tasks left undone must stay that way
 I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
 then fill it with remembered joy
 A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
 Ah, yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow
 I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow
 My life's been full, I savored much,
 Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seems all too brief
 Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
 Lift up your heart and share with me
 God wanted me now. He set me free.

In Loving Memory Of
Dennis Robert Emmen

May 14, 1933 ~ May 1, 2022

Celebration of Life

Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 2:00 PM
 First Lutheran Church
 Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Prelude Keith Melberg
 Tolling of the Bell
 Gathering
 Thanksgiving for Baptism
 Processional *"Amazing Grace"* ELW #779
 Welcome
 Time of Sharing Kirk Emmen, Mark Emmen, Lucinda Emmen,
 Jim (Spider) VanSomeren
 Scripture Psalm 8:3-4, Psalm 23, John 14:1-6
 Homily Reverend Tiffany Sundeen
 Solo Jean Emmen
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Apostles' Creed
 Commendation
 Benediction
 Recessional *"How Great Thou Art"* ELW #856

Military Honors

Harold T. Swenson VFW Post 612 & American Legion Post 30
 Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Interment

Oak Grove Cemetery
 Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Appreciation

Dennis' family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Please join family and friends for lunch and fellowship following the service.

Arrangements by

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