

**Dennis Paul Craig**, 64 of Holmes City passed away on Wednesday, July 31 at his home on the family farm where Dennis; grew up, following a nine year courageous battle with cancer.

Dennis was born on December 28, 1954 at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital in Alexandria, Mn to Leonard and Lucille Craig. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Alexandria. Dennis attended grade school at Holmes City school district #206, junior high at Central Junior High School and graduated from Jefferson Senior High School, Alexandria in 1972.

On June 25, 1988, he was united in marriage to Gail Ysker in Alexandria at First Lutheran Church. Dennis and Gail were blessed with 3 sons, Kasey in 1989, Trevor in 1991 and Landon in 1993.

Dennis devoted his life to farming, taking great pride in his farm and farming operation, never wanting to be far from the farm, except to enjoy an occasional road trip with Gail to a country music concert or to a farm auction, and his Dad always loved to go along. Dennis loved all animals, raising hogs and cattle on his farm. He had a special little furry friend, Charlie, who was by his side to the end. Most of all, he loved his boys and was so proud of them and their accomplishments. In the last couple years, Dennis loved to watch his boys run the farm smoothly as he did and his last wish was to keep this legacy alive. His little grandchildren were PaPa's pride and joy. He enjoyed classic cars, having owned a 1972 Red GTO, snowmobiling, especially radar runs, basketball, football and reading all farm publications.

He was a lifelong member of St. Mary's Catholic church in Alexandria and his faith was very important to him. He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Lucille Craig, father in law, Robert Ysker, brother in laws, Dennis Lillis, Gary Ysker, John Ysker and Mike Earhart. He is survived by his loving wife Gail of 31 years, his sons, Kasey (Jennifer) Craig and their children, Shelby, Karsen and Bailey, of Holmes City, Trevor Craig (Josapha Haider) of Brandon, Landon Craig of Holmes City & (Kaylee Gerards) of Freeport, mother in law, Evelyn Ysker of Windom, brother, Marvin (Susan) Craig of Holmes City, sister, Maxine (Steve) Sonstebo of Fergus Falls, sister Joyce (Harlan) Janssen of Holmes City, brother Ronald Craig of Holmes City and friend (Carol Vanderweyst) of Cyrus, brother Wayne (Marilyn) Craig of Alexandria and numerous nieces, nephews and many good friends

## *In Loving Memory*



*Dennis P. Craig*  
1954 ~ 2019

*I* believe a man's greatest possession is his dignity and that no calling bestows this more abundantly than farming.

I believe hard work and honest sweat are the building blocks of a person's character.

I believe that farming, despite its hardships and disappointments is the most honest and honorable way a man can spend his days on this earth.

I believe farming nurtures the close family ties that make life rich in ways money can't buy.

I believe my children are learning values that will last a lifetime and can be learned in no other way.

I believe farming provides education for life and that no other occupation teaches so much about birth, growth and maturity in such a variety of ways.

I believe many of the best things in life are indeed free: the splendor of a sunrise, the rapture of wide open spaces, the exhilarating sight of your land greening each spring.

I believe true happiness comes from watching your crops ripen in the field, your children grow tall in the sun, your whole family feel the pride that springs from their shared experience.

I believe that by my toil I am giving more to the world than I am taking from it, an honor that does not come to all men.

I believe my life will be measured ultimately by what I have done for my fellowman, and by this standard I fear no judgement.

I believe when a man grows old and sums up his days, he should be able to stand tall and feel pride in the life he's lived.

I believe in farming because it makes all things possible.

*In Loving Memory of*  
***Dennis P. Craig***

December 28, 1954



July 31, 2019



**Mass of Christian Burial**

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Alexandria, Minnesota

Tuesday, August 6, 2019, 12:00 PM

**Officiant**

Reverend Father Steve Binsfeld

**Honorary Pallbearers**

Harlan Janssen

Roger Chlian

**Pallbearers**

Randy Hinderscheid

Joe Zweig

Chris Carlson

David Craig

Darrin Craig

Gerald Craig

**Interment**

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

Alexandria, MN

**Arrangements**

Anderson Funeral Home

Alexandria, Minnesota