



Dennis "Denny" R. Dertien

February 19, 1946 - July 17, 2014

NORFOLK — Services for Dennis R. "Denny" Dertien, 68, of Norfolk will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk with burial in Prospect Hill Cemetery and the Rev. Dustin Petz officiating. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Monday. Denny died on Thursday, July 17, 2014, at Pierce Manor in Pierce and succumbed to the complications caused by myelodysplastic syndrome. Denny was born on Feb. 19, 1946, in Pierre, S.D., to Ralph and Olga Dertien, who predeceased him. Denny moved to Norfolk as a young child and was a fixture here all his life. He was there with a friendly smile and quick tease to all persons who stopped a moment to appreciate him. He had many fans throughout the community, including the Envisions staff and clients, barbers at Royal Image, friends at Cleveland Bike Shop and the hundreds of Norfolkers that said hello to Denny as he rode his bike around town or sat for hours at the mall. Denny's family is eternally grateful to all that helped him throughout the years, including those who worried about his safety and made urgent phone calls, such as "Denny is riding on the wrong side of 13th Street again!" Denny delivered Norfolk Area Shopper for many years and was named Carrier of the Week several times. As his 65th birthday drew near in 2011, he said he was going to retire because that is the age a person retires! He had a party and cake and he was so proud of retiring! We, his family, thought of moving Denny closer to us in Texas, but his home and his life was Norfolk. One year we brought him south for Thanksgiving. After a few days, he said he wanted to go home, "Right now! Right now!" As his illness

progressed, Denny moved to a nursing center and was admitted into hospice. We want to sincerely thank the staff and residents of Pierce Manor and Faith Regional Hospice for caring for Denny like he was family. Besides his parents, Denny is also predeceased by his sister, Lavonne. He is survived by his brother, Bob, and sister-in-law Julie; nephew Jeremy, nephew Nicholas and his wife, Dana; and great-nephews Sawyer and Miller, as well as numerous uncles, aunts and cousins. In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift in Denny's name to a charity that helps mentally challenged persons or helps children. Denny especially loved all kids because he was always a kid at heart. Music will be by organist Betty Frank. Casket bearers will be Rod Matson, Joe Hintz, Brandon Reagan, Nate Codr and Cody Cleveland. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery - Norfolk

1500 Maple Avenue
Norfolk, NE 68701

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **21**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk
1200 N.13th St.
Norfolk, NE 68701
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Service

JUL **22**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dennis "Denny" R. Dertien*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *I happened across the obit of Dennis this evening . My interest was peeked, so I read the memorials to him by his loved ones. He must have been a very wonderful caring person to have so many people speak so highly of him. He must have been a blessing to all he came to know. I can only hope I leave as shining of a mark on this world.*

Sincerely, Dennis D Dertien

Dennis D Dertien - October 28, 2021 at 01:54 AM



“ *I grew up in Norfolk and always remember seeing Denny on his bike riding around town. Our whole family knew him. He was always smiling and ready to visit for awhile. He always gave me a coin when I saw him. When I think about childhood memories of Norfolk and growing up, Denny comes to mind. I was so sorry to hear of his passing. Denny you will be missed but not forgotten!*

Kelly Anderson-Pawaskar

Kelly Pawaskar - July 26, 2014 at 08:49 PM



LH

“ I've known Denny over 60 yrs went to school with his brother Bob.
He will be missed.

Leonard (Lenny) Haines

Leonard Haines - July 21, 2014 at 06:39 PM

TK

“ Terry Kotrous lit a candle in memory of
Dennis "Denny" R. Dertien



Terry Kotrous - July 21, 2014 at 12:22 PM

TK

*What a great guy. He will be missed.
Terry*

Terry Kotrous - July 21, 2014 at 12:22 PM

JH

“ What a Blessing He was to ALL who knew Denny... RIP my friend...
and may you find Peace in the Arms of the Lord... JH
Jody

jody H - July 20, 2014 at 07:53 PM

VP

“ Verna Pate-Lewis lit a candle in memory of Dennis "Denny" R. Dertien



Verna Pate-Lewis - July 20, 2014 at 07:14 PM

LF

“ I will always remember having lunch with him occasionally when he was at the mall. Never quite understood him but he was always full of fun and teasing. He loved little children so much.
Lois

Lois Feyerherm - July 20, 2014 at 04:09 PM

LF

“ Lois Feyerherm lit a candle in memory of Dennis "Denny" R. Dertien



Lois Feyerherm - July 20, 2014 at 04:06 PM

RJ

“ Rod Jones lit a candle in memory of Dennis "Denny" R. Dertien



Rod Jones - July 20, 2014 at 02:39 PM

BS

“ *Bryan Santee lit a candle in memory of Dennis "Denny" R. Dertien*



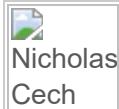
bryan santee - July 20, 2014 at 02:25 PM

NC

“ *Nicholas Cech lit a candle in memory of Dennis "Denny" R. Dertien*



Nicholas Cech - July 20, 2014 at 01:50 PM



Nicholas Cech

Denny is a very heartfelt person. He always had a smile on his face and when he gave you a high five, he would always try to trick you by taking his hand away. He was always asking how family was and really was concerned about everybody in the community. He was always very energetic and very kind. He never had said a bad word in front of anyone. He will be truly missed in my mind, heart, and physically.
Nicholas

Nicholas Cech - July 20, 2014 at 01:54 PM

BS

“ *Rest in peace Denny. you were a wonderful guy with a kind heart and you will be missed.*
Bryan

bryan santee - July 20, 2014 at 01:18 PM



“ *How sad it is that a fixture of Norfolk like Denny is no longer with us as he was the kindest man and a true example of how really good people should act and treat others.*

My father introduced me to Denny at the early ago of about 7 (43 yrs ago). Denny was always quick to tease me with a nose punch which always made all of us laugh. I would love to have him tease me once more before he is off to be in a better place.

Denny would always stop by our house after he left work for the day as we lived a block away from Dopheide sanitation and Denny, dad & myself would "talk" for hours.

Denny, you will be missed by many, especially by those whose lives you have touched.

Kevin

Kevin Wagner - July 20, 2014 at 09:09 AM

SK

“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Denny at the Pierce Manor, I was the maintenance man there. Denny always had a smile and a "man hug" waiting. Then he would sneak my screwdriver out of my tool pouch and act like nothing happened. He touched hearts in a way that was truly genuine. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends, he is surly in heaven praising Jesus with that great smile on his face.*

Scott K.

scott krohn - July 20, 2014 at 06:47 AM

JC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Denney!! He used to play cards all the time with my Uncle Harold Schinck when he was alive, that is were I got to meet a man that I am proud to say he was my friend!!
Jane



Jane Koenig Cleveland Clausen - July 20, 2014 at 02:51 AM



“ My whole family knows Denny. We would go to the mall on the weekends and see him there and we will be eating an ice cream cone .. my husband Floyd would ask, hey Denny would you want an ice cream cone? he would say no.. no.. then Floyd would say.. come on Denny, I'll buy you an ice cream cone and he would say okay and smiled. then he would sit with us eating the ice cream cone. He would play and joke around with our kids and sit with us while we were playing our board games. we were always happy to see him when we went to the mall. Denny will be missed but not forgotten. Our thoughts and prayers are with his Family and Friends.

Floyd/Pamela Ward and Family

Pamela Thompson-Ward - July 19, 2014 at 11:23 PM

 Linda Michaels

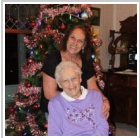
“ You will be missed... I havent seen you for awhile but you always made me smile.
Linda

Linda Michaels - July 19, 2014 at 10:57 PM

JP

“ I remember Denny very well when I worked in the 70's at Schmode's truck shop. He would bring me a nickel when he came and put it on my desk. I would save the nickels and when I had 40 cents I would buy him a bottle of orange crush pop with his money. He thought I was his best friend because I would buy him a pop!!! He was such a nice guy and would always try and punch my nose. I would always tell him he had to quit smoking and he would saynope nope!!!! Loved seeing him here in Norfolk at the mall and everywhere. I will miss Denny and his bib overalls!.. Rest in Peace my friend.
Joy Potts

Joy Potts - July 19, 2014 at 08:47 PM



“ I did not know Denny personally, but it seemed like everywhere I went, I would see him somewhere! He was a permanent fixture in Norfolk! He will be missed! Heaven will be a better place having him there!!!!
Bev

Beverly Tiedgen Rath - July 19, 2014 at 07:19 PM

JU

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Julie - July 19, 2014 at 02:58 PM

TH

“ I remember Denny from my childhood. He was always in such a good mood. I also very fondly remember him from the bowling alley where he always came to give me a "punch in the nose". He will be missed.

Trinity

Trinity Halsey - July 19, 2014 at 02:49 PM

TR

“ My name is Teri Reynolds and I ran the food court at the mall for 10 years. He and I made friends fast and all of my kids enjoyed him as well. He was a great helper and he will be missed dearly. I send all the prayers I can to his family and friends. I missed Denny a lot when I left Norfolk. He will always be remembered.

Teri Reynolds and Family

Teri Reynolds - July 19, 2014 at 01:36 PM