



Dennis L. Hintz

March 15, 1945 - November 14, 2019

NORFOLK -- Memorial service for Dennis L. Hintz, 74, of Norfolk will be held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, November 25, 2019 at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk with Pastor James Wonnacott officiating. Inurnment will be held at the Prospect Hill Cemetery, Norfolk. Military rites will be conducted by the American Legion Post #16, V.F.W. Post #1644, both of Norfolk, Nebraska American Legion Riders, and the United States Army Honors Guard. Dennis died Thursday, November 14, 2019 at the Faith Regional Hospital in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in charge of the arrangements.

Born March 15, 1945, on the family farm in rural Bloomfield, Dennis L. Hintz was the son of Marvin and Lydia (Thompson) Hintz. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Bloomfield. He attended County School District 154 Cottonwood in rural Knox County and then attended and graduated from Center High School in 1963.

After high school, Dennis enlisted into the U.S. Army and served from Jan. 21, 1964, to June 21, 1965. After he was discharged, Dennis moved back to Knox County when he started working construction and farmed from 1966 to 1985. He married LaVonne K. Block on May 25, 1968, in Wausa. Three children were born to this union: Amy, Chris and Michaelle. LaVonne passed away in 1993 after 25 years of marriage.

Later, Dennis married JoAnn M. Puffer on Jan. 16, 1994, in Sargent. No children were born to this union.

Dennis operated and owned a cleaning company from 1985 to 1997. He

worked at the Norfolk Veterans Home for 24½ years, starting in 1986. He also volunteered at the Veterans Home for 30 years, along with other nursing homes and daycares, where he put on toy shows and dressed as Santa Claus during Christmas.

He was active in the 4-H Club, Saddle Club and John Deere Club and Cornhusker Club. Dennis collected John Deere toy tractors, old farming memorabilia, license plates, dealer plates, doing toy restoration and watching Nebraska Cornhusker sports.

A photo of Dennis is located in the mural at the entrance of the Norfolk Veterans Home; The image is an actual photo of Dennis in the military that was painted in the mural. A nearby plaque explains its details.

Dennis also enjoyed his 5-mile walks in the mornings before work, collecting family history and photos from the past. Dennis loved his grandchildren and great-grandson very much and enjoyed spending time with them and playing with them. He would have a picnic with them before they would leave or go home.

Dennis enjoyed talking to his three children on the phone every day and loved them very much.

Survivors include his spouse, JoAnn Hintz of Norfolk; his children, Amy (Jason) Epley of North Carolina, Chris (Karen) Hintz of Plainview and Michaelle (Greg) Fickler of Norfolk; 22 grandchildren; one great-grandson; a brother, John (Mary) Hintz of Lincoln; a sister-in-law, Phyllis Hintz of Stanton; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his first spouse, LaVonne (Block) Hintz; a grandson, Caleb Epley; parents Marvin and Lydia; and a brother, Dwane.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery - Norfolk

1500 Maple Avenue
Norfolk, NE 68701

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 25. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dennis L. Hintz*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis L. Hintz.*



November 24, 2019 at 04:57 PM



“ *John & Mary Hintz purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Dennis L. Hintz.*



John & Mary Hintz - November 19, 2019 at 10:25 PM



“ *My heart is so sad. I worked at the Vets Home with Dennis for many, many years. He was so helpful and kind to our members. I am so glad our paths crossed at the doctors office last week So good to talk to him and catch up. He was so proud of his photo being chosen to be in the NVH mural. His memory will live on forever in an exceptional tribute to our Veterans. Rest In Peace, soldier.*

Edye Eichberger.

Edye Eichberger - November 19, 2019 at 06:57 PM

DL

“ Dennis was a great person he showed me how to strip wax off of floors and re wax, he came to Tilden one evening and striped the floor at my church and waxed it and didn't charge a thing. He was my co worker from the Veterans Home and very compassionate about the veterans. Rest In Peace my friend.

Diane Lieswald - November 19, 2019 at 06:32 PM

DN

“ I worked with Dennis at the Vet's Home. What a kind hearted sweet man. He loved the veterans so much always thinking how he could brighten their day. He was a great worker and heloed me get a great start in being a housekeeper in Pod D. I will miss you my friend. Rest in peace.

Donna Nielsen - November 15, 2019 at 12:28 PM

AE

“ I am heartbroken. The man I loved for 50 years has died. Three weeks ago I bought a plane ticket to fly home and spend a week with him. He and I had plans for that week. I was going to dust all of his tractors. He was going to supervise the work. We were going to make a visit to the Veterans Home. I was going to record all his stories and memories. His memory was amazing. He was close to death in 2015 when he had to have part of his foot amputated. I am so thankful we had a few more years together after that. That experience prompted him to pray more the past 4 years than he did his first 70 years total (he told me that several times). He would pray for hours everyday. He wrote letters to God and he has notebooks full of prayers. He has a list of 200 people that he prayed for every day. He prayed for his old and current neighbors. He prayed for his old friends, co workers, his doctors, his nurses, his family and so many people. His heart was full of thanks to God. He loved being a farmer. He loved tractors. He loved his neighbors and friends. He loved his family so very much. I will miss him the rest of my life.

Amy Epley - November 15, 2019 at 10:42 AM

KD

“ Dennis was a co-worker and a very dear friend. Whenever I see a toy John Deere tractor; I think of Dennis, whenever I see old license plates; I think of Dennis, whenever I see the TV lounge at the Veterans Home; I think of Dennis and all of the movie matinees and popcorn he provided our members. Dennis loved our members and enjoyed taking care of them - even coming out of retirement to help us out during a staffing shortage. I will miss your friendship Dennis, I will miss your annual Christmas card updating me on your family and their well being, I will miss YOU my friend. Rest In Peace

Kim Davis - November 14, 2019 at 08:57 PM

MN

“ My prayers go out to all of the family. I remember when my Sister Vonnie & Denny got married. I was pretty young & was the flower girl in their wedding. Someone gave me a bag of rice after the wedding to throw as they came out of the church. Unfortunately I didn't know that they had failed to open the bag for me. When they came out, I tried to shake the bag at them & wound up throwing the whole bag at Denny. He just smiled at me & threw it back to me. He was always a gentle soul to me. He let me ride in the combine at harvest a few times, & taught me how to shift a manual vehicle. I know you're no longer in any pain, Denny, & are up there in Heaven celebrating with Vonnie & the rest of your family up there too.

Love & miss you!
Maralee (Block) Novotny



Maralee Novotny - November 14, 2019 at 08:40 PM