



Dennis D. "Denny" Kudera

December 26, 1946 - March 11, 2020

NORFOLK -- Funeral service for Dennis D. "Denny" Kudera, 73, of Norfolk will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, March 16, 2020 at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk with Rev. Randy Rasmussen officiating. Private family burial will be held at a later date at the Prospect Hill Cemetery, Norfolk. Visitation will be held 4:00-8:00 p.m., Sunday, also at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Military rites will be conducted by the American Legion Post #16, V.F.W. Post #1644, both of Norfolk, the United States Army Honors Guard, and the Nebraska American Legion Riders.

Denny passed away on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at his residence, rural Norfolk.

Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Dennis D. "Denny" Kudera was born Dec. 26, 1946, in Plainview, the son of Leonard and Berniece (Mathine) Kudera. He attended grade school in Plainview and graduated from Plainview High School.

After high school, Denny served in the U.S. Army for two years from Dec. 14, 1966, to Dec. 13, 1968. After the service, Denny moved back to Plainview. He married Denise Bomar on Aug. 2, 1969, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Plainview. They later moved to Norfolk in 1981. Dennis began working for Goodyear in Norfolk in 1979 and continued working there for 38 years until he retired in November 2017.

Denny enjoyed fishing, pheasant hunting, riding snow mobiles, collecting eagles and antique lamps.

Survivors include his spouse, Denise Kudera of Norfolk; children Carolyn (Mylon) Schlote of Tilden, Michelle (Jeff) Jones of Grand Island and Tracey (Russ) Olson of Norfolk; six grandchildren; a great-grandson; a brother, Ron Kudera of Plainview; a sister, Mary (Kenny) Huntley of Columbus; a sister, Marilyn Kudera of Ohio; and a brother, Jerry (Ann) Kudera of Norfolk.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Berniece.

Casket bearers will be Jonathan Stech, Brent Meyers, Dwight Reuter, Randy Eichberger, Boyce Bitney and John Eichberger.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **15.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Service

MAR **16.** 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Dennis D. "Denny" Kudera

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ HI Denise Kudera and family. My name is Bob Geyer and I was the original HR Manager when Production started in 1979. I offer the family my deepest condolences on the passing of Denny. I am writing this because I will not be able to attend the funeral services on Monday because about a week ago I had Knee Replacement surgery and I have the Occupational Therapists and Physical Therapists visit my home since getting out is extremely difficult right now. I thought I would offer a few comments on how Denny was viewed. Since he was hired in 1979 as part of the Start-up team he had to be good--and he was. He was a solid performer in all cases. He took pride in his job and I considered Denny a loyal team member. He always contributed to the well being of the team. He was liked by all and his personality was such that it meshed in throughout the plant. He was a person that you could count on to get things done. I found Denny to be one heck of a nice guy. Bob Geyer

Robert Geyer - March 15, 2020 at 04:12 PM



Thank you so much, Bob, for the kind words about my dad. It was his second home, like so many other employees of a large corporation, including mine. We as his family appreciate you sharing his memory with us.

Carolyn Schlote

Carolyn Schlote - March 17, 2020 at 01:21 PM

KG

“ *I will always smile when I think of Denny! I loved working with him! He smiled all the time, giving funny hand gestures, telling me when he made fresh coffee...My most sincere condolences to his family! He will be missed so much!*

Kristy Goetsch - March 14, 2020 at 08:15 PM

CS

Oh thank you, Kristy! Dad was such a comedian! Though his humor probably wasn't appreciated by everybody, his main goal was to bring a smile to everybody's face. :)
Carolyn Schlote

Carolyn Schlote - March 17, 2020 at 01:25 PM

BK

“ *Denise, we're so sorry to hear about Denny. I'm in the process of downsizing since Don's health is failing and I just let go of the bridesmaid dress I wore for your wedding. Sweet memories. Take care of yourself. Bonita Gudenkauf Kesting*

Bonita Kesting - March 14, 2020 at 02:38 PM

CS

I showed mom your comment. She couldn't believe you kept that dress for so long! I was asking her who everyone was that I didn't recognize from their wedding picture, so your name came up. She and the rest of the family thanks you for your kind words.
Carolyn Schlote

Carolyn Schlote - March 17, 2020 at 01:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Dennis D. "Denny" Kudera.



March 14, 2020 at 10:33 AM