



Dennis L. Day

July 2, 1941 - February 11, 2025

Denny L. Day, 83 of Kearney passed away Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at Brookestone Gardens Assisted Living in Kearney. Memorial Mass will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney. Interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Gibbon.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Denny was born in Kearney, Nebraska on July 2, 1941, to Dewey and Laura (Kirk) Day. He graduated from Kearney Longfellow High School in 1959 where he was active in FFA. On January 27, 1962, he married Donna Mae Bond. They had two children, Linda Marie and Larry Eugene. Denny and Donna together managed a variety of crops and livestock. Denny did custom farm work including cutting, bailing and grinding hay in the area.

Denny and Donna divorced in 1981. In August of 1989, he was united in marriage to Sandie Weber. Denny remained on the farm continuing his work there. When the hay season was over, he would pick up work for the winter months at area businesses, including Pioneer Seeds, the Turkey Plant, Fort Kearny Gas Station and the COOP. Denny was a CBer and was always interested in flying. He received his private pilot license in the 80's and flew for

the parachute team at the Minden Airport. He loved taking people for rides in his plane. Besides his passion for airplanes, he also loved horses and motorcycles. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family and grandkids.

He also enjoyed saving young wildlife and livestock. He raised many raccoons, a fawn, rabbits and orphaned lambs and calves. He loved farm life and would help anybody if they needed help. He worked at Caldwell's and worked 25 years at L & S Industries as a maintenance worker fixing machines. He enjoyed his work there and the people. He retired in December of 2011. Shortly after that, he was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease and later Alzheimer's. He spent the next five years in a nursing home, most recently at Brookestone Gardens. He will be missed by many.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Sandie (Weber) Day; daughter, Linda Manfull and her husband, Ray; grandchildren, Taylor Manfull-Dukes and her husband, Brian, Steven Manfull and his wife, Rachael Lydon; step-daughter, Christine Weber-Diaz and many extended family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Larry Day; step-son, Patrick Weber; sisters, Zelda Burvanis, Osa Kelsey, Ida Jayne Luther, Corinne Olmsted and Janice Gentry; brothers, Duane Day and Forrest Day.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

45400 85th Road
Gibbon, NE

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
3801 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ So sorry for your loss, Sandie. Sending prayers your way. Thinking of you.



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“ Uncle Denny was somebody I looked up to both figuratively and literally all my life. He was about 11 years older than me and he gave me my first bicycle when I was like 5 years old. We had many families' reunions and Denny was always there. One time I visited briefly as a 3rd grader while Dad was arranging a move for us at that time.

I'll never forget Butch, Denny's wiry black dog. There would be pancakes left over after breakfast. When we finished with breakfast Denny asked grandma if it was ok. Okay, "what", I wondered? Grandma gave the nod and ok, Denny would take a pancake and Butch would get ready. Denny would throw it almost clear the ceiling while Butch had it timed where he would meet the pancake all the way up there and just snatch it right out of the air and have it eaten on the way back down to the floor. Denny laughed and repeated like 8 times and he would laugh and laugh and LAUGH!

I never saw anything like it. How did Butch jump so high like that?
OOOOOOO!

Grandma would say then, "now that's enough Denny" and we moved on.. Grandpa would just smile because he and Denny worked together on the farm. My dad, Duane, often mentioned how Grandpa described Denny to him. "He's slow but awfully reliable". I think that people who knew Denny saw a man who took big steps, but didn't seem to be in a hurry for anything and always had time for you.

God speed, Denny.

Gary Day

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