



Dennis Ihnen

January 30, 1945 - November 11, 2023

Dennis Ihnen, age 78, of Chancellor, SD, passed away November 11, 2023, at Sanford USD Medical Center, Sioux Falls, SD, following a lengthy illness.

Dennis Lee Ihnen was born on January 30, 1945, at Lennox, SD, the son of Raymond and Alice "Tootie" (Sikkink) Ihnen. He grew up in rural Turner County, Middleton Township, near Chancellor and attended Stoddard District 21 rural school. He went on to graduate from Chancellor High School in 1963. On July 2, 1966 he was united in marriage to Mary Kay Redenius at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Rapid City, SD. The couple made their home on farms near Hurley and had just recently moved into Chancellor. Dennis was a farmer his entire life. After retiring from farming full time, he continued farming and driving truck.

Dennis was an active member of Chancellor Reformed Church. He was dedicated and passionate about church and his church family and had served as a Deacon, Elder and on a number of other boards and committees. Along with Mary Kay, they served as youth leaders and Sunday school teachers.

Dennis enjoyed hunting, camping, traveling, driving truck, riding motorcycles, dogs and collecting guns and ammo. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who especially enjoyed watching children and grandchildren's sporting events (especially basketball). Dennis was preceded in death by his parents.

Grateful for having shared his life are his wife, Mary Kay; sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren: son, Tod (Shelli) Ihnen, Sioux Falls, granddaughter :

Cierra (Jeremy) Anderson, their child, Izaiah, granddaughter, Sarissa (Jake) Bradley, their child, Benaiah, granddaughter, Savanna (Jason) Herrboldt, their children, Arie and Alba, grandson, Stetson (Carlee) Ihnen; son, Jay (Brenda) Ihnen, Norwalk, IA, grandchildren: Lindsey and Nick; son, Heath (Sharese) Ihnen, Lennox, grandchildren, Quincy, Isabel and Porter; siblings: Donna (Leon) Johnson, Piedmont and Roger (Denise) Ihnen, Lennox, as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and a host of friends.

Visitation, with the family present, will be held 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 14 at Chancellor Reformed Church, Chancellor, SD. Private family burial, in the Chancellor Reformed Cemetery, will precede a public memorial service to be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 15, at Chancellor Reformed Church.

Tribute Wall

BM

“ I remember when my dad was alive that we would try get visiting in with Mary Kay and Dennis and the rest of their family while we were out pheasant hunting.
Prayers to the entire Ihnen family.
Dennis always seemed to be calm and low key. He will be missed!

Bret May - December 03, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ So sad to hear of this. Dennis was a wonderful man and I certainly enjoyed my time working with him. He will be missed.

Jim Geraets - December 01, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Mary Kay, I didn't know your husband, but I read that he married you. You were my "big sister" when I started at Sioux Falls College in the fall of 1965. I was Diane Johnson then. My condolences to you in the loss of your husband.

Diane Rahn - November 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ So sorry to hear of Dennis's passing. Remember working for him many years ago on the farm pulling weeds hauling hay bales etc. He was my favorite person to work for . He was such a great person. Prayers to you.

Don Krull - November 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ So Sorry to hear Mary, Tod and family. Thoughts and Prayers

BEN LEMER - November 20, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *My sympathy to Mary Kay and all of your family.. We were neighbors many years ago.*

Marilyn Buseman Dreyer - November 15, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *so sorry for your loss. Dennis will always have a place in my heart. your family will be in my prayers.*

Reggie Allen Wesdorp - November 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *Mary Kay and family, Thoughts and prayers for you in this time of loss.*

Ronald and Darlene Peters - November 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM

VI

“ *So many precious memories have been filling my mind. I will miss hearing his voice. He was a best friend to me. Mary Kay, remember I am available to you any time. I will call you soon. Love you.*

Vonda ihnen - November 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *My deepest and sincere sympathy Mary Kay, to you and all who mourn the loss of your dear husband.*

Lisle Stabrawa - November 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *My Greatest condolences on the passing of Dennis. God Bless to family*

Brian Robert Lind - November 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. So sorry for your loss.* ”



Jon & Terri Schryvers - November 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Sending thoughts of sympathy to family and friends of Dennis.* ”

Jeanette Buseman Higbe - November 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM