



Dennis Ricky Dean Rud

May 27, 1951 - May 24, 2017

Dennis Ricky Dean Rud, 65, of rural Dorchester, Iowa, died in his home on Wednesday, May 24, 2017.

Dennis was born May 27, 1951 to the late Tinka (Bergrud) and Gilman Rud. He was the 7th child born of Gilman and Tinka's 8 children. He graduated from Spring Grove High School in 1969, joined the Army Reserve and then graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education from Iowa State University.

Dennis married the love of his life Jandeen (Sherry) Rud in 1973. After graduating from Iowa State, Dennis taught Agricultural Education in Decorah, Iowa, followed by over 20 years of employment with Nelson Dairy Consulting. Dennis returned to his love of teaching at Fillmore Central High school, and ended his career of teaching at Mabel-Canton High School.

Dennis loved the Lord, his family, and students with all of his heart. The community activities he was involved with showed his heart for others in the following ways: as a basketball coach in Spring Grove, a 4-H parent, advocate for FFA, Iowa/Minnesota Stateline Plowing Association, Norwegian Ridge Harvesting, National Clydesdale Association, Youth Development, Sunday School, Gideon International, and anything else he could do to be a light.

Dennis was also known for his love of horses. Buying his first Clydesdale in 1986, he cared for them from birth and through showing at fairs, attending local parades, and often farming with them. His Clydesdale horses became something that brought joy to not only Dennis, but to so many around him.

Dennis leaves many sweet memories to his wife of 44 years, Jan, and his four children: Terrean (Jeff) Schmidgall, Kathrina (Jared) Menzel, Ricky (Amber) Rud, and Bjorn (Amanda) Rud; and to his 8 granddaughters and 1 grandson. He will be missed by his siblings Loren (Marcia)Rud, Joycelyn Rostad, Judy (Gerald) Bratland, Darlene (Ron) Dix, Darryl (Lorraine) Rud, Lorna (Milt) Myhre, and Mark (Kari) Rud.

In addition to his parents, Dennis was preceded in death by his niece Dawn, Brother-in-law Carlyn, father-in-law Albert, and brother-in-law Nathan.

Memorial donations can be given to the following non-profits: Back to the Bible, Gideon International, or Campus Crusade for Christ (Cru).

Cemetery Details

Waterloo Ridge Church Cemetery

169 Dorchester Dr.
Dorchester, IA 52140

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 29. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Waterloo Ridge Lutheran Church
169 Dorchester Dr.
Dorchester, IA 52140

Memorial Service

MAY 30. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JG

“ My father and I would always look forward to seeing Dennis each April at the National Clydesdale Sale. It was always fun catching up with him and hearing about how his family and the horses were doing. Dennis always had such a big smile and positive outlook on life. Continued thoughts and prayers for the family and friends.

Jeff Goodell - May 18, 2020 at 01:32 PM

GS

“ Fond memories of Dennis(Mr Rudd) as our Ag teacher and FFA advisor at Decorah High School. A great teacher and person. Sincere condolences to the family.
Gary Sivesind , Class of 1980, Decorah High School

Gary Sivesind - May 30, 2017 at 05:29 AM

MH

“ "Mr. Rud" was my favorite teacher at DHS. Taught me and inspired me to higher achievement! Along the way were many laughs and funny anecdotes, stories I still tell. His spirit and enthusiasm are fondly remembered!

Mark Hotvedt - May 29, 2017 at 08:41 PM

CL

“ My favorite teacher in my life. I loved horses too.

Connie (Hanson) Larsen - May 29, 2017 at 09:37 AM



“ Garden Accent Stone - *"Wherever a Beautiful Soul..."* was purchased for the family of Dennis Ricky Dean Rud.



May 28, 2017 at 11:50 PM



“ Pat Lemke lit a candle in memory of Dennis Ricky Dean Rud



Pat Lemke - May 28, 2017 at 11:16 PM



Jan & family,
So sorry for your loss! Please know you are in my thoughts & prayers!
May God give you strength, love & peace in the coming days! 🙏😊🙏

Pat Lemke - May 28, 2017 at 11:19 PM



“ Jan and family.....my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.....Dennis was my classmate so I can remember his friendly, kind spirit.....so sad to hear of his passing way too soon.

Linda (Newgaard) Gomer - May 28, 2017 at 12:13 AM

DH

“ My memories of Dennis began when he was our ag teacher and FFA advisor at Decorah High School. He was a great mentor to my classmates and family. Then I worked with him while he was a consultant with Nelson Dairy Consultants for many years. He helped me get to where I am today. We will miss him!

Dan Hotvedt - May 27, 2017 at 01:19 PM

MA

“ I remember Dennis from high school and because he was so much a part of the farming community. My dad, Boyde Anderson, was always saying what a scholar he was along with being a very likable guy. He will be missed in the community. Sorry for him that his illness was so difficult and sorry for his family. You have my sympathy.
Sincerely,
Mary (Anderson) Meyer

Mary - May 27, 2017 at 10:57 AM

EH

“ It was a great gift for our family to have dad serve at Waterloo Ridge for 11 years, and I know Dennis was a big part of that relationship. Thank you so much. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May your hearts be consoled by the Savior who weeps with us. Elizabeth Hermeier

Elizabeth Hermeier - May 27, 2017 at 10:07 AM

RS

“ To Dennis and family. I had the opportunity to work with Dennis my last year's at Leroy. What a fine man. He is gone to soon.

Richard Schaufler - May 26, 2017 at 05:01 PM

KB

“ Dennis was a great hearted man who was always great to visit with about family and events. He will be missed by the agriculture community and FFA advisors of Region 8.

Kevin Brown

Kevin Brown - May 26, 2017 at 02:27 PM



“ Jan and family,
We were so sorry to hear of Dennis's passing. He will be missed. Such a fun, loving guy to be around. Am going to miss that laugh. And our talks about horses. He always had something funny to tell you.
Dave and Kathy Myrah



Kathy Myrah - May 26, 2017 at 01:07 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Ricky Dean Rud.



May 26, 2017 at 10:11 AM

LB

“ Lon Bleess purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Dennis Ricky Dean Rud.



Lon Bleess - May 26, 2017 at 08:58 AM

DO

“ Sherry and family, You have our sympathy on the loss of Denny. I cherish our visits over the years at various class reunions and just seeing each other on the street in Spring Grove. Always a positive person, this is what I will remember about Denny and want you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Don Wendel

Don - May 26, 2017 at 06:46 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dennis Ricky Dean Rud.



May 26, 2017 at 12:55 AM

MH

“ Gotta say that I remember him so well from high school as being the nicest, kindest and probably best looking guy in our class. So sorry for your loss.

Marcia Ann Holland - May 25, 2017 at 07:30 PM

PB

“ Jan and family, So sorry to hear this sad news. Dennis was such a good person. We will always remember how much Ken enjoyed "horsing" around with him! He will be missed by so many. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Pat and Lee Buxengard - May 25, 2017 at 06:28 PM

DR

“ *Dear Jan and all of Dennis's family, I am so very sorry for your loss. You all will be in my prayers today and in the day's to come.*
Denise Rostad

Denise Rostad - May 25, 2017 at 04:07 PM

VE

“ *Jan, my deepest sympathy to you and your family. Cherish the memories.*

Valerie (Severtson) Evenson

Valerie Evenson - May 25, 2017 at 03:38 PM