

Thinking of You Grandpa

Today our hearts have shattered.
For we have lost someone who mattered.
A limb has fallen from our family tree.
I know he would say "don't be sad for me."
Everyone is sad, some even a little mad.
We know it's not fair, but GOD took him there.
From heavens up in the sky.
He sees his family from way up high.
I can't express how I feel,
About a love so very real.
If it were up to me,
Grandpa we would still see.
But it is nor, so we feel the love he brought,
To this family of amazing people.
His legacy will nor end,
For one of the most amazing friends.
You can have all the beer, you go and fish,
We will still be here, if only to wish to see you again.
No more pills, no more cancer,
I know you will always answer,
When I pray for the day when we will all be together again.

Love,
Grandson Noah Smith




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In Loving Memory



Dennis A Flatten

1947 - 2020

Dennis A. Flatten, age 73, Clark, died peacefully with family surrounding him on Thursday, July 2, 2020, after a brief illness of cancer.

He was born Dennis Allen Flatten on February 19, 1947, in the Bartron Hospital at Watertown. He was the son of Floyd O. and Vanetta C. (DesLauriers) Flatten. Denny, as he became known, attended school at Crocker from grades K-6 and then Bradley 7-12. He then attended Huron College.

While in college, he played basketball for a year and then baseball for three years. He had the opportunity to play for the Chicago White Sox but decided to turn it down so he could pursue his dream of family and farming.

In 1971 he was united in marriage to Patricia Ann Stern in St. Anthony Church at Bristol.

To this union four children were born; Michelle, Les, Dixie, and Dustin. They lived in the Crocker area for 22 years before moving to Clark in 1992. Clark has continued to be their home. Over the years Denny farmed, worked for the SD-DOT, Graceland Gardens, owned and operated the Flatten Store at Crocker, and then at the Clark County Farmers Elevator for 27 years.

In his younger years he enjoyed basketball, baseball, hunting, trapping, and fishing. Over the past few years, Denny enjoyed reading western books, completing crossword puzzles, camping, fishing, and playing hours of Aggravation (the marble game). He watched various sporting events on the television, especially the Minnesota Vikings and Twins, and the SDSU Jackrabbits. He was a huge supporter of his grandchildren in all of their sporting activities, no matter what team they competed with. His love of family was what he enjoyed most in life -the time spent with them. Denny appreciated the time with friends, sharing a cold beer will not be forgotten. Denny loved to grill and will long be remembered for his famous chili.

Over the years, Denny was a lover of all dogs, having many, but one special one was his best friend and bed mate, Remy.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Floyd and Vanetta, a brother in infancy, David, his step-mother, Martha, father and mother-in-law, Ralph and Pearl Stern, brother-in-law, Jim Bjerke, brother and sister-in-law, Gordon and Marcella Gross, and nephews, Jim Stern and Michael Manson.

Grateful for having shared in his life is his wife of 49 years, Pat of Clark, children, Michelle Flatten-Kabwe, Les Flatten all of Clark, Dixie (Jacob) Smith of Hazel, and Dustin (Jenny) Flatten of Watertown, 9 grandchildren, Kayla, Skyler, Charity, Jediah, Noah, Musonda, Max, Ella, and Wilkes. He also leaves siblings, Sharon Bjerke of Clark, Lanny (Donna) Flatten of Crocker, and Rick (Patsy) Flatten of Wallace, his step-father, John Solheim of Redfield, and in laws, Ordean (Sue) Stern, Bud (Marilyn) Stern, and Gloria (Allen) Grewe along with several nieces and nephews.

Celebrating the Life of Dennis Flatten

Services from

Former Site of the Flatten Store
Crocker, South Dakota
Thursday, July 9, 2020
4:00 PM

Officiant

Minister Marion Grimes
Reverend Mindy Ehrke

Music

Baylee Obermeier, Soloist
Skyler Flatten, Soloist

Casketbearers

Bill Reidburn, Ray Reidburn, Larry Dreher, Mark McHenry,
Allen Grewe, Jim Peckham, Larry Sutton

Interment

St Thomas Cemetery
Crocker, South Dakota

