



## Dennis R. "Denny" Riekenberg

January 24, 1940 - October 14, 2021

Dennis R. "Denny" Riekenberg, 81, of Hordville, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at CHI-St. Francis in Grand Island. Funeral services will be on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church near Polk with Rev. David Ohlman officiating. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, October 19th from 5-7 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Interment will be held at the Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.soltwagnerfuneral.com](http://www.soltwagnerfuneral.com).

Denny was born on January 24, 1940 in Beatrice to Ernst and Elsie (Loemker) Riekenberg. He grew up in the Filley area, until 1952 when the family moved to Hampton. Denny was baptized on February 11, 1940 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Beatrice, and was confirmed on March 29, 1953 at Zion Lutheran Church in Hampton. He then graduated from Hampton High School in 1957. After high school, Denny began working as a mechanic in York, and then in 1961 he started working at the Hordville Co-op. He would work for the local Co-op in many different roles for the next 42 years, until his retirement. On July 8, 1961, Denny married Joyce Staehr at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in York. They made their home in the Hordville area, until his retirement. Denny was very active within his community and his church throughout his life. Following his retirement they would spend their winters in Texas. While in Texas he would stay busy by volunteering at Habitat for

Humanity, and assisted less-fortunate families in Mexico, by helping them create better lives for themselves and children. He was always building things, and especially enjoyed his woodworking. He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Denny was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Hampton, and Immanuel Lutheran Church in Polk.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife; Joyce, of Hordville, his children; Kris (Kim) Shoup of Hordville, Kerri (Jerry) Sundberg of Hordville, and Craig Riekenberg of Tucson, AZ, his siblings; Joann Schardt of Davenport, Larry (Sharon) Riekenberg of Lincoln, and Vivian (Kenneth) Frost of Fremont, his grandchildren; Kylie (Garrison) Smith, Kinsley (Cody Pietig) Shoup, Katelyn (Logan) Engel, Brandon Sundberg, and Rachel Sundberg, 3 great-grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild on the way.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother-in-law; Norris Schardt.

# Cemetery Details

## Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery

Polk, NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Polk, NE

## Funeral Service

OCT **20**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Polk, NE

# Tribute Wall

UH

“ We were so honored to have Dennis's friendship. Met him in Texas and had so many enjoyable times with him and Joyce. Our deepest sympathy to Joyce and the family. Jim and Ursula Huth

Ursula Huth - October 20, 2021 at 11:08 AM

LT

“ Lineage Logistics, GI Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dennis R. "Denny" Riekenberg.



Lineage Logistics, GI Team - October 20, 2021 at 09:48 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dennis R. "Denny" Riekenberg.



October 18, 2021 at 10:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis R. "Denny" Riekenberg.



October 18, 2021 at 07:45 PM

BP

“ *Bernie & Roberta Poppe purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Dennis R. "Denny" Riekenberg.*



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**Bernie & Roberta Poppe** - October 18, 2021 at 04:22 PM

JC

“ *Denny had a heart of gold. He was always working outside on the yard and a pleasure to speak with. We loved Denny just like our own family. I'm glad we were able to make memories together.*

*Cox Family*

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**Janee Cox** - October 18, 2021 at 12:08 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis R. "Denny" Riekenberg.*



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October 18, 2021 at 12:06 PM

JC

“ *Joyce and family,  
So sorry to hear of your loss. Dennis always enjoyed working with Denny. You have our deepest sympathy. We will keep you in our prayers.*

*Dennis & Janelle Carlson*

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**Janelle Carlson** - October 16, 2021 at 05:39 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis R. "Denny" Riekenberg.*



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October 16, 2021 at 05:11 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss Joyce, he was a great guy, we graduated together. My deepest sympathy!!*

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**Kathy Buller** - October 16, 2021 at 02:54 PM



“ *Joyce, Kris, Kerri, Craig and families....my heart is simply breaking for all of you as we just heard about Denny. Your family has always been so special to us...and Denny was a GREAT "Boss" the 12 years I worked at the Coop station. Know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers, and may you find comfort in all of your wonderful memories of a very special husband, dad and grandpa. Our deepest sympathy, Bill and Shelli Garrett*

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**Shelli** - October 16, 2021 at 10:39 AM



“ *Kerri, Jerry and family. I'm sorry to hear that your father has passed. He was a nice guy. I pray that time will ease your pain and make your memories brighter. Ron Dahlke*

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**Ron Dahlke** - October 16, 2021 at 10:00 AM

RS

“ Denny was a GREAT friend and helped me in life and work life!  
"Smitty" Richard & Marlene Schmidt

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**Richard W Schmidt** - October 15, 2021 at 06:22 PM