



Dennis "Denny" J. Symens

March 30, 1957 - July 31, 2024

Dennis "Denny" Symens, 67 of Hampton passed away Wednesday, July 31, 2024, peacefully at home following a long battle with kidney cancer. Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 5, 2024, at Faith Baptist Church in Hampton. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at Faith Baptist Church in Hampton. Denny will be laid to rest at the Ingham Township Cemetery in rural Hansell. Woodley Funeral Home of Hampton is caring for Denny and his family.

He was born March 30, 1957, in Hampton, IA, to Murrel and Rosalyn (Simons) Symens and grew up with his three brothers: Doug, Bruce and Brent, on their family farm located five miles east of Hampton on Highway 3. Denny graduated with the class of 1975 at Hampton High School and continued the tradition of farming with his family. On March 18, 1979, Denny married Mary Lou Greimann and together they lived on farmsteads near the Hansell area. Denny and Mary were blessed with three daughters: Crystal Marie, Lacey Nicole, and Ashley Rose. In addition to raising crops, Denny was a farrow-to-finish pork producer with his brother Bruce for many years and later did other ag-related jobs, such as being a crop insurance adjuster for Farm Bureau Insurance. Those who knew Denny realized early on that they would have a life-long friend to share in fun times and great memories.

Denny worshipped faithfully on Sunday mornings at Faith Baptist Church in

Hampton and enjoyed participating with Mary in their small group along with other Bible studies with friends. He also traveled with friends on several mission trips including ones to Kenya, Haiti and Louisiana. With frequent visits to the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics, Denny also loved visiting with other patients and their family members in waiting rooms as well as roommates while hospitalized. He would strike up a conversation and end with sharing a few words of encouragement and his faith in a loving God, no matter what he was going through himself.

Denny's greatest enjoyment was being a grandfather where he rarely missed his grandkids' activities, even throughout his illness. Denny and Mary enjoyed travelling during the winter months to warmer climates where he took up scuba diving and snorkeling along with Mary.

Denny is survived by his wife of 45 years, Mary Symens; daughters Crystal Menken and her husband Reid of Dumont, IA, and three grandchildren Carter, Hazel and Judson; Lacey Peters and her husband Rodney of Hampton, IA, and three grandchildren Brody, Cade and Ally; Ashley Tufte and her husband Duston of Aredale, IA, and two grandchildren Wyatt and Lincoln. He is also survived by his parents, Murrel and Rosalyn Symens, of Hampton; three brothers, Doug and his wife Karen of Hampton, Bruce and his wife Carol of Hampton, and Brent and his wife Mary Jane of Hampton; nephew Joshua (Chasity) Symens; and nieces Devola (Chad) Kopp and Amanda (Ryan) Peterson. He was preceded in death by his paternal and maternal grandparents.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made by clicking on the following links:

United Christian International - Haiti (<https://ucihaiti.org/donate>)

Youth For Christ (<https://yfc.net/give>)

University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics for Cancer Research (<https://uihc.org/do>

nations)

Cemetery Details

Ingham Township Cemetery

rural Hansell, IA 50441

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Faith Baptist Church
1701 Central Ave E.
Hampton, IA 50441

Service

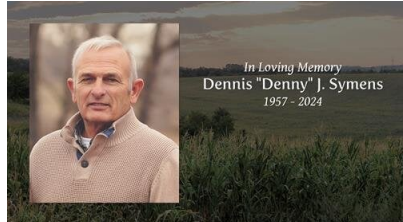
AUG 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

Faith Baptist Church
1701 Central Ave E.
Hampton, IA 50441

Tribute Wall



“ Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Dennis "Denny" J. Symens



Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory - August 04, 2024 at 09:10 PM

DG

“ Dawn G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis "Denny" J. Symens.

Dawn G. - August 05, 2024 at 06:20 PM

DK

“ Dave and Rosemary Koenigsberg planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis "Denny" J. Symens.

Dave and Rosemary Koenigsberg - August 05, 2024 at 12:22 PM

DK

“ Dave and Rosemary Koenigsberg purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Dennis "Denny" J. Symens.



Dave and Rosemary Koenigsberg - August 05, 2024 at 12:22 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis "Denny" J. Symens.*



August 05, 2024 at 09:57 AM



“ *Koontz Family - Steve, Elena, Zoe & Emma purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dennis "Denny" J. Symens.*



Koontz Family - Steve, Elena, Zoe & Emma - August 05, 2024 at 09:37 AM



“ *Brian & Ellen Lodge purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dennis "Denny" J. Symens.*



Brian & Ellen Lodge - August 03, 2024 at 12:41 PM



“ *Leighcen Franke (the mail lady) purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Dennis "Denny" J. Symens.*



Leighcen Franke (the mail lady) - August 03, 2024 at 05:55 AM

NB

“ Neil Berbano planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis "Denny" J. Symens.

Neil Berbano - August 02, 2024 at 09:28 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis "Denny" J. Symens.



August 02, 2024 at 09:28 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis "Denny" J. Symens.



August 02, 2024 at 05:30 PM

HD

“ Hansell Fire Department purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Dennis "Denny" J. Symens.



Hansell Fire Department - August 02, 2024 at 05:10 PM

DH

“ Dave, Judy and Heather purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Dennis "Denny" J. Symens.



Dave, Judy and Heather - August 02, 2024 at 01:01 PM

YF

“ Your Royal Oaks Hospital family! purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dennis "Denny" J. Symens.



Your Royal Oaks Hospital family! - August 02, 2024 at 12:17 PM

YF

“ Your Royal Oaks Hospital family! planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis "Denny" J. Symens.

Your Royal Oaks Hospital family! - August 02, 2024 at 12:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis "Denny" J. Symens.



August 02, 2024 at 10:40 AM

DD

“ Dan and Kim Dobson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis "Denny" J. Symens.

Dan and Kim Dobson - August 02, 2024 at 10:40 AM

TC

“ Our sincere condolences at this time of deep loss



Timothy Craighton - August 02, 2024 at 10:19 AM

JB

“ JOYCE BORCHERDING lit a candle in memory of Dennis "Denny" J. Symens



JOYCE BORCHERDING - August 02, 2024 at 09:55 AM

HC

“ My deepest sympathy to Denny's family at this sad time. Denny was a wonderful son, husband , father, grandfather, brother and friend, who will be forever missed. Prayers for peace.

Helen Christensen - August 01, 2024 at 11:38 PM

BJ

“ Brent and Mary Jane purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dennis "Denny" J. Symens.



Brent and Mary Jane - August 01, 2024 at 05:20 PM

JN

“ JT, Austin, Miranda & Lettie Neff purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dennis "Denny" J. Symens.



JT, Austin, Miranda & Lettie Neff - August 01, 2024 at 04:43 PM

RC

“ Randy & Holly Coffee purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dennis "Denny" J. Symens.



Randy & Holly Coffee - August 01, 2024 at 04:35 PM

RC

“ Randy & Holly Coffee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis "Denny" J. Symens.

Randy & Holly Coffee - August 01, 2024 at 04:35 PM