

Dennis L. Venz

August 20, 1957 - April 27, 2024

Dennis Venz, 66, of Eldora and formerly of Iowa Falls, passed away Saturday, April 27, 2024 at UnityPoint Health – Allen Memorial in Waterloo. Memorial services will be 11:00 AM Saturday, May 4, 2024 at the Woodley Funeral Home in Hampton with full military honors. Visitation will be from 10:00 AM until service time on Saturday at the funeral home. Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Denny and his family.

Dennis Lee Venz was born on August 20, 1957 to Charles and Dorothy Hadley. Denny graduated from Nashua High School class of 1975. He honorably served in the United States Army from 1976-1979, during which time he served as a Guard and Watchman for the Military Police. He excelled as a Sharpshooter and Marksman. Denny's life long career path in Law Enforcement was influenced by his service to his country and he was a proud Republican.

On June 6, 1981 Denny was united in marriage to Gloria Jean Houstman at the Wesleyan Church in Charles City, Iowa.

Denny began his career in Law Enforcement, March of 1979 in Rockford, Iowa, where he served as Police Chief for two years. He then served as a Patrolman for the Iowa Falls Police Department until July 1986 before taking a position as Deputy with the Hardin County Sherriff's Office until his retirement

in 2007.

Denny made many lifelong friends in his career, some would say, Denny was the most intense and loudest guy in the room. He had an ornery streak to keep things interesting but was the life of the party with his jokes and stories. In his leisure time, Denny was a collector of fire arms, enjoyed golf, fishing and recently enjoyed games on his PlayStation 5.

Denny was a family man. Nothing meant more to him than his wife Gloria, his daughter “princess Tiffany” and his grandchildren. They brought him the greatest joy.

Dennis Venz is survived by his loving wife, Gloria Venz of Eldora, Iowa; daughter, Tiffany Venz (Travis) of Marshalltown; grandchildren: Ariana, Aidan and Rayce; brothers and sisters; Steve, David (Annette), Judy (Ken), Jeff (Sherry); brother in-law, Jack Grones of Elk River, Minnesota; sister in-law, Mary (Steve) Jung of Mason City, Iowa and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Timothy Lee; parents, Charles and Dorothy Hadley; mother and father in-law, Richard and Grace Houstman; and sister, Sharon Grones.

Although he may no longer walk among us, his spirit will live on in the memories we hold dear. His love and laughter will echo in the hearts of those who knew him.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

Hampton - Woodley Funeral Home
306 Central Ave. East
Hampton, IA 50441
(641) 456-3232

Service

MAY 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BF

“Gloria, you know how much Denny and All of you mean to us. You had one of the best! Always here for you, Tiffany and the grandkids. There just aren't words, when there's such a great loss, like Denny. We know he's in a better place and all that the Bible promises.
Love, Jon and Becky Faris
The Late Nathan Faris
Richie Heater



Becky Faris - May 03, 2024 at 04:38 PM

RS

“Gloria, Tiffany, and family members of Denny

We were sorry to hear about Denny's passing. Enjoyed the time I worked with Denny on IFPD and HCSO.

May God embrace you with his compassion, love, and understanding during this difficult time.

Rod and Mary Stoner

Rodney L Stoner - May 03, 2024 at 11:40 AM

GV

Thank yoh

Gloria Venz - May 03, 2024 at 02:59 PM

RS

“ Rodney S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis L. Venz.

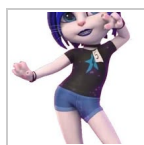
Rodney S. - May 03, 2024 at 11:32 AM

TF

“ The Grones Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dennis L. Venz.



The Grones Family - May 03, 2024 at 08:06 AM



“ Denny, Thank you for all the years of love and comfort you gave my sister and niece. What a wonderful man we were all blessed to have known. RIP brother-in-law and uncle. Sincerely, Mary, Steve, Jason, Jenna and extended family



Mary Jung - May 02, 2024 at 10:25 PM

GV

Love you

Gloria Venz - May 03, 2024 at 08:13 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dennis L. Venz.



May 01, 2024 at 01:41 PM

HW

“ Hadley and Weigum planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis L. Venez.

Hadley and Weigum - May 01, 2024 at 01:41 PM

CH

“ Chuck and Deb Humeston planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis L. Venez.

Chuck and Deb Humeston - April 30, 2024 at 08:07 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis L. Venez.



April 30, 2024 at 05:21 PM

AC

“ Andrew, Brenda, Kaitlynn, Peyton Carlson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Venez.

Andrew, Brenda, Kaitlynn, Peyton Carlson - April 30, 2024 at 05:21 PM

TE

“ I am so sorry to hear this. Denny was a wonderful Deputy. He will be missed by many.



Teresa Ellingson - April 30, 2024 at 04:12 PM

CK

“ To my friend Denny aka Bulldog424, we meet on horseback many years ago, then we where in tanks, and we ended up playing golf I guess we got old on the PlayStation as well. We talked for hours online mostly about our president but also a lot of history of where I come from in the UK , you loved seeing the pictures of the old churches and the ww2 pictures I sent you ,we use to tell each other American and British TV series for each of us to watch .. I am going to miss jumping to the chat and hearing you say hay Casey, I can't be there to say bye but I will be thinking about you. going to miss you bulldog. my friend always



Casey Kersley - April 30, 2024 at 03:50 PM

WD

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William & Lisa Dauchenbaugh - April 30, 2024 at 03:22 PM

WD

Denny, Thanks for the memories, the advice, the help & knowledge you shared before, during & after we worked at the HCSO together. Thanks for the laughter, hugs, grill outs, friendship, being a big brother figure, and most importantly... your Love & Kindness. Thank you for being an important part of our family & our lives. We will ALWAYS Love you, miss you & remember you.💙 Fly High big brother, Fly High💙

William Lisa Dauchenbaugh - April 30, 2024 at 03:34 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dennis L. Venez.*



April 30, 2024 at 02:43 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis L. Venez.*



April 30, 2024 at 02:21 PM



“ *Hardin County Sheriff's Office planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Venez.*

Hardin County Sheriff's Office - April 30, 2024 at 02:21 PM



“ *Love you so much daddy! I will always be your little princess!*



Tiffany Grace - April 29, 2024 at 02:37 PM

GV

“ *Gloria Venz lit a candle in memory of Dennis L. Venz*



Gloria Venz - April 28, 2024 at 10:49 PM

GV

Love you. I miss my best friend. ☐

Gloria Venz - April 28, 2024 at 10:50 PM

AB

“ *Denny has been a family friend for many years. To me, he WAS family. Years ago, my parents would have grill outs. Denny and Gloria would come. We would have the ambulance crew, and cop cars in front of our house, because they would drop by for a burger. We would listen to music and just enjoy each others company. Denny was such a good man. I can still hear his contagious laugh. He will be missed by many.*

Amber Bahr - April 28, 2024 at 03:23 PM