

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be, so He put His arms around you and whispered "Come with Me."

With tearful eyes we watched you, And saw you pass away. Although we loved you dearly, We could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands to rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.

Harvey Anderson
& Johnson
Funeral Homes

Service

Monday, January 6, 2020 – II:00 am Bethlehem Lutheran Church Atwater, Minnesota

| Prelude | Shirley Capistrant, accompanist |
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| Processional Hymn #787 | On Eagle's Wings |
| Family Remembrances | |
| Thanksgiving for Baptism | P. 280 |
| Hymn #779 | Amazing Grace |
| Greeting | P. 280 |
| Scripture | Psalm 23; John 14:1-6 |
| Homily | Pastor Kelly France |
| Hymn of the Day #856 | How Great Thou Art |
| Apostles' Creed | P. 282 |
| Prayers of Intercession | P. 282 |
| The Lord's Prayer and Comme | ndation P. 283 |
| Recessional Hymn #581 | You Are Mine |

Honorary Casketbearers

| Samantha Gjerde | Madison Denton | Logan Hoekstra |
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| Weston Gjerde | Jeana Denton | Taylor Hoekstra |
| Maret Gjerde | Brock Denton | • |
| Josie Gjerde | | |
| Elsa Gjerde | | |

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| John Garding | Gregg Kragenbring |
| | John Larson |
| | Wyman Hovey |
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Interment

Union Cemetery Atwater, Minnesota

Wayne Eugene Denton was born to Eugene and Eileen (Weiland) Denton on January 5, 1946, in Willmar. He grew up in rural Clara City before moving to Atwater in 1956. He was baptized at St. John's Lutheran Church and confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Atwater. He graduated from Atwater High School in 1964. Wayne served in the Army where he was stationed in Germany and France during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged after serving from 1965-1967. On March 24, 1968, Wayne was united in marriage to Judy Kragenbring at First Lutheran Church in Hector. To this union, three children were born. During this time he was employed with Kandiyohi County for 38 years as an independent road grader operator. He served 25 years on the Atwater Fire Department, was involved with the Atwater Jaycees and was a member of the American Legion. He enjoyed playing softball in his younger years, was an avid gardener, enjoyed attending his grandchildren's extracurricular activities, and you would often see him cruising the town. Wayne was a loving husband, dad, grandpa, son, brother and friend.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Judy; children: Jason (Melissa) Denton of Atwater, Jennifer (Paul) Gjerde of Sunburg and Megan (Edward) Hoekstra of Grove City; grandchildren: Madison, Jeana and Brock Denton; Samantha, Weston, Maret, Josie and Elsa Gjerde; Logan and Taylor Hoekstra. He is also survived by his mother, Eileen Denton; sister, Nancy Alstead; sister-in-law, Maxine (Richard) Falk; and brother-in-law, Gregg (Robin) Kragenbring.

He was preceded in death by his father, Eugene Denton.

