

Dennis Edwardson, of Spencer, formerly of Sioux Rapids, Iowa, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Sunday, October 18, 2020 at the St. Luke Nursing Home in Spencer at the age of 82.

Dennis Edwardson, the son of Carl and Julia (Wilbur) Edwardson, was born on December 12, 1937 on the family farm north of Sioux Rapids. As an infant, he was baptized, then later confirmed at the First Lutheran Church.

Growing up, Dennis attended school in Sioux Rapids and participated in many sports throughout high school. Dennis then attended Buena Vista College for one year on a football scholarship.

On June 7, 1959 Dennis was united in marriage to Sibyl Ball at the Baptist Church in Webb, Iowa. The couple was blessed with two children, Jeffrey and Todd. Dennis and Sibyl would later divorce.

Throughout his career, Dennis worked for Sioux Dairy, Spencer Foods, and sold cars and motorcycles. He owned and operated Den's 66 Service for many years, where he fulfilled his passion for working with cars as a mechanic. Later, he worked for Simonsen Iron Works until he retired.

Dennis was an active member in the Sioux Rapids community. He attended First United Methodist Church, where he served as a member on the board. Additionally, Dennis served on the city council and volunteered with the local fire department for many years. During his time with the department, Dennis was known for his role in answering the call for emergencies and activating the fire alarm and the noon whistle.

Dennis loved spending time with his family and friends. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle and taking trips with friends. Dennis raced cars with his brothers, Doug and Dave. Later, he raced go carts with his sons and helped Jeff with his race cars. Dennis also enjoyed pheasant hunting and was a die-hard fan of the New York Yankees, Pittsburgh Steelers and the "Blue Oval."

Those left to cherish his memory include his children, Jeff (Lori) Edwardson of Spencer, Iowa and Todd (Jessica) Edwardson of Wever, Iowa; brother, David Edwardson of Ringsted, Iowa; sister, Darlene (Larry) Spiess of Alta, Iowa; grandchildren: Elise Fields-Edwardson of Ashland, Oregon; Tony Ault of Gillette, Wyoming; Ryan (Elise) Edwardson of Escanaba, Michigan; Tad Edwardson of Hannibal, Missouri; Tuck (Whitney) Edwardson, of Keokuk, Iowa; Sara Edwardson of Durham, North Carolina; Katie (Dakota) Wells of Donnellson, Iowa; Josh Edwardson of Spencer, Iowa; step-grandchildren Orion Mills and Liam Martin of Wever, Iowa; great-grandchildren: Sierra and Lily Fields; Opal and Opry Edwardson; Elliott Edwardson; extended family and friends.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Julia Edwardson; sister, Doris Lindlief; and brothers, Donald and Douglas Edwardson.

In Loving Memory



Dennis Gayheart Edwardson

1937 — 2020

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down
in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside still waters.
He restoreth my soul;
He leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil,
for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff,
they comfort me; Thou preparest a
table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil,
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
—Psalm 23



IN MEMORY OF

Dennis Edwardson

December 12, 1937 — October 18, 2020

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, October 23, 2020 — 10:00 a.m.
First United Church
Sioux Rapids, Iowa

CLERGY

Pastor Curt Batschelet

PIANIST

Lourene Vail

SOLOIST

Sara Edwardson
“Amazing Grace”

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

“Old Rugged Cross”
“How Great Thou Art”

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Elise Fields-Edwardson, Anthony Ault, Sara Edwardson
Katie Edwardson, Liam Martin, Orion Mills

CASKET BEARERS

Larry Spiess, David Edwardson, Ryan Edwardson
Tad Edwardson, Tuck Edwardson
Dakota Wells, Josh Edwardson

INTERMENT

Lone Tree Cemetery
Sioux Rapids, Iowa

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Thank you for the many acts of kindness and your presence at this service. You are invited to join us for a luncheon immediately following the burial at the church.

— The Family of Dennis Edwardson