



Dennis Helland

May 13, 1947 - November 1, 2014

Dennis Leroy Helland was born May 13, 1947 in Valley City, ND to Denver and Mabel (Olson) Helland. He was raised on the family farm near Kathryn, ND. Denny was baptized and confirmed in St. Paul Lutheran Parish, Kathryn. He attended school at Hastings, ND and graduated from College High School, Valley City, ND in 1965. Dennis graduated from North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND in 1969 with a BS degree in Agricultural Engineering. He returned to the family farm to continue his farming career until his death. Dennis also worked for a time at the West Fargo Stockyards.

He was an avid hunter and served as a Hunter Education Instructor for 30 years. He was a pilot with a love for aviation. Denny actively supported the Barnes County Airport and served as a member of the Barnes County Airport Authority Board for 39 years. He was chairman of this board for 15 years. Dennis also was a member of the Hastings Fire Department, serving as chief for 10 years.

On November 25, 1978, he married Paula Jean Emerson. They raised 2 sons, Karl and Kevin.

Dennis is survived by his wife, Paula; his sons, Karl (Ginger) Helland of Kathryn and Kevin of Littleton, CO; and grandchildren, Taylor, Kody, Kolten, and Koy. He is also survived by his sisters, Marlene (Tom) Sagaser of Jamestown, ND, Deloris (Larry) Welken of Valley City and Donna (Roger) Hentges of Fargo and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents; niece Jill Hentges

Hogue and nephew Steven Welken.

There will be a celebration of Dennis' life on Friday, November 7, 2014 beginning at 5:00 PM at the VFW Club in Valley City. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Valley City State University Steven Welken Scholarship Endowment, the Fargo Air Museum, or the Barnes County Ambulance Service.

Dennis died at his home under hospice care on November 1, 2014. Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel of Valley City has been entrusted to assist the family with arrangements. An online guestbook is available at www.oliver-nathanchapel.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 7. 5:00 PM (CT)

VFW Post 2764

Valley City, ND 58072

Tribute Wall

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“ *Delores, Larry & family. Sorry to learn of the loss of your brother Denny, always thoroughly enjoyed visiting and spending time with him and all your family. Also just learned of the loss of your Son, Sympathy goes out to you all at this time. God be with you and Take Care. Kitty Heydweiller-Cheser (Olson)*

Kitty Cheser (Olson) - January 21, 2015 at 01:43 PM

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“ *Paula and family, I am sorry for your loss of Denny, he was a great friend and glad that we all got to spend a lot of time with the family. Remember that trip that to Vegas, we had fun. Prayers for you all. Take care. Kitty Heydweiller-Cheser (Olson)*

Kitty Cheser (Olson) - January 21, 2015 at 01:39 PM

NM

“ *Paula and family,
Condolences to you and your family. So sorry for your loss.
It has been a long time since I was a V.City resident, but I shall never forget all my friends from Mercy Hospital. May God bless,
Nola Meredith, Fargo, ND*

Nola Meredith - November 07, 2014 at 02:59 PM

TG

“ *Dear Family*

Denny was a great guy. I enjoyed our many conversations and chats. A memorial wil be sent to VCSU to the Steve Welken fund.

Tom Goven

Tom Goven - November 06, 2014 at 04:46 PM

YF

“ *Your FEMA Family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dennis Helland.*



Your FEMA Family - November 06, 2014 at 11:22 AM

LT

“ *Denny was one of those people who energized those around him. It was a privilege to work with him on behalf of the Valley City Airport.*
Larry Taborsky

Larry Taborsky - November 05, 2014 at 07:21 PM

DS

“ *Kevin and family,*

I am sorry to learn of your loss.

Dale Sandstrom

Dale Sandstrom - November 05, 2014 at 11:17 AM

LT

“ *Linda Tweit lit a candle in memory of Dennis Helland*



Linda Tweit - November 05, 2014 at 08:59 AM



My thoughts and prayers to his family, R.I.P.

Linda Tweit - November 05, 2014 at 09:01 AM



We were so sorry to hear about Dennis . He was loved by so many ..I pray the Lord will give you peace and strength through the days ahead. He will be missed by many... Kelly and Bette

Kelly Deschand - January 07, 2020 at 02:52 PM