

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Saturday, April 22, 2023

11:00AM - 2:00PM

Maple Grove Community Center, Maple Grove, MN

BURIAL

Friday, April 28, 2023

2:00PM

Carrington Cemetery, Carrington, ND

OFFICIATING

Rev. Rick Loewen

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Denny's Family and Long-time Friends

MILITARY HONORS

North Dakota Funeral Honors Team



After Glow

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an Afterglow
of smiles when day is done.

I'd like to leave an echo...
whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy time and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave
When day is done.

Celebrating
THE LIFE OF



Denny Land

MARCH 3, 1944 – FEBRUARY 3, 2023

Denny Land was born March 3, 1944, the firstborn child to Vernus and Vivian (Silkey) Land. Denny was living his best life on the family farm and loved being his dad's little sidekick. Sadly, things changed in 1953 when Vernus passed away from cancer. The farm was later sold and he moved into town with his mother and two sisters but the farm held a special place in his heart throughout his lifetime. No trip to Carrington was complete without a drive to his former country home. Denny's favorite hobbies as a young man were archery and roller skating with friends. He was smooth as glass on a pair of skates!



Denny enlisted in the Air Force in June 1962. He received his technical training at Shepard Air Force Base in Texas, then on to England Air Force Base in Louisiana. From there, he was assigned to temporary duty abroad doing in-flight refueling in the Azores before being deployed to Vietnam. Denny was honorably discharged in June 1966, having been awarded the small arms expert marksmanship and Vietnam service medal.

Denny worked at Hector airport in Fargo as an airplane mechanic following his military service and was later employed at Swanston Equipment as a bobcat mechanic for several years.

It was during this time that he met and married Anne Zumpf, they were together for 23 years.

Denny became an over the road truck driver and was proud to have logged nearly a million miles on the road.

On December 26, 1993, he was united in marriage to Mary Ann Ford in Devils Lake, ND. They made their home in Phoenix, AZ before moving to Maple Grove, MN where they remained.

Denny had a passion for airplanes, motorcycles, CB radios and model cars. He belonged to the Gold Wing Roadriders Association and the Patriot Guard Riders, the Heart of Minnesota Great Dane Club, as well as the Great Dane Club of America. Together Denny and Mary Ann raised and cared for their eight Great Danes over the years. Denny's prized possession was his Gold Wing motorcycle, which he later converted to a trike allowing him to continue riding up until the past couple of years.



Denny was a patient man with a kind and gentle spirit. He treasured his lifelong friendships and any opportunity to gather with both family and friends.

He overcame some serious health issues in the recent years, but on February 3, 2023, he lost his final battle.

He is survived by his wife Mary Ann and faithful companion Sadie, sister Patty (Jerome) Zink, brother-in-law Bob (Kathaleen) Ford, sister-in-law Sarah (Ford) O'Clair and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father Vernus, mother Vivian Land (Price) and sister Diane Land (Pierce).