



## Dennis D. Bartels

October 1, 1955 - May 29, 2015

Funeral services for Dennis will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church, rural Tobias, Nebraska. Pastor Ryan Meyer will officiate the services.

Visitation for Dennis will be Monday from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Farmer & Son Funeral Home-Kotas Chapel in Milligan, Nebraska.

Dennis will be cremated following the funeral service on Tuesday.

Dennis D. Bartels, was born October 1, 1955, to Bernard and Deloras (Schwisow) Bartels in Fairbury, Nebraska. He died in rural Tobias on May 29, 2015, at the age of 59 years, seven months, and twenty-nine days. We will dearly miss our husband, son, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend.

Dennis was baptized October 16, 1955 and was confirmed March 30, 1969 in the Zion Lutheran Church near Tobias. He attended Zion Lutheran Grade School through the eighth grade. Dennis graduated from Meridian High School in 1973 and from the University of Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture at Curtis in 1975. On June 27, 1997, he married Janet Vavra at the St. Wenceslaus Church in Milligan and they resided in Milligan.

After graduating from college, Dennis and his Dad farmed together near

Tobias for many years. For 20 of those years, they had a registered Holstein dairy operation. After his Dad retired, Dennis' wife helped with the harvest and farmwork. Dennis played fast-pitch softball for many years, was an avid Husker fan and attended football games every season, and looked forward to getting together with family and friends at reunions. Dennis enjoyed wood-working and restored several antique furniture pieces. One of Dennis' favorite pastimes was going to farm sales and he always had a great time even if he did get out-bid.

Dennis is preceded in death by his mother, Deloras Schwisow Bartels.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 17 years, Janet Bartels; father, Bernard E. Bartels of Lincoln; children and spouses, Tamara and Jeremy Mostek of Hickman and Jonathan and April Vavra-Fong of Castle Rock, Colorado; grandchildren, Devin Searcey, Dylan and Mason Mostek, Ayden and Aspen Vavra-Fong; brother, Keith and his wife, Mary Bartels of Lincoln; sister, Jean Bartels and her husband, Steve Armburster of Elmwood; Father-in-law and mother-in-law, Melvin and Arlene Vavra of Milligan; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, David and Dana Vavra of Doniphan, Lois Vavra of Colorado Springs, Mark Vavra of Milligan, and Gary and Crystal Vavra of Milligan; aunts, Janile Roesler, Berniece Pfingsten, Lorna Bartels and Elma Vavra; uncles, Virgil and wife Joanne Schwisow, Elroy Schwisow, Roger Schwisow, and Leslie Schwisow; great-aunts, Eleanor Schwan, Darlene Schweer and Irene Marschman; nephews, nieces, great-nephews, great-nieces, and many cousins.

Memorials are directed to the family for later designation.

# Tribute Wall

DW

“ *Deb Wesely lit a candle in memory of Dennis D. Bartels*



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**Deb Wesely** - June 04, 2015 at 12:32 PM

DW

*Janet, my thoughts and deepest sympathies are with you and your family.*

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**Deb Wesely** - June 04, 2015 at 12:33 PM

LH

“ *Laura Headrick lit a candle in memory of Dennis D. Bartels*



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**Laura Headrick** - June 04, 2015 at 07:47 AM

CB

“ *Cheryl Belmont lit a candle in memory of Dennis D. Bartels*



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**Cheryl Belmont** - June 03, 2015 at 02:17 PM

DS

“ Dale Schwisow lit a candle in memory of  
Dennis D. Bartels



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**dale schwisow** - June 02, 2015 at 04:33 PM

JS

“ Our deepest condolences. Keeping your family in our prayers.

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**jennifer schwisow** - June 02, 2015 at 04:32 PM

RS

“ Rogene Schroder lit a candle in memory of  
Dennis D. Bartels



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**Rogene Schroder** - June 02, 2015 at 09:34 AM

KM

“ Kathy Miller lit a candle in memory of Dennis  
D. Bartels



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**Kathy Miller** - June 02, 2015 at 09:15 AM

ER

“ Whether it was a sale or some other celebration Dennis was always there and we always had a good time. We will miss him. God bless and keep you Janet.  
Love, Elroy & Sue

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**Elroy Reetz** - June 02, 2015 at 09:13 AM

DS

“ Debby Schwab lit a candle in memory of Dennis D. Bartels



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**Debby Schwab** - June 02, 2015 at 08:39 AM

DS

Janet, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Debby Schwab** - June 02, 2015 at 08:40 AM

SM

“ Scott And Kristi Most lit a candle in memory of Dennis D. Bartels



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**Scott and Kristi Most** - June 02, 2015 at 06:20 AM

DK

“ *Dan & Brenda Kronhofman lit a candle in memory of Dennis D. Bartels*



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**Dan & Brenda Kronhofman** - June 02, 2015 at 05:59 AM

DL

“ *Denise Lucks lit a candle in memory of Dennis D. Bartels*



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**Denise Lucks** - June 01, 2015 at 09:03 PM

KK

“ *I just want to extend my deepest sympathy to Janet, Jean, and all the family and close friends at this difficult time. Sincerely, Ken Kotas*

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**Ken Kotas** - June 01, 2015 at 06:17 PM

RM

“ *Rob, Rachel, Brenda, Laura, and Marian purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Dennis D. Bartels.*



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**Rob, Rachel, Brenda, Laura, and Marian** - June 01, 2015 at 11:51 AM

PK

“ Pat K. purchased the Spring Has Sprung Mixed Basket for the family of Dennis D. Bartels.



Pat K. - June 01, 2015 at 10:38 AM

EL

“ Ellen Lefler lit a candle in memory of Dennis D. Bartels



Ellen Lefler - June 01, 2015 at 10:18 AM

LG

“ Laura Garcia-Hein lit a candle in memory of Dennis D. Bartels



Laura Garcia-Hein - June 01, 2015 at 10:11 AM

MB

“ Mary Buckley lit a candle in memory of Dennis D. Bartels



Mary Buckley - May 31, 2015 at 11:07 PM

LP

“ *My deepest sympathies to all. He was a wonderful guy, always smiling, and he always seemed to have time to help other people. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Laura Pollock** - May 31, 2015 at 11:06 PM

LM

“ *Larry & Kris Miller lit a candle in memory of Dennis D. Bartels*



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**Larry & Kris Miller** - May 31, 2015 at 10:30 PM

CS

“ *Connie Haake Sommer lit a candle in memory of Dennis D. Bartels*



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**Connie Haake Sommer** - May 31, 2015 at 09:56 PM

SD

“ *Sue DeVetter lit a candle in memory of Dennis D. Bartels*



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**Sue DeVetter** - May 31, 2015 at 08:06 PM

SD

*Janet, my deepest sympathy on your loss. Eternal rest grant unto Dennis, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.*

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**Sue DeVetter** - May 31, 2015 at 08:09 PM

KG

*Janet, my deepest sympathy to you on the loss of Dennis. My thought and prayers are with you and your family at this time.*

*Kathy Griess*

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**Kathy Griess** - June 01, 2015 at 09:49 AM

DD

*Janet: We are holding you and your family in prayer.*

*Hugs,  
Denise and Dave Lucks*

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**Denise and Dave** - June 01, 2015 at 09:40 PM

LC

“ *Laurie Smith Camp purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Dennis D. Bartels.*



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**Laurie Smith Camp** - May 31, 2015 at 01:21 PM