



Dennis E. Gurley

October 10, 1943 - September 1, 2023

Dennis Elra Gurley was called to his heavenly home in Milligan, Nebraska on September 1, 2023 surrounded by his family.

Dennis was born to Willard and Neola (Tupy) Gurley on October 10, 1943, in Omaha, Nebraska. Dennis was baptized as an infant and confirmed his faith when he was in eighth grade in the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church. As a child, Dennis grew up traveling with his family, as his father was on active duty in the Army. Dennis lived in many places during his early life including; Oklahoma, California, North and South Carolina, and Germany, but Dennis eventually came back to Nebraska, living in the Crete and Friend areas, until finally settling in Milligan for the remainder of his life.

Dennis would share stories of his childhood such as fishing under the Golden Gate Bridge while living in California, playing with Little Big Chief in Oklahoma, playing baseball in Germany, and how he was active in the Boy Scouts where he eventually became an Eagle Scout. Dennis graduated from Friend High School in 1962 where he earned the nickname "Gunner". While in high school he excelled in football and track. After graduation, he joined the U.S. Army and was in the 82nd Air Borne, stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Dennis spent active duty in the Dominican Republic during the Vietnam Era, earning an Expeditionary Service Parachutist Badge. Dennis returned home from active duty and obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in

Education from the University of Nebraska, majoring in History. After being an educator and high school coach for several years, he decided to pursue other opportunities in sales.

Dennis and his son James moved to Ruskin after Dennis took a teaching position. There he met the love of his life Kimberly Hinz. Dennis and Kimberly were married in Ruskin, Nebraska in 1983. Together they had four children: Mollie, Abigail, Seth, and Sara Jo. Dennis loved to teach his children to garden, hunt, fish, about world history and geography, and most of all, how to drive the country roads. Later in life, he had 10 grandbabies to love. He enjoyed spending time teaching them the same things he taught his children. Dennis was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Tobias, Nebraska, Lifetime Member of the V.F.W. Post 4959 Crete, Nebraska, American Legion HSSK Post #240 Milligan, Nebraska and WFLA.

After a 5-year battle with Dementia/Alzheimer's, Dennis passed into the Lord's arms.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents Willard and Neola Gurley; infant brother Keith; father-in-law James D. Hinz, uncle Dale Tupy and nephew Jacob Kleen.

Dennis is survived by his wife, Kimberly Ann (Hinz) Gurley of Milligan, Nebraska; Sons, James (Allison) Gurley of Ashland, Virginia, Seth (Ashlea) Gurley of Duncan, Nebraska; Daughters, Mollie (Mike) Gurley-Drake of Firth, Nebraska, Abigail (Brent) Reinsch of Geneva, Nebraska, Sara Jo (Bryan) Kunert of Fairmont, Nebraska; Brothers, Garry (Jean) Gurley of Friend, Nebraska and Michael Gurley of Edmond, Oklahoma; Grandchildren, Jade (Lukas) Wickam, Connor & McKenzie Drake, Henry & Theadore Reinsch, Elaina, Emmalynne, & Eleanor Gurley, Hailey & Jordyn Kunert; Great Grandchildren, Emmerson & Grace Wickam; Godchildren, J.C. Hinz and

Shandra (Korbelik) Reinsch; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

A Funeral Service for Dennis was held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at Zion Lutheran Church in Tobias, Nebraska. Pastor Gideon Pullmann presided over the Funeral Service. Janile Campbell was the organist and she accompanied the congregation in the singing of "Amazing Grace," "On Eagle's Wings," and "Borning Cry."

Pallbearers for the Funeral Service included Christopher Steuben, Scott Gurley, J.C. Hinz, Luke Kleen, Andrew Hinz, Kurt Dvorak, Josh Crawl, and Craig Tupy.

A Graveside Service with Military Honors was held in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery following the Funeral Service. Military Rites were performed by the Milligan American Legion HSSK Post 240 and the Nebraska Military Honor Guard.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com

Memorials are suggested to the Zion Lutheran Church or the Milligan Public Library.

Cemetery Details

Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery

2247 County Road 400
Tobias, NE 68453

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home-Kotas Chapel
Main Street
Milligan, NE 68406
(402) 759-3617
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

SEP 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
2247 County Road 400
Tobias, NE 68453

Tribute Wall



“ 55 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - September 06, 2023 at 02:08 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis E. Gurley.



September 05, 2023 at 11:06 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis E. Gurley.



September 05, 2023 at 09:35 PM



“ *Mouthwatering Meat and Cheese Gift Tower was purchased for the family of Dennis E. Gurley.*



September 05, 2023 at 05:32 PM



“ *Very sorry for your loss.*

Gale and Nancy Mikkelsen - September 05, 2023 at 04:29 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Dennis E. Gurley.*



September 05, 2023 at 02:46 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dennis E. Gurley.*

September 05, 2023 at 12:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis E. Gurley.*



September 05, 2023 at 12:50 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis E. Gurley.*



September 05, 2023 at 11:43 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dennis E. Gurley.

September 05, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Dennis E. Gurley.*



September 05, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dennis E. Gurley.

September 05, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis E. Gurley.*



September 05, 2023 at 11:11 AM

TB

“ Sincerest and Deepest Sympathy to Kim and the entire family. Dennis will be remembered as a kind man with a dear smile. And also for his adventure and time spent with Beau. Dennis was his buddy! With our sure faith we know that Dennis is now resting in the arms of his Savior!



Terry Ann Brandt - September 04, 2023 at 01:42 PM

JK

“ I will be forever grateful of being given the opportunity of spending everyday with Dennis this past year as well as his wife I will miss his sense of humor and his kindness his stories and most of all watching his cowboys and Andy Griffith may God Bless his beautiful family you are all in my thoughts and prayers

Joanna "JoJo" Kuhns - September 03, 2023 at 11:39 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis E. Gurley.



September 02, 2023 at 03:49 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dennis E. Gurley.



September 02, 2023 at 01:27 PM

SS

“ Dennis and I always had some great laughs every time we were together about his teaching & coaching career in Madrid, Ne. Because that was where my mother was raised and all her family lived. Dennis will never be forgotten.
In our savior love
Stan

stan smith - September 02, 2023 at 01:07 PM

SB

“ My sympathy to you, Kim, and all your family.

Shirley Brunkow - September 02, 2023 at 09:22 AM

JD

“ Dennis was just out of the army. He and cousin Butch Moore were working on a car clear back in our yard near the old barn on chestnut Street. I was climbing a tree on some rickety wooden steps with nails hanging out when one step broke and I was hanging on for dear life. My neck was stuck on a nail so falling could have been bad so I cried and screamed as Loud as I could. Dennis came flying out in his army boots and greens fatigues and lifted me up off of the nail. I had never seen someone move so fast. After that, he was always my hero and every time I saw him throughout the years.
Thank you Dennis.

john Dine - September 02, 2023 at 01:14 AM



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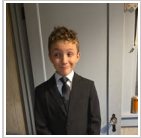
September 01, 2023 at 08:11 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Dennis E. Gurley.*



September 01, 2023 at 08:11 PM



“ *I have the funniest hunting memories with Dennis, and they mostly start with trying to get our rifles sighted in, oh the words he used about how bad I was at it. The first year i scoped myself he only says, "It coulda been worse." Heavy hearts and many prayers to your family.*

Conway Family

Brandie Conway - September 01, 2023 at 03:35 PM