

## J.J. Dinneen

January 13, 1938 - May 27, 2018

John Jerome (J.J.) Dinneen was born at home on the family farm south of Exeter on January 13, 1938, to John W. & Ferne L. (Brown) Dinneen. He passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, on May 27, 2018, at Heritage Crossings Nursing Home in Geneva, Nebraska at the age of 80 years, 4 months, and 14 days.

As a young boy, J.J. attended Rural School District 25 through the 5th grade. He attended St. Stephen's Catholic School through the 8th grade and graduated from Exeter Public School with the class of 1955. After graduation, he worked for Fillmore County, driving a motor grader in the Exeter area. On November 14, 1959, J.J. and Judy McCabe, daughter of Elmer & Carolyn (Link) McCabe, were married. They were blessed with five children, 13 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

J.J. and Judy started farming in 1962, and in 1978, they received the Ak-Sar-Ben Pioneer Farm Award for continued family farm ownership for over 100 years. J.J. also sold Farmer's Mutual Hail Insurance of Iowa, from an agency that his grandfather, John James Dinneen, started in 1934. He was a member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church where he proudly served for seventeen years as a Trustee. J.J. also enjoyed being a 4-H leader for the Handy Hands 4-H Club for numerous years and was a member of the Turtle Club.

J.J. and Judy took great pride in traveling to every town, incorporated and unincorporated, in the state of Nebraska. They created a scrapbook of their travels and even presented information about their travels to various clubs. J.J. was an avid collector of many different things. His greatest joy was spending time with family and friends. J.J. was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by wife, Judy; children John T. (Pam) of Lincoln, Nebraska, Lisa (Jody) Rhodes of Paxton, Nebraska, Joe (Sharla) Dinneen of Exeter, Nebraska, Darrell (Beth) Dinneen of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Michael (Chris) Dinneen of Lincoln, Nebraska; 13 grandchildren, John R. (Victoria) Dinneen, Kristen (Andrew) Sievert, Matthew Dinneen, Ryan (Blair) Rhodes, Erica (Tyler) Turner, Brandon, Amanda, Jack, Lizzie, Tony, Luke,

Colton, and Addy Dinneen; three great-grandchildren, Annelise Dinneen, and Rhett and Callie Turner; sister Mary Cashin of Lincoln, Nebraska; and many cherished friends.

A Funeral Mass for J.J. was held on Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Exeter, Nebraska. Father Steve Thomlison was the Celebrant. Agnes Anderson was the organist accompanying Cantor Greg Rehm in "Amazing Grace," "How Great Thou Art" "One Bread, One Body," and "Alleluia! Alleluia! Let The Holy Anthem Rise." Lizzie Dinneen also sang "Ave Maria" a cappella.

Pallbearers for the service included John R. Dinneen, Ryan Rhodes, Brandon Dinneen, Tony Dinneen, Matthew Dinneen, Jack Dinneen, Colton Dinneen, and Luke Dinneen. Honorary Pall Bearers included Vern Kittinger, Mark Haley, and Dick Drommond. Interment was held in the Exeter Cemetery following the Funeral Mass. Farmer Funeral Home of Exeter conducted the services and online condolences may be left at [www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com) Memorials are suggested to the St. Stephen's Catholic Church, Exeter Fire & Rescue, or York Adopt-A-Pet.

# Tribute Wall

NC

“ We were saddened to learn of JJ's death through the funeral home's webpage recently! Our sincere sympathy to Judy and family! Sincerely Earl & Nancy Cooksey Seward, Nebraska



Nancy Cooksey - July 18, 2019 at 02:37 PM

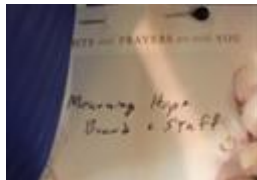
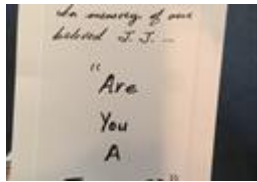
GM

“ Mr. Dinneen was a kind and gentle person and I am sure he will be missed by everyone whose life he touched. He made the world a better place. I am fortunate to have known him. My deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

Gerry Merck - June 01, 2018 at 03:38 PM



“ 63 files added to the album Dinneen Flowers



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - May 31, 2018 at 01:32 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of J.J. Dinneen.



May 30, 2018 at 07:57 PM

TS

“ Dear Judy & Family,

*We were sad to learn that J.J. has passed. We enjoyed our visits with J.J. and his spirit and enthusiasm for life. We will all miss him. Wishing you peace and many, many happy memories.*

*Love, Tom & Catherine*

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**Tom Songster** - May 30, 2018 at 03:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of J.J. Dinneen.



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May 30, 2018 at 02:41 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of J.J. Dinneen.



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May 30, 2018 at 12:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of J.J. Dinneen.



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May 30, 2018 at 11:52 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of J.J. Dinneen.



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May 30, 2018 at 10:52 AM

KB

“ I never saw JJ without a smile! Always telling a joke or funny story and trying to make everyone laugh. What Wonderful person.

Kathy Brune - May 30, 2018 at 09:56 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of J.J. Dinneen.



May 30, 2018 at 08:57 AM

DO

“ When I was taking my CNA classes I helped him one night and I just sat in visited with him it was the first time I met him and Chris Deneen told me he was there so I wouldn't introduce myself and had told him that I just cut Colton's and Chris's hair he was so enjoyable loved having someone to talk to

Donna - May 29, 2018 at 09:59 PM

PK

“ Judy, John, Lisa, Joe, Darrell, and Mike

*Please accept my deepest sympathies with the loss of JJ. What a kind and humble man, who always had a smile and a joke when he saw you. I always looked forward to hearing his "Hello Little Aby" when he saw me. I will smile every time I think of him.*

*Paula Kaiser-Asmus*



Paula Kaiser-Asmus - May 29, 2018 at 01:54 PM

JB

*J.J is one of the most memorable man I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. Pleasant, kind, fatherly, funny, and never knew a stranger. I will miss him!*

Janell Beveridge - May 29, 2018 at 07:06 PM

HR

“ *Holly Rippe lit a candle in memory of J.J. Dinneen*



Holly Rippe - May 29, 2018 at 01:08 PM

DF

“ *Dave McCabe and Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of J.J. Dinneen.*



Dave McCabe and Family - May 29, 2018 at 11:31 AM

CP

“ *I've only met J.J. a few times. He sat right next to my dad in the dining room. He was always joking with the guys at the table and always made me feel welcome when I was visiting. He will be very missed!*

Cheryl Price - May 29, 2018 at 09:35 AM

CR

“ *Judy & Family, J.J. was a very pleasant man with great character and easy to love. His visits/conversations with us will always be remembered. May he have eternal peace to God the Most High. Prayers to the Family Members and close Friends. Chris & Rhonda Riha*

Chris Riha - May 29, 2018 at 08:52 AM



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May 29, 2018 at 08:30 AM

JM

“ Jennifer Manning lit a candle in memory of J.J. Dinneen



Jennifer Manning - May 29, 2018 at 12:16 AM

BM

“ Brenda Motis lit a candle in memory of J.J. Dinneen



Brenda Motis - May 28, 2018 at 07:56 PM

BM

*Our deepest sympathies to JJ's family. He was a great guy with a wonderful personality. He will be missed by many. Thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Brenda Motis - May 28, 2018 at 07:59 PM

JS

“ Dear Judy and family, sending my deepest condolences in the loss of your husband and father. I am thinking of you with love and prayers and mourn with you his passing. JJ was full of life and humor and always had a great story to share. He was a good husband, father, grandfather, and friend to many. JJ was a Good Samaritan and his good deeds were many. May he Rest in Peace. He will be sorely missed.

Jody Harre Senter - May 28, 2018 at 02:42 PM

DB

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. He seemed to be a "gentle giant" of a man from the little I knew him through the Masses at Heritage. I'm sure he will be missed by his family, friends, and all who knew him. May loving memories bring you comfort and fill the void until time and grace heal the wounds of separation.

Deb Bixby - May 28, 2018 at 02:16 PM

KT

“ *Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of J.J. Dinneen*



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**Kent & Rose Theobald** - May 28, 2018 at 01:23 PM

LT

“ *Judy and family, I am so sorry to hear about J.J. I loved visiting and joking with him and sharing our love of our respective Boston Terrier. He will be greatly missed. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.*  
*Lynnelle Trauger*

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**Lynnelle Trauger** - May 28, 2018 at 12:34 PM