



Deanna Denny

June 15, 1938 - February 3, 2021

*Please note that due to the current opening of Covid-19 restrictions, the family and the church now wish to have a public memorial service with family and friends. Social distancing, families sitting together, and wearing masks is strongly encouraged.

A public memorial service celebrating the life of Deanna Denny, of Clarissa, will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 24, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Clarissa, with Pastor Justin Hesterman presiding. The Celebration of Deanna's Life will continue after the service as an Open House with family and friends and will be held at Noon on Saturday at the Clarissa Ballroom.

A public visitation will be held on Friday, April 23, from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church in Clarissa, and will resume at the church on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the memorial service.

Deanna, age 82, passed away on February 3, 2021, at the Central Todd County Care Center in Clarissa, MN.

Deanna Darleen (Hokanson) Denny was born to Arthur and Judith (Hanson) Hokanson on June 15, 1938, in Bertha MN. Deanna was baptized and confirmed into the faith at the Congregational Church in Bertha. At age twelve, while at Bible Camp, Deanna chose to go to the altar to become a

disciple of Christ.

Deanna was united in marriage to Ted Denny on November 17, 1954. Their union was blessed with nine children. They made their home near Clarissa MN. Deanna did not eat the bread of idleness, helping on the farm, bringing up nine children, growing a huge garden, working off the farm as a sewing machine operator and canning 100's of jars of fruit each summer. Those peaches and cherries were the best treat a child could eat. However, the grandchildren may argue that grandma's popcorn balls at hunting season were the reason for the season.

Deanna's devotion and love for her husband and family took her on various adventures; horse drawn sleigh rides, horse pulls, parades, card parties, dances, bowling leagues, fishing, and her first airplane ride to Orlando FL.

She enjoyed practicing hospitality, spending time with family and friends, sharing a meal, playing cards, board games, bingo and reading were a few of her joys. She was a thinker, she challenged herself with crossword puzzles, 1000-piece puzzles and any kind of puzzle that required deep problem solving.

She was a cheerful and generous giver. Her talent of sewing was a blessing to her family, friends, and community fundraisers. She sacrificed resources and time sewing clothing for her children, prom dresses, wedding garments, items for community fundraisers and quilts became her fun in these last years. She found much satisfaction giving the works of her hands to others. There was always something brewing in her mind and heart when it came to fabric and making something useful from it. The art of sewing and the love for fabrics will live on in her daughters, granddaughters, and great-granddaughters.

Deanna had a servant's heart; giving of her time to family, the church and community. She enjoyed planning family parties, reunions, and town events - she liked PLANNING. She belonged to the Ladies Aid, Red Hat Society, Auxiliary, and her service to the Foster Grandparent Program in Clarissa and Bertha Schools brought her purpose and fulfillment.

Deanna was a God-fearing woman, a humble heart that pondered and prayed through her journey. Her faith in God was her strength and hope that anchored the family in uncertain times and stormy days.

Preceding Deanna in death were her husband, Ted; parents, Arthur and Judith; sister, Maryann; brother Virgil; and great grandson, Eli Bartels.

She is survived by her children, Mike (Carol) Denny, Christine (Steve) Tharaldson, Cynthia (Matt) Rowe, Douglas (Joan) Denny, Janet (David) Malone, Karen Gow, Greg (Diane) Denny, Tracy Denny, and Amy (Brent) Oftedahl; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; along with a sister, Hildy Palo.

Cemetery Details

St. Matthew's Lutheran Cemtery

Clarissa, MN 56440

Previous Events

Gathering of Family & Friends

APR **23**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
101 Howe St. North
Clarissa, MN 56440

Celebration of Life

APR **24**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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APR **24**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Clarissa Ballroom / Event Center
19281 Kotter Rd
Clarissa, MN 56440

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Deanna Denny*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - March 19, 2021 at 01:51 PM

SW

“ *Our hearts go out to the Denny family. We have so many fond memories of your mom. Visits to the farm and many family gatherings. Sandy sharing a birthdate with Mike and a birth day with Janet has written our stories together for over six decades. Hugs to all of you and yours.
Fran, Dean, and Sandy Westergren*

Sandy Westergren - April 23, 2021 at 11:12 PM

GK

“ *So sorry of the passing of your Mom. Our families have great memories together. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. God Bless You's, Love, Mike & Gail*



Gail M Kenney - April 19, 2021 at 11:49 AM



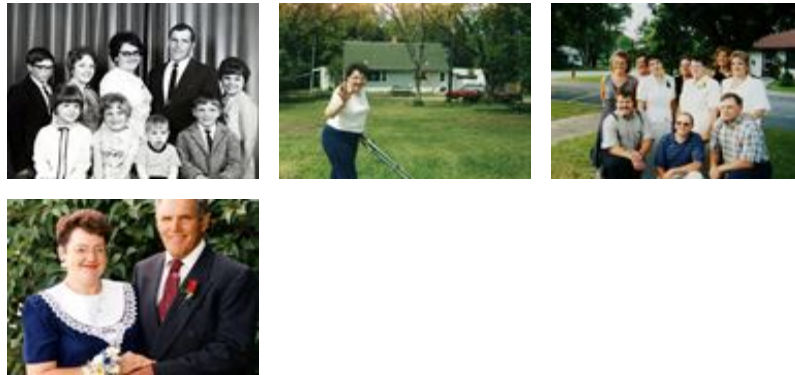
“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Deanna Denny.



April 19, 2021 at 09:33 AM



“ 4 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - March 19, 2021 at 01:47 PM



“ 31 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - March 18, 2021 at 04:14 PM

JP

“ We are so sorry to hear of Deanna's passing. We have such fond memories of her and loved her sense of humor. She was such a joy to be around - loved her smile.
Beverly (Hukriede) Danielson and Judy (Hukriede) Peters

judith peters - February 23, 2021 at 06:09 PM

GD

“ Gene & Mary Denny lit a candle in memory of Deanna Denny



Gene & Mary Denny - February 14, 2021 at 07:19 PM

DH

“ Sorry to hear of this loss for the Denny family. She was so proud of all of you! May God Bless her memory. Dale and Diane Hanson

Diane Hanson - February 14, 2021 at 12:33 PM



“ Prayers to the Denny family for grace, peace and wonderful memories. Deanna was such a nice lady, always had a smile and something positive to say. She was so very proud of her family.

Heidi Johnson - February 07, 2021 at 10:12 PM

TL

“ I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your mom and grandmother. I'll never forget the times our families spent together and the laughs and jokes shared around the table and your mom always saying "Ted, there's kids around!" She was a great lady, always friendly. May God bless you and give you comfort during this time.

Trudy Larson - February 07, 2021 at 12:38 AM

SJ

“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. God bless stay safe see you soon! Love Sandy

Sandra Johnson - February 06, 2021 at 07:09 PM

JK

“ Jean Kolstad sent a virtual gift in memory of Deanna Denny



Jean Kolstad - February 06, 2021 at 06:02 PM

DM

“ Dick And Jane Malone lit a candle in memory of Deanna Denny



Dick and Jane Malone - February 06, 2021 at 02:26 PM

JP

“ So sorry for your loss. Always enjoyed visited with her.

Julia Peery - February 06, 2021 at 01:19 AM

PH

“ Pat &dennis Hinzmann lit a candle in memory of Deanna Denny



pat &dennis hinzmann - February 05, 2021 at 09:41 PM

KS

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. My heart and prayers are with the family.



Kathy Stansbury(Denny) - February 05, 2021 at 04:16 PM

SF

“ Shirley Farrell lit a candle in memory of Deanna Denny



Shirley Farrell - February 05, 2021 at 04:09 PM

BO

“ Sending sympathy to the Denny families.



Bruce and Linda Oftedahl - February 05, 2021 at 03:29 PM

NK

“ *Norman And Julie Krause lit a candle in memory of Deanna Denny*



Norman and Julie Krause - February 05, 2021 at 01:52 PM

SJ

“ *"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"*
Matthew 5:4
My thoughts and sympathy to the family



Shannon Jedlicka - February 05, 2021 at 12:49 PM

NS

“ *My deepest sympathy to all of Deanna's family.*
Nancy Stepaniak



Nancy Stepaniak - February 05, 2021 at 10:51 AM

JO

“ *Jill Olson lit a candle in memory of Deanna Denny*



Jill Olson - February 05, 2021 at 08:21 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Deanna Denny.*



February 04, 2021 at 09:04 PM



“ *Dale & Denise Olson lit a candle in memory of Deanna Denny*



Dale & Denise Olson - February 04, 2021 at 07:31 PM