



## Dennis Gordon

April 10, 1940 - November 18, 2023

The memorial service celebrating the life of Dennis Gordon of Verndale, will be held at 2:00p.m on Saturday, December 9, at the Faith Lutheran Church in Staples, with Pastor Carl Larson presiding. Family and friends may gather at the church on Saturday, from 12:30 p.m. until the time of the service. Burial will be held at a later date in Wing River Cemetery in Wing River Township, MN.

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This service is available for viewing on Schuller Family Funeral Home's Facebook Page (Facebook search Schuller Funeral Home and select then scroll down to find) or while the service is live by viewing via Zoom following the link below.

### Dennis Gordon Memorial Service

Time: Saturday, Dec 9, 2023 02:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

### Join Zoom Meeting

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Dennis Lee Gordon – loving husband, father, brother, grandfather, uncle and friend –

entered the presence of the Lord on Saturday, November 18, 2023.

Dennis was born on April 10, 1940, in Fordville, ND to Leon Doel Gordon and Muriel Evelyn Gustafson. His father died during the Battle of Iwo Jima when Dennis was only 5 years old. He spent time growing up with multiple families in the Midwest. He returned to live with his uncle Oscar and Aunt Vida Sorum near Sebeka, MN. Dennis graduated from Sebeka High School in 1959. He met the love of his life, Jeannine Mae Crocker, in a youth group at Hope Chapel in Verndale, MN. Dennis and Jeannine married on August 5, 1961, while attending St. Paul Bible Institute, in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he earned his bachelor's degree in Missions in 1963.

With Jeannine by his side, Dennis served faithfully as a minister in the Christian & Missionary Alliance (C&MA) for more than 42 years – pastoring churches in Bloomfield, MT, Leaf River, MN, Hamlet, NE, Ocheyedon, IA and Vining, IA.

While Dennis preached the gospel from multiple pulpits for over four decades, he tried to live it daily in the kitchens, cafés and pastures of the communities he lived in. His desire was for everyone to come into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. For Dennis, that came through building relationships by meeting people where they were at. The tires on his old pickup were as worn as the pages of his Bible. Whether it involved the pair of pliers always on his belt, a self-taught veterinary procedure, or cookies and coffee; time with Dennis usually involved a story and ended with that big meaty hand of his squeezing yours, making you wonder if your fingers would survive – and a prayer that left no doubt that he was talking with the God of the universe. Dennis would continue those talks on his drive home, as he searched the ditches for aluminum cans, or when he woke up at 2am and 4am. This too with cookies either at the kitchen table or “hidden” under the bench seat of his pickup.

Upon retirement, Dennis and Jeannine returned to Verndale, MN to care for Jeannine's mom, Emily Crocker. After Grandma Crocker passed, Dennis and Jeannine moved to Grimes, IA to be near their oldest daughter, Denise. They were married for nearly 59 years when Jeannine passed away in June of 2020. Dennis then moved to Staples, MN where he resided at Lakewood Manor until his diagnosis with Lymphoma, after which he moved to Lakewood Pines. He spent the last week of his life in hospice at the Lakewood Care Center.

Dennis was loved and will be greatly missed by his children; Denise (David) Bubeck, Matthew (Beth) Gordon, Michelle (Steve) Nawrocki, and Jolene (Mark) Nawrocki; sister Francis Estabrooks; ten grandchildren: Joel (Noelle) Bubeck, Jacob (Kristen) Gordon,

Katie (Bo) Krein, Luke Bubeck, Lindsay (Joe) Abbud, Garret (Maggie) Gordon, Wesley Nawrocki, Samuel Nawrocki, Ashlee Nawrocki and Elise Nawrocki; great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, stepfamily, adopted family, long-time friends, and many he encountered along his journey here on earth.

Honorary Urn bearers will be Joel Bubeck, Jacob Gordon, Garret Gordon, Luke Bubeck, Wesley Nawrocki and Samuel Nawrocki.

In lieu of flowers, the family will be directing memorials in Dennis' name to his favorite charities.

# Cemetery Details

## Wing River Union Cemetery

Approximately 3 miles east of Bluegrass  
Wadena County  
Wadena County, MN

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family & Friends

DEC 9. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church - Staples  
430 12th St. NE  
Staples, MN 56479

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Dennis Gordon



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - December 06, 2023 at 10:56 AM



“ 52 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - December 06, 2023 at 10:56 AM



“ AIPAC purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dennis Gordon.



AIPAC - December 04, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dennis Gordon.



December 03, 2023 at 05:45 PM



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



December 01, 2023 at 07:29 AM

BT

“ *Bob, Darla, and The FAMiLY Leader team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Gordon.*

**Bob, Darla, and The FAMiLY Leader team** - November 28, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis Gordon.*



November 28, 2023 at 11:15 AM

TL

“ *Oh the memories we have of Dennis, Jeanine and your family as you lived in Hamlet. The impact you all have had on the Hamlet and surrounding communities will only be known to the full extent in heaven. We love each of you dearly and may God wrap His loving arms around each of you as you remember the many memories of Dennis. His impact on this community and the people who lived and live here was great.*

**Terry Lytle** - November 27, 2023 at 11:42 PM

DA

“ *So Sorry for your loss, Prayers to all the Family*



**Darrell& Deb Anderson** - November 23, 2023 at 12:06 PM

BD

“ *Bob & Kathy Derby lit a candle in memory of Dennis Gordon*



**Bob and Kathy Derby** - November 22, 2023 at 02:53 PM

PD

“ *Patty Desrocher lit a candle in memory of Dennis Gordon*



**Patty Desrocher** - November 22, 2023 at 12:47 PM

JC

“ *Thank you Dennis for sharing all of your wonderful stories over the years when we saw each other. All of heaven is blessed to have you now.* 🙏👤😊



**Jim and Janell Carr** - November 22, 2023 at 09:07 AM

GC

“ *Gary & Marcy Collins lit a candle in memory of Dennis Gordon*



**Gary and Marcy Collins** - November 22, 2023 at 08:34 AM

JJ

“ *Jon Johnson lit a candle in memory of Dennis Gordon*



**Jon Johnson** - November 22, 2023 at 08:26 AM

BB

“ *Lifting the family in prayer!!*



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**Bruce and Barb Brown** - November 21, 2023 at 11:10 PM

TB

“ *So sorry for the loss of such a wonderful man! We have many fond memories when they were our neighbors in Verndale .... May you find comfort knowing he is back with his wife , Jeannine  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. R I P Dennis*

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**Theresia M Brown** - November 21, 2023 at 07:35 PM