



## Lee Denny

July 9, 1927 - May 29, 2018

A gathering of family and friends celebrating the life of Lee Denny, age 90, of Staples and formerly of Verndale, will be held from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 14, at the Verndale Alliance Church, Verndale, MN. A Time of Prayer and Sharing will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Lee Edwin Denny, a lifelong resident of Verndale, MN, passed away at the age of 90, on May 29, 2018, at the Lakewood Care Center in Staples, MN, after a courageous battle of 16 years with Alzheimer's Disease.

He was born on July 9, 1927 to Paul and Daphne (Snow) Denny in Wadena, MN. Lee was lovingly married to his wife of 67 years, Donna (Coleman) on March 30, 1951. He and Donna had five children; Rick (Brenda) Denny of Colorado Springs, CO; Ronnie (Robin) Denny of St. Cloud, MN; Shari (Brad) Schmidt of Fort Worth, TX; Roger (Candy) Denny of Crystal, MN; and Randy (Juli) Denny of Shoreview, MN.

Lee's life revolved around his family, his career and baseball. Lee attended Verndale Public Schools until he enlisted in the Navy in 1944. Stationed in Washington State, Lee found a passion for the game of baseball. After discharging from the Navy in 1947, he continued his baseball career playing for the Verndale Bison. Throughout his career as a 3rd baseman, he was fortunate enough to play alongside his four sons. Lee had the privilege of

being inducted into the Minnesota Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame in 1976.

Lee was employed as a Holsum Bread Truck driver for 33 years, and also worked for Ernie's Food in his retirement. He was a member of the Verndale Christian Missionary Alliance. Lee spent most of his time fishing, hunting, gardening, shaking dice with his buddies and watching the Minnesota Twins and Vikings. He will be remembered by those who had the pleasure of knowing him, as a man with a constant smile and laugh, who loved to tease all of those around him.

He will forever be remembered as a devoted husband, father, and grandfather to his 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He is also be survived by many relatives and friends. Lee was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Daphne, as well as his sister and brother-in-law, Ruth and Bently Conn.

Military honors provided by Elmer Goche post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena, MN.

Private burial will held at Green Lawn Cemetery, Verndale, MN.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 14. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Verndale Alliance Church  
109 Brown St. NW  
Verndale, MN 56481

## Time Of Remembrance

JUN 14. 6:00 PM (CT)

Verndale Alliance Church  
109 Brown St. NW  
Verndale, MN 56481

# Tribute Wall

MR

“ *The Denny family,  
Sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. When I thought of Lee, I remembered a hearty laugh and a joking personality that was fun to be around. I always looked forward to seeing him as a kid. I laugh when I think of the time he gave Shari and I a small ride on the bread truck! I thought that was pretty cool. Another memory was of Lee coaching/managing the Bison. I can still see him in his uniform coming out to talk to the ump. I think mostly to chit chat and look like he was upset about a call! Nothing better than a game against the Wadena Chiefs under the lights on a Friday night. Thinking of all of you. Sincerely, Margaret and Mark (Runyan) Ruffino*

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**Margaret Runyan Ruffino** - June 15, 2018 at 07:24 AM

KA

“ *Kim Anderson lit a candle in memory of Lee Denny*



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**Kim Anderson** - June 12, 2018 at 10:19 PM

CR

“ *Chris Randall lit a candle in memory of Lee Denny*



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**Chris Randall** - June 11, 2018 at 06:29 PM

TG

“ Rick, Your dad was one of my all-time favorite customers at Wadena Lanes. Lee, Baldy, Corky, “Uncle Milty” etc. RIP Lee. We'll see you on the other side.  
Tom Gerszewski

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**Tom Gerszewski** - June 08, 2018 at 06:10 PM

SA

“ Best baseball teammate ever RIP. Lee.



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**Sam** - June 08, 2018 at 07:57 AM

AF

“ Amanda Finck-Snyder lit a candle in memory of Lee Denny



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**Amanda Finck-Snyder** - June 06, 2018 at 02:14 PM

DC

“ Dan And Beth Colby lit a candle in memory of Lee Denny



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**Dan and Beth Colby** - June 05, 2018 at 07:36 AM

SB

“ Sandee Seaton Byrd lit a candle in memory of Lee Denny



Sandee Seaton Byrd - June 04, 2018 at 09:09 PM

SB

“ My sincere sympathies to Lee's family. Many memories of Lee and most especially of his awesome smile that was shared with everyone! This is indeed an end of an era in Verndale.  
Sandee Seaton Byrd

Sandee Seaton Byrd - June 04, 2018 at 09:05 PM

JP

“ So sad to hear of your loss. Truly God has the best ball player now. Every time we visit the ball park, he will be there in spirit.....Baseball, a true American sport and Lee, a true American! He will be missed and one day we will be in Heaven watching the game! Please accept our deepest sympathy's at your loss and know that God has a plan for all of us and we will meet again! Comfort and peace to you all. God Bless. Jackie & Jay

Jayand Jackie Perius - June 04, 2018 at 04:39 PM

JP

“ Jay Perius lit a candle in memory of Lee Denny



Jay Perius - June 04, 2018 at 04:34 PM

JB

“ My favorite memory was watching Lee play third base for the Bison and always chattering "Swing batta batta". Ken remembers fun times with Lee when bowling at Wadena Lanes.  
*Ken and Judy (Pilgrim) Broker*

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**Judy Broker** - June 04, 2018 at 03:41 PM

KR

“ Thoughts and prayers are with Donna and family.  
*Marvin & Jonny Tuinstra, Karla*



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**Karla Richardson** - June 04, 2018 at 03:00 PM

JC

“ Our sincerest condolences to the Denny family. Lee's legacy will live on always at the baseball park. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.



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**Jim and Janell Carr** - June 04, 2018 at 01:36 PM

GS

“ Our condolences to the Denny family on the passing of Lee. We remember him well from our years in Verndale with Rog teaching and also when Rog played with the NYM Millers against the Verndale Pirates. We enjoyed the games against the Pirates and Lee always teasing Rog that he was playing for the wrong side!! Lots of friendly rivalry between him and all the players. His smile lit up the whole ballpark as I'm sure it is in heaven now. Lots of fond memories of him. He will be missed.  
*Roger and Gloria Setteholm*



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**gloria setterholm** - June 04, 2018 at 08:59 AM

BH

“ Brent And Cheryl Hahn lit a candle in memory of Lee Denny



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**Brent and Cheryl Hahn** - June 04, 2018 at 12:32 AM

JD

“ Jerry &Janice Denny lit a candle in memory of Lee Denny



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**Jerry &Janice Denny** - June 03, 2018 at 06:06 PM

SJ

“ Sharon, Jack Johnson lit a candle in memory of Lee Denny



Sharon, Jack Johnson - June 02, 2018 at 09:42 AM

PD

“ Peggy DuMont lit a candle in memory of Lee Denny



Peggy DuMont - June 01, 2018 at 08:59 PM

SS

“ Always had such fun conversations with Lee. Being as I was new in Verndale , he gave me the low down on other residents. Later on we would spend time exchanging jokes and stories at the Pirates Den. Donna and family, I am blessed to have known Lee and he will be fondly remembered by me. My sympathy to you all.



Sally Schaffhausen Siegler - June 01, 2018 at 08:32 PM

RD

When my father died with Alzheimer's I had a lot of why questions for God. I'm sure you, dear family, do too. Part of our training in the walk of faith, I guess; but what joy for us to know he is vibrant and rejoicing with the Lord of Lords right now!! Our empathetic love and prayers are with you and we look forward to hearing all the stories and wonderful memories on the 14th. ❤️

Renaë and Pastor Daryl - June 02, 2018 at 12:45 PM

RD

*Rena AND Pastor Daryl*

**Rena and Pastor Daryl** - June 02, 2018 at 12:47 PM

BW

“ *Bob & Phyllis Wilkening lit a candle in memory of Lee Denny*



**Bob & Phyllis Wilkening** - June 01, 2018 at 02:45 PM

GK

“ *Gene & Sandy Kapphahn lit a candle in memory of Lee Denny*



**Gene & Sandy Kapphahn** - June 01, 2018 at 12:57 PM

RA

“ *Roger & JoAnn Anderson lit a candle in memory of Lee Denny*



**Roger & JoAnn Anderson** - June 01, 2018 at 11:47 AM

GA

“ *Gene And Roxanne Arndt lit a candle in memory of Lee Denny*



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**Gene and Roxanne Arndt** - June 01, 2018 at 10:13 AM

DM

“ *Dale & Liz Miller lit a candle in memory of Lee Denny*



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**Dale & Liz Miller** - June 01, 2018 at 07:57 AM

PD

“ *Patty Desrocher lit a candle in memory of Lee Denny*



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**Patty Desrocher** - June 01, 2018 at 06:35 AM

LH

“ *Leo Haisman lit a candle in memory of Lee Denny*



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**Leo Haisman** - May 31, 2018 at 10:56 PM

MH

“ *Marladene Heinen lit a candle in memory of Lee Denny*



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**Marladene Heinen** - May 31, 2018 at 07:31 PM

LM

“ *Linda McIntire lit a candle in memory of Lee Denny*



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**Linda McIntire** - May 31, 2018 at 07:25 PM

BB

“ *Bruce And Barb Brown lit a candle in memory of Lee Denny*



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**Bruce and Barb Brown** - May 31, 2018 at 04:27 PM