



## Stewart Denny

September 14, 1971 - December 4, 2005

Stewart Frank Denny was born to his parents Donald & Iris (Zerfoss) Denny on September 14, 1971 at the Wesley Hospital in Wadena. Stewart passed away on Sunday at the St. Joseph's Medical Center in Park Rapids. Stewart was united in marriage to Wendy Leanne Graba on July 11, 1993 in Sebeka. They are the parents of two children, Aaron & Ashley. Stewart worked as a Pressman at Wadena Printing. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his family. Stewart was preceded in death by his father Donald; grandparents Frank & Hazel Denny, Ruby Denny, Stewart & Fern Zerfoss; numerous aunts & uncles. He is survived by his wife Wendy; children Aaron & Ashley; mother Iris; brothers Terry (Debbie) of Sebeka, Greg of Verndale, Steve (Shari) of Harris; sisters Barb (Jerry) Pickar of Brainerd, Doreen (Rich) Sellnow of Brainerd & Dona (Martin) Schwartz of Ramsey; his in-laws VonDa Graba, Danny Graba, Rich (Denise) Graba, Jen Graba, Tiff (Brandon) Denny; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Burial will take place in the Greenlawn Cemetery in Verndale following the services. View this Videotribute

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KP

“ There are too numerous the memories to choose just one of the fun and memorable times we have shared with Stewart and Wendy. Stewart was Kelly's childhood friend and classmate (1990).... Wendy was my first friend and classmate (1993) as well. Words cannot express the trueness of our sadness! There are no words to explain how to feel--empty, I guess. I will miss hearing Stewart call Wendy "Hazel".... it's just something I will always think was special.

You were a true and giving friend, Stewart! Always had time for your friends and could always enjoy the simple things in life....for that you were blessed! Aaron and Ashley are very lucky to have you as their Dad, and Wendy to have someone to always make her laugh, as well as the rest of us! You will truly be missed....but carried in the hearts of those who knew and loved you through your life's legacy. Thank you for standing up for Kelly & I in our wedding AND our reception...you shared your special day with us; seeing it was on your birthday!

We love you Stewart...may God take you graciously by the hand to watch over us...and to keep us strong!

"We'll miss YOU just as much as you will miss us!"--for that I am certain!

No one can ever take away our memories...

Peace be with you!!!!

Our love~ Kelly & Laura

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**Kelly & Laura Pickar** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

C(

“ Just want you to know that we're thinking of you and the kids.

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**Cindi Heying (Pickar)** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Please accept our sincerest condolences to the families during this difficult time. Stewart was a person full of life, vim and vinegar. A good father and husband. He will be sadly missed by all.  
Thinking of you.  
Sincerely,  
Rita and Dan

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**Rita Johnson and Dan Adams** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ My deepest sympathy to Wendy, Aaron, Ashley and all of the Denny family. Along with the many friends of Stewart. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Butch & Tamara Schwartz** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Wendy,  
I'm so sorry for your loss. You, your family and the Denny's will be in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Tricia (Lubitz) Blanch** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

S(

“ I am so very sorry to hear this news. It is with extreme sadness and shock. Stewart was a wonderful person with a great heart and a great sense of humor. He could always make you smile! He was a very special person and will be truly missed. I remember how he always made you feel welcome and special. My heart goes out to his family. May God bless and take care of you!  
Stacy

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**Stacy Westman (Pickar)** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Wendy: I cannot imagine what you and your children are going through. Please know that you have been in my thoughts and prayers constantly since I heard. Whenever I think of Stewart I think of sitting in Sunday School, church, confirmation class with him and goofing off with him and Aaron Wierimaa too. It was so hard to pay attention! He was such a goof off! He was such a nice guy too. It is so hard to imagine that someone you have known pretty much your entire life is gone. I guess it hits home. Please know that you have my very deepest sympathy. Shannon

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**Jeff and Shannon Lausten** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Wendy, so sorry to here the news. My thoughts and prayers to you and the Denny family. Stewart was a great guy and will be sincerely missed.

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**Jeff Clements** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Wendy and family - I was so saddened by the news of Stewart. It seems like someone so young should have a long time to live yet. I can not even think about what you and the kids are going through. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I can remember Stewart always having a smile on his face in school. Always goofing off and making people smile and laugh. Knowing someone since you were in kindergarden - makes it really hard to understand. I know you are never suppose to question why God does something - but he is suppose to have his reasons. Wendy, children, and families - I will pray for you everyday for your comfort to make it through all of the hard times coming. You will need strength - you are a strong person and you have lots of friends and family to help you out.

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**Christie (Crabb) Walter** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Stewart, we will miss you!!! Knowing Stewart as we did, we'll never forget his one night comedic act on the phone.

Wendy, Aaron and Ashley, you have our heartfelt sympathies.

Always friends!

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**Mike & Colleen Rosonke** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Tania Denny** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Wendy, kids, and the entire family-I am so sorry for your tragic loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Sarah Weyer** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ When I think of Stewart I remember something my Grandpa Ben would say, "Them's Good People". Stewart was "Good People". He was a loving husband and father, he knew how to have fun, and he always treated people with honor and respect. Stewart made Jack laugh more than any other person I know. I remember the bus trip we took to Mahnomen years ago - Stewart and his brothers had Jack giggling so hard I thought he was going to have an accident. Some of the week-ends we were lucky enough to spend with Stewart and Wendy will be treasured for years to come. Stewart had a sparkle in his eye, you could never tell if it was mischief, love, or just plain happiness. I consider myself honored to have been his friend. Even though I don't know Aaron and Ashley well, I see that same sparkle in their eyes that was inherited from their dad. They too will be "good people". Wendy - no words can express the sadness you must feel. I cannot tell you how sorry I am that this happened. Please know that Stewart will never leave you, he will be by your side forever. We love you and will do anything we can to help you through this difficult time.

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**Jack and Kim (Walz) Dailey** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I met and worked with Stewart's mom Iris at the Shady Lane Nursing Home in 1986 & 87. Iris absolutely loved her family and spoke about them often. I was just a bit older than Stewart so we talked often about the goings on at that time. Over the years, Iris and I still talk about her family when we meet. I later went to work for Johannes State Farm in Wadena, where I came to know Wendy and Stewart and of course with all the license tabs I need to always buy, I get to see Wendy plenty over at the license bureau. So shocked and sorry to hear of Stewart's passing. Iris, Wendy and the rest of the family, may God comfort and keep you at this most difficult time. May you keep the hope of a glad reunion day when you all meet again. My thoughts and prayers to all of you.

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**Becky Shultz** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *My family and I will keep your family in our prayers. Our deepest condolences to you.*

*Travis Lubitz*

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**Travis Lubitz** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *Denny Family,  
We have not known Stewart for very long, but he touched our lives. He was such a fun loving family man. We will miss him dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, especially Wendy, Aaron and Ashley. Please know that we are always here for you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Gary and Lezlie Burggraff*

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**Gary & Lezlie Burggraff** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Stewart was a wonderful person, and was always so cheerful and happy. There are only good things to say of him. He was like a class clown all through school, truly a joy to be around, and never a dull moment. I am truly sorry for his loss, and my many thoughts and prayers go out to his family. May God hold you and carry you through this time. Stewart will always be remembered.*

*Sincerely,*

*Colleen Berttunen*

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**Colleen (Schoon) Berttunen** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Though time and life kept us from knowing each other well as adults, it is the child I remember. I remember Stewart being born and seeing him grow to be a sweet and fun young man. I have never met his family but know in my heart that he loved you all.*

*Aunt Iris I can only say that you are in my prayers. You are a true matriarch and I'm sure you will guide your family through this loss. Wendy, may the strength of family and friends aid you and God be with you.*

*Our sympathy goes out to you.*

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**Lorrie Hines** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *Aunt Iris,*

*I was stunned to hear of Stewart's passing. No parent should have to bury a child, but the Good Lord has need of Stewart now so he has called his angel home. We are only allowed to have them for a while. I know that he will be greatly missed. Time has passed and I will remember the fun loving young boy he was and know that, in my heart, the man was that way too.*

*Wendy and Kids,*

*I don't know you well, but always treasure the memories you have of Stewart as a husband and father. He may be gone from this Earth but he will continue to live on in your hearts and memories.*

*My families thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of grief and sadness.*

*Alan, Dena & Joseph*

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**Dena Taylor** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Wendy and kids...we are so sorry about the sudden loss of Stewart.....Our deepest condolences.

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**Dennis Pickar Jr.** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Wendy, Aaron and Ashley- So sorry to hear this sad news. May God be with you during this time and always.

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**Dennis Pickar Jr.** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ We are saddened by the news of Stewart. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time in your life. We hope that his memories will soon be joyous thoughts rather than aches of pain, as they may be right now. God Bless.

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**Sara Crabb Erickson** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ When you view the pictures of Stewart as a child, you are reminded that he is someone's little boy. When you view the pictures of Stewart as a father, you are reminded that he is a Daddy. When you view the pictures of Stewart with Wendy, you are reminded that he is a husband. When you look at all the pictures it is easy to see that he had everything; a loving family - A touching tribute.

*I am truly sorry for your loss. Stewart will be missed.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Lois Meekins Croonquist** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Wendy, Iris and Family,  
I was so sad to hear about Stewart- What a shock. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Debbie (Mell) Fitzsimmons** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ We are so very sorry for your tragic loss. Altho, we didnt know Stewart all that well-he was a great cousin to have. You & your families are in our thoughts & prayers.

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**Sharon Johnson** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Wendy - I am so sorry to hear about Stewart. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this very difficult time.

*Kristi*

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**Kristi (Schwartz) Chase** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Stewart- he was a real firecracker! I did not know him very well these last few years, but I played on a co-ed volleyball league with he and Wendy last winter. What a nut! I know that you are all hurting and I will continue to pray for each of you... Wendy & kids, Iris and the Denny family, as well as the many family and friends that were blessed by Stewarts presence in their life. We were the lucky ones..."We can do all things through Christ who gives us strength"...

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**Becky Mell** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Wendy,  
My heart goes out to you and your family. Having had the opportunity to see you a few times in the past few years brings your face to my memory easily, and we will pray for you as the months go by after this tragedy. May God give you His peace and comfort in the coming months.

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**Beth Appleby** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ I'm sorry to hear of this tragic news. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Derek Denny** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I was very saddened and shocked when I heard about Stewart. He was a very wonderful, caring and funny man. He will be greatly missed. Wendy, Ashley, Aaron and family you will be in our prayers and thoughts through your time of loss. Remember Wendy, Stewart will always be with you heart and soul. God Bless, and always remember that you will again someday be reunited with him. My daughter was telling me about a lot of memories and fun times that she had had with the family and Stewart and all the crazy funny things he use to do. There was never a dull moment when Stewart was around, cause he always brightened a room or someones day and life. He will truly be missed. You all are in our prayers, and god bless you all.

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**Melissa and Brittany Crabb** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Words cannot express my sorrow for you today and as well for days to come. Stewart was fun and friendly to everyone he met. I know that times will seem low but just know he there in your heart and in your children. Stewart had the gift of making people laugh and smile and truly that is a gift hard to find. Just know that your friends are here for whatever you need and I pray for all of you today and everyday.

*Jules*

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**Julia M Schwartz** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ I called Bonnie Denny this morning and she told me the sad news about Stewart.  
Our heart felt sympathy go's out to Iris and the family.  
*Bill & Edna Denny*

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**Bill Denny** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ We are so sorry for your loss - and are praying especially for Wendy and the children.

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**Linda Roiko** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ My deepest sympathy to all of you! Wendy, Aaron, & Ashley... You are in my thoughts, my heart, and my prayers!  
*Jenny Masog*

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**Jenny Masog** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *I Just wanted to give you my deepest sympathy. My heart goes out to you and the kids.*

*Becky*

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**Becky Gilbert** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ *sorry about what happened. Hope all goes well!*

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**Kraig Kenyon** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *After hearing all the stories from Kathy Pickar, I was nervous to meet Stew at the Denny Halloween party three years back. (Honey, this is stewart) he, put his arm around me, and stuck a beverage in my hand. We each excahnged a joke. Then he exclaimed to the whole room, " I LIKE THIS GUY! " and picked me up and carried me around the garadge to meet his other friends. As soon as we'd get through an introduction, he'd pick me up and move to the next. (you could hear Kathy Laughing the whole time) Over the next couple years this was reduced to razor stubble on my cheek and his tounge in my ear. I have pictures to prove it....*

*I admire Stewart for making life fun, having such great friends, and family.*

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**Connie Denny** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Wendy, you have been heavy on my heart ever since I heard the tragic news. I am truly so sorry. I remember one morning before school in the bathroom by Ms. Sheldon's classroom, you told me that "Stewart had asked you to marry him last night!" I was so happy for you!! That memory of joy is so clear in my mind. Stewart was always such a fun-loving guy, and although I didn't see you much after the wedding, I'm sure you made an awesome couple. You and the kids are in my prayers and will continue to be.

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**Sue Schleder Morton** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Wendy - I can not begin to know what you are going through - especially now around the holidays. It does not seem fair that someone so young and full of life was taken from you and this earth. I think about you and Stewart everyday and every time I hear the Kenny Chesney song - Who'd you be today.

*My thoughts and prayers are still with you and always will be -*

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**Christie Walter** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Our most sincere condolences and prayers go out to all of the family and friends during this difficult time. May the good times with Stewart forever be remembered and looked upon as a blessing and that although he was only here for a short time, he will remain with us forever.

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**Roger and Lisa Heltemes** - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM