



Dennis A. Wallin

January 4, 1944 - February 17, 2013

Dennis A. Wallin, age 69, of Spirit Lake, passed away Sunday, February 17, 2013, at his home in Spirit Lake. He was born on January 4, 1944, in Spirit Lake, to Awald and Dorothy (Farmer) Wallin.

Dennis graduated from Spirit Lake High School in 1962, and N.E. Missouri State in 1969, with a B.A. Degree in Accounting and Business Administration. He worked in sales for Mobil Oil Inc. and N.W. Office Supply for many years. Dennis also managed Vacation Village and worked for Lippon-Wallin Realty for a few years.

Dennis was a charter member of the University of Okoboji Corvette Club and a member of the Corvette Club in Venice, Florida. He enjoyed spending his spare time playing and watching basketball, anything to do with corvettes and golfing. Dennis was an avid golfer, who shot an amazing one over on the last round he played.

Dennis is survived by his wife, Darlene Wallin of Spirit Lake; three sons, Dr. Doug Wallin, and his wife, Missy of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, David Wallin of Algona, and Dan Wallin, and his wife, Nicole of Omaha, Nebraska; six grandchildren, Cody, Sam, Cheyenne, Savana, Sydney and Grace; sister, Dee Ann Dwyer of Des Moines; and his mother-in-law, Estella Perkins of Spirit Lake. He was preceded in death by his brother, Bruce; and his parents.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11:00A.M. Wednesday, February 20, 2013, at the Schuchert Funeral Home. Visitation will be held Tuesday, from 4:00P.M. until 6:00P.M. at Schuchert Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers,

memorials may be given.

The Schuchert Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

ST

“ *Darlene and family, So sorry to hear of Denny's passing. Lots of fun memories of working with him at Northwest Office Supply. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Shirley Thompson - March 04, 2013 at 09:41 AM

RK

“ *Dennis and Darlene, always referred to as "The Wallins"...What a pair! Our connections are many and varied. From basketball, golf, corvettes, family, The Villages, Venice, Okoboji, so many shared times and memories. Thanks for being such wonderful friends. Dennis is known in our neighborhood as "The Miracle Man" and they are "our friends with the yellow corvette". Love you!*

RD & Jackie Kelley - February 21, 2013 at 05:38 AM

ME

“ *I remember keeping score with Dan during the city league basketball games on Thursdays and being amazed by Denny's shooting. Now that I'm roughly the same age he was then, I am even more amazed. He was a great guy who touched a lot of lives in a variety of ways. My condolences to the Wallin family.*

Mike Early - February 20, 2013 at 09:24 PM

DW

“ *Darlene and Family,*

Gloria and I send you our thoughts and prayers on the passing of Dennis. We reminsced about the time you and Dennis came to Reedville and we all went to Norfolk and visited Gloria's mother and had lunch at the MacArthur Center. I don't know what year that was but it must have been in the early 2000's as I think our daughter was a student at Old Dominion University at the time.

God Bless and our prayers are with you all.

Gloria and Dale Wittler

Dale and Gloria Wittler - February 20, 2013 at 01:49 PM

SO

“ *Darlene and David you have our deepest sympathy on Dennis's passing. He was always a pleasure to work with when you came into the Furniture Mart.*

Scott Olk and Marilyn Pauling

Scott Olk - February 20, 2013 at 01:08 PM

JH

“ *We are so sorry Denny had to leave so soon. May the good times & fond memories lighten the load of heavy hearts*

Judy Halling - February 20, 2013 at 10:50 AM

KT

“ *Wallin Family, I am so sorry for your loss. So glad you have many wonderful memories of him. Thinking of you...*

Kimberly Thomas-Solko - February 20, 2013 at 10:46 AM

CW

“ *Darlene & family,
We are thinking of you at this difficult time. Denny will be greatly missed by all. In sympathy,
Connie & Bill Wymer*

Connie & Bill Wymer - February 20, 2013 at 07:22 AM

ME

“ *Darlene and family, we are sending our deepest sympathies and prayers to you and your family.*

Maxine & John Elser - February 19, 2013 at 11:39 PM

BW

“ *Darlene and family. We extend our deepest sympathy, loving thoughts and our prayers.*

Bev and Vern Wittler - February 19, 2013 at 11:02 PM

SF

“ *Darlene and family,
We're traveling but just heard and are so sorry to hear about Denny's death. What a long journey and valiant fight he has endured this many years. Our sympathy to you all and may God Bless.*

Steve and Dianne Franker - February 19, 2013 at 06:24 PM

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We're traveling but just heard and are so sorry to hear about Denny's death. What a long journey and valiant fight he has endured this many years. Our sympathy to you all and may God Bless.*

Steve and Dianne Franker - February 19, 2013 at 06:23 PM

DS

“ *Darlene and Family; We are very sorry to hear the news of a fine person passing. He will be missed at the lakes, golf courses and of course at the Vette club functions. We are sending lots of love and lots of hugs.*

Dave Simpson and Becky Savard - February 19, 2013 at 04:48 PM

PS

“ *Darlene and family-So sorry to hear about Denny's passing. What a fighter he was! I remember the fun times I had with Dennis golfing, playing racquetball and family events. Loved his zest for life and his perpetual energy. Best to you and the boy's and their families. God bless!*

Phil Severtson - February 19, 2013 at 11:06 AM

AV

“ *Aunt Darlene, My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. I wish I could say I have more memories of this side of my family - however, the memories I do have are full of fun and happiness. God be with you all during this difficult time. Love Always, Amber Severtson-Valentine*

Amber Valentine - February 19, 2013 at 10:50 AM

LO

“ *Darlene, My sincere condolences on the passing of your great husband. I don't know if you remember me, I saw you a few years ago. I am Helen & Tom's niece from Rake. I have great memories of time spent with Helen at your house. It looks like he enjoyed his life right to the end. He will be greatly missed by many.*

Lori (Halvorson) Osland - February 19, 2013 at 08:46 AM

BS

“ Dennis A. Wallin

Bob and Kate Shaw - February 19, 2013 at 12:12 AM

BS

“ Darlene & Denny (our upstairs neighbors) You have left footprints on our hearts, as well as on the floor boards above us. Your strength and courage over these past years has been truly inspirational. Denny's collections of shark teeth and Matchbox cars was unbelievable. HE had a passion for many things but especially LIFE. MAY THE ANGELS OF HEAVEN GREET YOU AT THE GATE WITH YOUR GOLF CLUBS AND YOUR BASKETBALL.

Bob and Kate Shaw - February 19, 2013 at 12:11 AM

PM

“ Darlene and Family, We were saddened to read of Denny's death. Always enjoyed seeing him at the library-he always had a happy outlook on life. We'll remember him and your family in our prayers. Patty and Jerry McGuire Sioux City, Ia.

Patty McGuire - February 18, 2013 at 11:55 PM

BS

“ Dennis A. Wallin

Bob and Kate Shaw - February 18, 2013 at 11:28 PM

LS

“ Dennis A. Wallin

Larry Sather - February 18, 2013 at 08:37 PM

AS

“ I remember my Uncle Denny was fun and made me laugh as a child. I also remember when he gave me a ride in his I think '71 Yellow Convertable Corvette when I was 12 or 13, That was a highlite that summer. God Bless, Aaron Severtson

Aaron Severtson - February 18, 2013 at 06:01 PM

SD

“ Growing up friends with Dan, made Denny and Darlene my second family. I looked up to him and he always had good advice to give Dan and I. He will be missed!

Scott and Beth Dean - February 18, 2013 at 04:22 PM

CJ

“ Denny and I grew up together in the same neighborhood in Spirit Lake, and were lifelong friends. Over the past few years, Denny would play golf at The Villages, FL with me, Dick Kelley and Larry Jansen. WOW, he could still play a great round of golf and was always very competitive. I will miss him so much...

Chuck Lynn Jr. - February 18, 2013 at 02:49 PM

DK

“ Dennis A. Wallin

Dick & Jackie Kelley - February 18, 2013 at 01:48 PM

PB

“ To Darlene and family,

Sally and I will miss Dennis. When we heard of his death the memories of a life long friend and classmate came rushing back. Dennis intuitively had a way of making those who knew and met him, the better for it. He will be missed!

Paul & Sally Blom - February 18, 2013 at 01:46 PM

SB

“ *Dennis was always fun to be around in school. He will be missed*

Sharon (Bahl) Ballou - February 18, 2013 at 10:57 AM

JB

“ *Denny was one of the first people I met when I moved here to Spirit Lake. I enjoyed visiting with him so much. He was an interesting upbeat person who always took time to talk. I enjoyed seeing him at the Library. He loved to read! I will miss him at Garage Sales, too. My favorite story he told me was of the watertower in town he climbed with friends while in High School. I will MISS you Denny!*

JoAnn Brown - February 18, 2013 at 09:51 AM

SG

“ *Darlene, Doug, Dan and David & families. We're sorry for the earthly loss of Dennis, but his valiant battle is over. You two have fought this cancer as a team these past years and I've admired the strength of you both. You will all continue to be in our thoughts over the coming days. May many wonderful memories of family times give you strength now.*

Scott & Elaine Greer - February 18, 2013 at 09:45 AM

RH

“ Dennis was a friend & fine classmate. We are thinking of you & family. Many memories to remember.

Ronny & Connie Hartwig - February 18, 2013 at 09:37 AM

MN

“ A friend forever, golfing buddy, wonderful co-worker at northwest office and okoboji view. Denny had to know everthing about the business he was nice working at. Always was prepared. A top employee every one wants. A close friend everyone wants. I'll miss forever.

Marc Nielsen - February 18, 2013 at 09:32 AM

MN

“ Dennis was a great friend. He always could make us smile. He will be missed by all.

Marc & Jan Nielsen - February 18, 2013 at 09:13 AM

ME

“ To the Wallin Family, Please know we are thinking of you. We are here if you need anything. We will miss him.

Marlyn & Nancy Ellis - February 18, 2013 at 08:25 AM

JR

“ I have several when we were in the university of corvette club together, but one was when he beat us to Al' Oasis and when I walked in on the ATM machine was a note in big letters. "Feed me Dr. Roberts" Denny had a great sense of humor and he will be missed.

Jim Roberts - February 18, 2013 at 07:49 AM

SD

“ *Darlene and family, we were so sorry to hear about Denny. When ever we would see him there was always a smile. You both have been through a lot. Our prayers and sympathy to all of you.*

Sue & Les Drummond - February 17, 2013 at 07:35 PM

PR

“ *Darlene and family,
I am so saddened to hear of Denny's passing. I know he is in a better place without pain. You both spent so much time supporting the community. Denny will live on in this community. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Peg Rick

Peg Rick - February 17, 2013 at 07:04 PM

TO

“ I'm saddened by the Passing of a dear friend and teammate. I began playing basketball with DENNY as an eight year-old snotty nosed whirl of excitement when asked to play on the outdoor courts behind the old 1914 school building(no YMCA or open gym then unless he boosted me onto the fire escape ladder to climb to the third floor to open the boys bathroom window, which was slyly propped open by a small pebble. When cold weather made it difficult to handle the ball Dennis gave us the idea to cut the ends of our mother's thin dress gloves in order to "feel" the ball better. Surprisingly my mother (a running center; if I have to explain, I'll save that for another time.) We played on that old asphalt court through rain, sleet and snow. Dennis became the greatest gunner in Spirit Lake basketball history in my opinion, and I have several hundred assists to attest this. When they came up with the 3- point play it was like Christmas and a birthday gift that lit up Denny's eyes and could he "light it up." Great Hands as the catch vs. Storm Lake he caught from Butch Pashby two yards short of scoring the winning TD to upset the eventual conference champs. Denny was one of three players I seldom could defeat in a free throw contest, even in the no peek or look shooting. Well as in basketball, Dennis played hard, loved well, fought disease through over four quarters of life and took the game of life into several overtimes typically never wanting to quit. Goodbye dear friend and teammate, see you on the court in the big arena above.

sincerely, you have made my life a much better experience. You will be missed,

Terry (the "bigO") Osgerby

Terry Osgerby - February 17, 2013 at 06:47 PM

JR

“ *Darlene and family my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Jim Roberts*

Jim Roberts - February 17, 2013 at 04:50 PM

JS

“ *Our hearts go out to you, Darlene. What an incredible journey you've both been on. Denny's fighting spirit is an inspiration to everyone who knew him. I have very fond memories of pickup basketball games with Denny when we were kids. We will continue to keep you in our thoughts and prayers as you honor this great man.*

Jim and Deenie Schuchert - February 17, 2013 at 10:12 AM