



Dennis 'Denny' 'Bullet' Norton

February 24, 1947 - May 5, 2021

Dennis (Denny / Bullet) Neil Norton, 74, of Hiawatha, Iowa, passed away on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, as a result of cancer. Mother Gump: "Life is like a box of chocolates; you never know what you're going to get!"

A funeral Mass will be held at 10:30am on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Hiawatha, officiated by Father Gary Mayer, with a gathering one hour prior at the church. A luncheon will follow after the mass. A private burial will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Cedar Rapids per the family. Visitation with the family will be held on Monday, May 10, 2021, at Murdoch-Linwood Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 520 Wilson Avenue SW in Cedar Rapids from 4pm until 7pm.

Denny was the fourth son of Bill & Ilene (Biggart) Norton and was born February 24, 1947, in Anamosa, Iowa. He spent his whole childhood in Anamosa graduating from High School in 1965. On February 19, 1966, he was united in marriage to Linda Kay Leonard at St. Patrick's Church in Anamosa. They were married 55 years and had two children; Vicky Norton and James Norton. They adopted their grandson, Jamison Neil Norton, and raised him since his birth.

Denny graduated from American Institute of Commerce (Business College) in Davenport Iowa in 1971; traveled to Hickory, North Carolina, accepting a job as a Corporate Accountant. Denny and his family moved back to Iowa in 1973 accepting a finance job at Collins/Rockwell-Collins and worked there for a total of 38 years, retiring in January 2007. Denny was a Little League Coach in Anamosa, a Hiawatha Kids League Coach, long-time member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, was active in the church in their early years at the parish (Finance Chair, Usher), held a Hiawatha City Council position for eight years and was a board member of the Planning & Zoning committee for two years. He also held a board position on the Linn County Crime Stoppers organization for a number of years.

Denny is survived by his wife, Linda of Hiawatha; his daughter, Vicky of Cedar Rapids; and his son, Jamie of Cedar Rapids. He also has four grandkids, Ryan (Jolene) Norton of

Marion, Iowa, Connor of Hiawatha, and Jamison of Hiawatha. Also, he has four great-grandkids, Joshua, Sammie, Carly and Wesley. Also surviving are his brother, Steve (Carol) Norton; and sister, Sandra Brunscheen, both of Cedar Rapids. Also, he is survived by brothers-in-law, Jack and Jim Leonard; and sisters-in-law, Luanne Norton of Dubuque, Dorothy Norton of Monticello, and Sheryl Leonard of Anamosa; and many cousins, nieces and nephews (favorite nephew, Shane Norton).

Denny was preceded in death by his parents, Bill & Ilene Norton; brothers, Don (1997) and Billy (2015); his grandparents, Red (1959) & Iva (1965) Norton and Cloyd (1978) & Dolly (1962) Biggart; and several in-laws, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Denny so loved growing up in Anamosa with his fellow Pismire friends, primarily Speedy – Paul, Tank – Bill, Weasel – Jan, Muskie – Gary, Stud – Al and Bullet – Denny. They enjoyed getting into mischief such as riding the bumpers of cars during the winter months, throwing snowballs at cars (tomatoes during spring) while on top of most the downtown buildings of Anamosa, camping by the Wapsi and just having fun raising hell.

Dennis was married to the love of his life for 55 years! His wife, Linda, was always so supportive of the actions he took during his life. The number of hours he worked at his jobs was excessive as she stayed home raising the kids and making the decisions that came with that role. She eventually worked outside the home at Iowa Manufacturing, working 35 years until her retirement in 2011. Denny always believed he was blessed to have her as his loving spouse. He could not have accomplished what he did in life without her being there and loving him the way she did.

Denny so loved his grandkids and great-grandkids. He would do anything for them, helping them in any way he could. His efforts to help raise Ryan, Connor, and Jamison were very special to him; they meant everything to him. This did not take away his love for the other grandkids – Joshua, Sammie, Carly and Wesley. They also meant the world to Denny!

Denny was connected to his brother, Steve, in an unbelievable way; attending sports events for over 40 years together, ending up creating many “Norton Moments”, building his brother Don’s memorial together was special as well. Denny missed his brother Bill a lot after his passing in 2015; it was always the 4 of them (Bill, Steve, Denny and baby sister Sandra) growing up together at South Garnavillo Place in Anamosa and being connected during their lives. The most famous architecture where we lived was an igloo built by baby sister Sandra and Dennis. It too was a joy in his early years following brother Don play as a Hawkeye and San Diego Charger.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Thanks to medical personnel for all they did for Dennis in his time of need. We ask that you contribute to our grandson's "Jamison Neil Norton Fund" to help him as life moves on.

Events

MAY 10 **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

Murdoch-Linwood Funeral Home & Cremation Service
520 Wilson Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids, IA, US, 52404

MAY 11 **Gathering** 09:30AM

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
1350 Lyndhurst Drive, Hiawatha, IA, US, 52233

MAY 11 **Funeral Mass** 10:30AM

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
1350 Lyndhurst Drive, Hiawatha, IA, US, 52233

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Murdoch Funeral Homes & Cremation Service - May 08, 2021 at 03:56 PM



“ Not one picture of Dad with his daughter or his son or Connor or Wesley.

Daddy's Girl - September 28, 2021 at 08:00 AM



“ what a family reunion it was when you got to heaven to see aunt ileene , aunt gerry and my mom gail. so glad i got to meet you and visit and hear all the stories of you and your siblings and cousins growing up in iowa. my is sad but no more pain and you are danicing on the streets of gold with Jesus. thinking of all the family and know we are there in thoughts and prayers tomorrow as you are laid to rest.

denise (hendrix) reeser - May 11, 2021 at 12:12 AM



“ Thank you, Denny, for your service to the City of Hiawatha, the community in Hiawatha, and for your support of the Hiawatha Fire Department.

-John Zlabek, President
Hiawatha Fire Fighters Association

John Zlabek - May 10, 2021 at 04:17 PM



“ 12 files added to the album LifeTributes



Murdoch Funeral Homes & Cremation Service - May 10, 2021 at 03:13 PM



“ Vickie and I are deeply saddened to learn of Denny's passing. I worked closely together with Denny for many years at Rockwell Collins and was truly inspired by his dedication to his family as well as the business. He was a distinct pleasure to work with -- he always seemed well-grounded, calm, cool, and collected and happy to provide assistance to anyone at any time.

Our deepest sympathy to Linda and the extended Norton Family,
Ron & Vickie Smith

Ron & Vickie Smith - May 10, 2021 at 11:02 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis 'Denny' 'Bullet' Norton.



May 10, 2021 at 10:13 AM



“ Linda, Steve, Sandra & Extended Family,

Suzanne and I are grieving with you. Denny always referred to me as his best friend and the feelings were mutual. Uncle Bill and Aunt Ilene always treated me like part of the family and I spent so much time at 102 South Garnavillo Place that they tagged me with the moniker of Fifth Son. Many fond memories indeed! Denny had a humble upbringing and accomplished many great things throughout his life. Above all, he loved his family and cherished the relationship he had with every family member. He will be dearly missed by us all.

Rest in Peace, my friend...may I see you on the other side. Tank

Bill Goodman - May 09, 2021 at 12:11 PM



“ When I first started at Rockwell International Collins (back then) Denny was my manager in cost accounting. I learned so much from him, but I have two special memories. We worked hard and lots of hours. Denny never asked us to do anything that he wouldn't do right by our side. Every Monday morning when I saw my desk there was a huge stack of papers with little yellow sticky notes of what action to take on each piece of paper. Denny had worked all day Sunday preparing for the next week. I hope in Heaven Denny has some yellow sticky notes for instructions to make certain everything gets done.

The other memory is what a jokester. Denny always treated his employees well. We had an admin, Cheryl Lloyd. Red hair, tall, and hard working. Denny and Cheryl went up to the deck area in Building 120 to go through archive boxes and find reports. Back in those days we sat in open bays unless a manager. When Cheryl came sauntering down Denny was behind her. She didn't see that he had messed up his hair, unbuttoned his shirt collar, and tossed his tie over his shoulder. He was shaking his head and the whole bay was laughing so hard. Always a hard worker and good man. A role model for all. Rest in peace Denny. Try to go easy on the yellow sticky notes. LOL

Barbara Holden

Barbara A Holden - May 09, 2021 at 12:10 PM



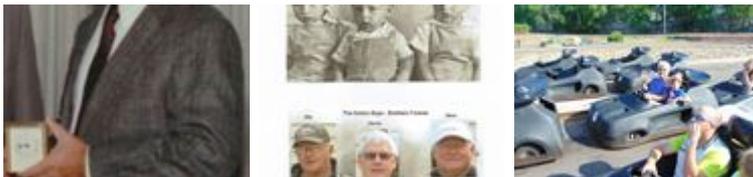
“ Yea I can still remember that day, I couldn't understand why everyone was laughing so hard and then I looked behind me and saw Denny and I was trying to understand what he was doing!! Yes, working for Denny was an honor and pleasure. Denny was an Outstanding Role Model and such a 'Good Christian Man!' God Bless Denny, his wife, children, grandchildren, greatgrandchildren and may he rest in peace!!

Cheryl Lloyd-Ryan

Cheryl Lloyd-Ryan - May 09, 2021 at 06:44 PM



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Murdoch Funeral Homes & Cremation Service - May 08, 2021 at 03:45 PM



“ I remember Denny from working at Rockwell-Collins. He was easy to know and always did things in a very fair and helpful manner. My life has been blessed for having shared life with Denny. Know that all of the family is in my thoughts and prayers. I pray that God will give each of you His Comfort, Strength, and Peace!

Gary Strandberg - May 08, 2021 at 03:14 PM



“ A “role model” for me. Humble, humor-filled and filled with Grace. I looked up to him from the early days of committee service at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. I learned the phrase “that ties out” from him, something easy for a finance guy and not familiar to an engineer.
Kindness and consideration are marks he left on others with an easy smile or quick laugh.
May all the Angels, Saints, Holy men and Holy women welcome him into God’s eternal Grace. And may God Bless his family and friends as they gather to celebrate his life.

Jeff Thorsteinson - May 08, 2021 at 06:46 AM



“ Denny you will be missed. I often think of the times we shared growing up in Iowa. The year we came to Iowa on vacation was special. You gave us lots of memories that year and was appreciated. I love you and will see again!

Richard Bright - May 07, 2021 at 09:31 PM



“ We love you Denny. We will miss the phone call's, text and those wonderful pictures. Thank you for the memories. You will always be in our thoughts and heart's.

terry bright - May 07, 2021 at 07:17 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dennis 'Denny' 'Bullet' Norton.



May 07, 2021 at 07:06 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dennis 'Denny' 'Bullet' Norton.



May 07, 2021 at 05:51 PM



“ I do remember you Norton boys walking to school past our house. Denny always seemed like the little guy tagging along. He grew up to be a wonderful father and proud of his family. It was an honor to know him. His family has my deepest sympathy. Jane Askam Brokaw

Jane Asian Brokaw - May 07, 2021 at 05:02 PM



“ Love, Steve,Carol, Mark, Kerri & Ryan purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Dennis 'Denny' 'Bullet' Norton.



Love, Steve,Carol, Mark, Kerri & Ryan - May 07, 2021 at 11:47 AM



“ Denny was a very special uncle. I remember him and Linda coming to our house in the quad cities he loved my moms fried chicken and Harris pizza A very special man. for Linda You and Denny had true love for all the family through this very difficult time. RIP uncle Denny

jule odle and family - May 07, 2021 at 10:38 AM



“ Jule Odle And Family lit a candle in memory of Dennis 'Denny' 'Bullet' Norton



jule odle and family - May 06, 2021 at 09:40 PM