

Dennis loved working with wood and mastered any project he set out to accomplish. He was most proud (and so are we) of the 2 violins he built. But none of us could play. He later switched his focus to metal and has done many scroll saw pictures. The reverse images were his pride and joy.

In 2016 we came to Medicine Hat, at first spending the winters while going back to the lake for the summers.

While in the Hat, we moved numerous times, but when we found condo with the river view, he was home. He always said he was never moving again. He was right - DARN IT!

Dennis passed away on October 27th 2024 with his family by his side.

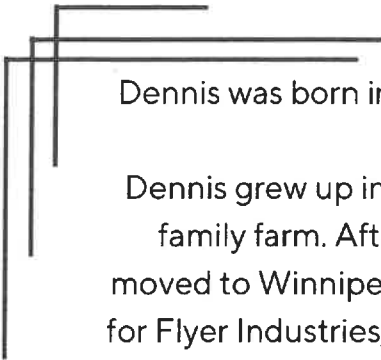


IN LOVING MEMORY



ZENON WALTER
(DENNIS)
NYCHKA

March 14, 1945 - October 27, 2024



Dennis was born in Dauphin Manitoba to Mike and Effie Nychka.

Dennis grew up in Gilbert Plains, Manitoba on the family farm. After he finished High School, he moved to Winnipeg, MB and worked as a mechanic for Flyer Industries, working on buses. While in Wpg he got his motorcycle license and a pilot's license.

Dennis moved in the early 70's to The Pas Manitoba, where he was a heavy duty mechanic at Churchill Forestry Ind., before it became the pulp & paper mill. He gave them 40 years of service before he retired.

Dennis married Ann on November 24, 1973 in The Pas, MB. Where they welcomed their first child, Michael on August 28, 1977, followed by Nicholas on October 16, 1978.

Dennis decided to buy a cabin at the Rocky Lake, MB in 1980 which we moved in to in 1981. It was a work in progress.



Dennis enjoyed lake life, taking many fishing trips either in the boat or on the ice. He blazed trails in the bush for the boys to ride mini bikes, snow machines and even a quad.



Even though Dennis worked full time, he owned and operated a dump truck & skid steer. He leveled our yard, built an addition and renovated the house. After he landscaped our yard, others hired him for their yard and he could be seen hauling gravel or dirt, playing with the big toys.

Dennis tried many things to while away the long cold winters. He first cut cords of wood to heat the house all winter. The next thing you know, the skid steer had a log splitter attachment.

He bought a brush mower and was hired to clear the sides of the lake road.

Dennis found the Grey Jay birds (Whiskey Jacks) were very friendly and they loved hot dogs. He could place them in his breast pocket and the birds would hop along his arm and search in the pocket for the hot dog.

