



In Loving Memory of
DENNIS FALLGATTER

1946 – 2025



Scan to watch Dennis'
Celebration of Life
Tribute video.



Dennis Fallgatter, 78, of Bismarck, passed away on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, surrounded by his loved ones.

Dennis—known to many as “Denny”—was born on November 4, 1946, in Bismarck and grew up as the oldest boy in a family of nine kids. His parents, Donald and Darlene (Johnson) Fallgatter, started their family in Kintyre and later moved to the family’s “All D Ranch” south of Steele. Dennis attended school in Steele where he became lifelong friends with his classmates.

Dennis proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force, working as a mechanic and crew chief on C-130s during the Vietnam War. Stationed at the Mactan Air Force Base in the Philippines, he completed 15 rotations—something he was proud of.

After returning home, Dennis met Eileen Schock in Bismarck. The two were married on June 12, 1971, in Glendive, Montana, and settled in Bismarck where they raised their family. In 1972, Dennis began a 36-year career with Melroe (now Bobcat), where he started as a welder and worked his way into the jig and fixture, tool and die department. He enjoyed his work as a machinist and could fix, build, or weld just about anything.

Denny was the guy who always had his garage door open—either working on a project or tuning something up, his reputation as someone who could “figure it out” spread far and wide. He never expected anything in return, but was always the first to lend a hand. His garage was a gathering place for family, friends, and neighbors to have a cold beer and good conversation.

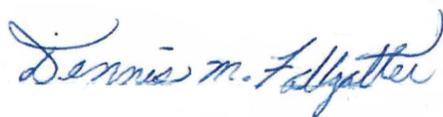
He enjoyed heading back to Steele and Kintyre, and was a familiar face at local events. In later years, he spent time with his fellow veterans at the VFW, Amvets Club, and most recently Lucky’s. He was a member of the Roughrider Chevrolet Association, a longtime member of Faith Lutheran Church, and enjoyed trips with Dakota Community Bank Good Neighbor Club.

Dennis was known for his kind heart, strong handshake, and ability to remember everyone he met. His stature was big, but his presence was steady, humble, and genuine—and he’ll be missed more than words can say.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Eileen; his children, Heather Schmidt of Mandan, Nikki (Cole) Johnson of Bismarck, and Darren (Merridith) Fallgatter of Acton, CA; 5 grandchildren, Jordan (Caitlin) Bitz, Sierra (Tame) Stover, KennaDee (Casey) Carlson, Rio Johnson, and Drue Fallgatter; 3 great-grandchildren, Callie, Hudson, Ryatt, and one on the way. He is also survived by siblings, Donna Darsey, Dianne Moch, Debra Lippert, Dolly Kuhn, and Dwight (Robin) Fallgatter; brother-in-law, Eddie Biegler; sister-in-law, Kathy Fallgatter; along with many dear aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and countless friends.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Deanette Biegler and Dottie Erwin; brother, Dean Fallgatter; and brothers-in-law, Pius Kuhn, Bruce Darsey, Alex Moch, and Jim Erwin.

Memorials in Dennis’ name are suggested to benefit the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Quilts of Valor, or a veteran organization of your choice.



Funeral Service

Wednesday, April 23, 2025; 10:00 AM

Faith Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND

Officiant

Pastor Sylvia Bull

Musician

Colleen Reinhardt

Readers

Merridith Fallgatter & Rio Johnson

Casketbearers

Jordan Bitz, Sierra Stover, KennaDee Carlson,

Rio Johnson, Drue Fallgatter, & Cole Johnson

Honorary Casketbearers

Veterans Corner from Lucky’s & Curt Schneider

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DENNIS FALLGATTER

Prelude

Gathering & Thanksgiving for Baptism

Processional Song

“Peace in the Valley”

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Readings

Isaiah 40:27-31

Romans 8:31-39

Eulogy by Nadine Privratsky

Gospel

John 10:1-5; 11-16

Sermon

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

Holy Communion

Lord’s Prayer

Communion Hymn

“Borning Cry” #732

Commendation and Dismissal

Recessional Song

“Life’s Highway”

The family invites you for food and fellowship

in the church fellowship hall immediately following the funeral service.

Graveside Service

1:00 PM; North Dakota Veterans Cemetery

Mandan, ND



Military Honors provided by Bismarck VFW Honor Guard Post 1326.