

Dennis J. Dricken, age 91, was called home to be with the Lord on July 24, 2025. Dennis was born on June 23, 1934, in West Bend to Steve W. and Leona Dricken (nee Fellenz).

Dennis graduated from West Bend High School. After serving two years in the US Army, he began his career as the first "apprentice" at the West Bend Company. Dennis was always learning, fixing, inventing, and building something.

On May 9, 1959, he was united in marriage to Joan E. Dyken at Trinity Lutheran Church in West Bend.

Through the knowledge he gained at the West Bend Company, and with the support of family, friends, Dennis and Joan were able to build their cottage on the lake in Laona, Wisconsin. It became a place to celebrate with family, friends, and his fishing crew.

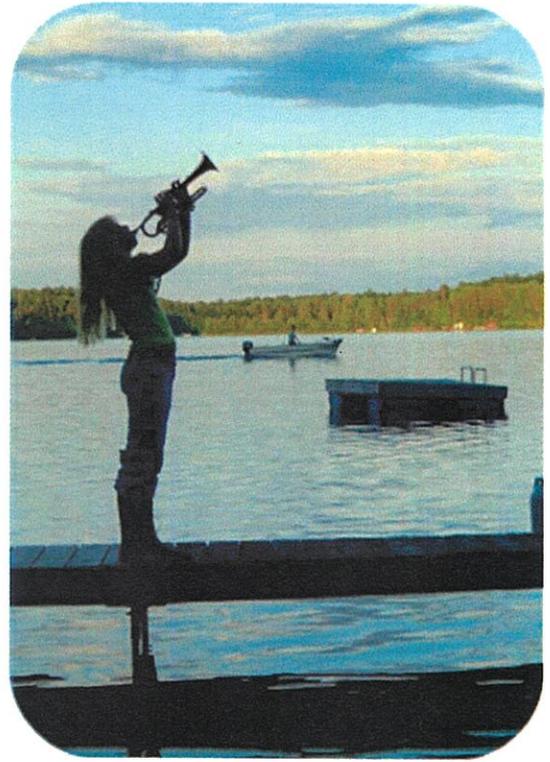
When not in Laona, he enjoyed ice fishing, tennis, and downhill ski trips with family and friends. With an early retirement, Dennis and Joan spent many vacations traveling with friends. Dennis was a matter-of-fact man who stayed positive with a dry sense of humor. He was deeply committed to his family, church, and faith, who loved and cherished his wife, and was proud of his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Dennis enjoyed life, never giving up, while navigating all of life's challenges.

Dennis is survived by his son, Jay Dricken; and daughter, Jody (Mike) Dricken-Kappler. He is further survived by his sister, Joyce (the late Don) Kircher; six grandchildren, Abbie (Tom) Hall, Maddie Wills, Chloe Wills, Anna Dricken, Morgan Kappler, and Clayton Kappler; three great-grandchildren, Mason, Maddox, and Jaxson Hall; and son-in-law, Richard Wills.

Preceded in death by his sister, Lila (Tony) Cacoza; daughter, Julie E. Wills; and his wife of 60 years, Joan E. Dricken.

In lieu of flowers, memorial to Trinity Lutheran Church in West Bend preferred. The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Mooney and the Kraemer Cancer Center for many years of caring for Dennis, to Horizon Home Care and Hospice (Tammy, Taren, Kelly, and support staff), as well as the special nurses and staff at Horizon Lawlis Family Hospice that made Dennis' journey comfortable and painless.

Many thanks to Pastors Dave and Cristi Schoob, Trinity Lutheran Church for their spiritual care and comfort, and to all of his close family and friends (including Bill and Joel for the home delivered fish fries).



IN LOVING MEMORY OF Dennis James Dricken

*When I leave you don't weep for me.
Pass the wine around and remember
How my laughing pleased you.
Look at one another, smiling,
And don't forget about touching.
Sing the songs that I loved the best
And dance one time all together.
As for me, I'll be off, running
Somewhere on the beach, and I'll fly
to the top of the tree
I always meant to climb.
When you're ready, I'll be there –
Waiting for you. Take your time.*

BORN TO LIFE
June 23, 1934



**BORN TO
ETERNAL LIFE**
July 24, 2025

AGE
91 Years

MEMORIAL SERVICE
Tuesday, August 12, 2025
12:00 Noon
Trinity Lutheran Church
West Bend, Wisconsin

OFFICIATING
Rev. David Schoob

RECEPTION
Tuesday, August 12, 2025
Following Service at Church

Myrhum Patten Miller & Kietzer Funeral Homes
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