

Dennis Irving Haugen was born on August 15, 1943, in Graceville, MN, to Marvin and Doris (Swenson) Haugen and grew up on the family farm in rural Clinton, MN. He graduated from Clinton High School and then attended Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, where he graduated in 1965. He studied theology at Luther Seminary in St. Paul before moving to the Seattle/Tacoma, WA, area.

He purchased a plumbing and excavating company that installed septic systems and did that work for several years in the Tacoma area. He then moved on from that and acquired his real estate license, working for a company selling real estate for many years before his retirement.

He soon became bored with retirement. Thus, he checked out an ad for a dockworker job, also known as longshoreman work, at the ports in Seattle. He loved running equipment and all the fascinating things that went along with this new job; it became a fun adventure for him. It started out as a part-time position since he was in his early sixties and just wanted a little something to keep him occupied. He really enjoyed the work, and it soon turned into a full-time job as he volunteered for all the hours no one else wanted. He stayed there until 2019, when he finally retired. He always had many interesting stories from his time in this occupation.

In the fall of 2019, he purchased a house in Sioux Falls, SD, with a completion date of April 2020, right when COVID hit. This 76-year-old guy refused help with the move because of all the unknowns surrounding COVID at that time, so he rented a moving truck, loaded up his belongings, and moved himself to Sioux Falls.

His move to Sioux Falls was a blessing for his family in the Clinton area. He loved to come and help with work on the farm during planting and harvesting. He had made the trip from Tacoma many times before, but now it would be much easier. Growing up in the 1940s and 1950s on the farm as a boy, he experienced the tail end of an era in which horses were used for farm work. Like many from that generation, it was fascinating to be able to work a quarter of land in a few hours or haul a thousand bushels of corn in one load on a semi. He appreciated seeing how farming had evolved over his lifetime and took pride in being part of both its past and present.

Left to cherish his memory are his siblings: Marcia (Vance) Kemmer of Horace, ND; Karen Miller of Branson, MO; Jean Haugen of Phoenix, AZ; Gary (Mary) Haugen of Clinton, MN; sister-in-law, Ann Haugen of Menasha, MN; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Marvin and Doris Haugen; brother, Lee Haugen; paternal grandparents: Martin and Fannie Haugen; and maternal grandparents: Melvin and Emma Swenson.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Dennis Haugen

WHO WAS BORN

August 15, 1943
Graceville, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

December 19, 2025
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, December 27, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.
Living Hope Fellowship
Ortonville, Minnesota

CLERGY

Pastor David Homrighausen

SPECIAL SONGS BY ALAN JACKSON

“How Great Thou Art” | “The Old Rugged Cross” | “Softly and Tenderly”

ACTIVE CASKET BEARERS

Jason T. Haugen | Jason Haugen | Chance Haugen
Seth Haugen | Jake Haugen | Vance Kemmer | Sylie Haugen

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Beloved nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews

BURIAL

Clinton City Cemetery
Clinton, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

Dennis’s family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the funeral service, please join the family for a time of fellowship and a luncheon in the church dining area.

Psalm 23

*The Lord is my Shepherd. I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.
He leadeth me beside the still waters.*

He restoreth my soul.

*He leadeth me in the paths of
Righteousness for His name's sake.*

*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.*

*Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies.*

*Thou anointest my head with oil,
my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life and I will dwell in
the house of the Lord forever.*



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