

But lay up for yourselves
Treasures in Heaven
where neither moth
nor rust doth corrupt,
and where thieves do not
break through nor steal:
For where your treasure is, there will your
Heart be also.
- Matthew 6:20-21

Celebrating THE *Life* OF



Dennis Hanson

October 7, 1942 - March 2, 2025

Dennis Gene Hanson, age 82, of Beaver Creek, MN passed away on Sunday March 2, 2025 at his home.

Dennis was born in Yankton, South Dakota on October 7, 1942 to Herbert and Nellie Hanson and spent most of his childhood in Valentine, Nebraska. Growing up as the third of five boys meant a childhood filled with adventure and a touch of mischief. Dennis excelled in sports and lettered in football his senior year. Following graduation from Valentine High School, Dennis received an accounting degree from National College of Business in Rapid City, South Dakota where he met and married Gloria (Caldwell) Hanson on June 1, 1963. Dennis and Gloria settled and raised three daughters (Gina, Bonnie and Sandi) in Pierre, South Dakota.

Dennis's professional career included 25 years with the South Dakota Department of Revenue, and 10 years as the Executive Director for the South Dakota Association of County Commissioners. Dennis was especially known for his many side hustles and business ventures he continued until his passing. As a man of many talents and a meticulous nature, he owned and maintained multiple rental properties, flipped homes with his buddies Fran Keller and Mike Burgee, built and managed a commercial rental property that was used as a medical clinic, and even tried his hand as a rancher! Dennis also spent many years assisting his brother, Stan, in the development of Fritz's Island Campground along the Niobrara River.

Dennis married Bernie Ripperger on September 15, 2012. In the fall of 2022, they moved from Pierre and settled in Beaver Creek, Minnesota. Dennis enjoyed getting to know new friends and neighbors, improving the property with landscaping, and creating a new gathering place for family and friends dubbed "The Hub".

Dennis loved a good laugh and was particularly pleased with himself when he could bring shock, awe and laughter to a friend or neighbor.

Dennis is preceded in death by his parents, Herbert and Nellie Hanson; brothers, Stan Hanson and LeRoy Hanson; son-in-law, Mike Hansen; and granddaughter, Jordan Billet. He is survived by his wife, Bernie Hanson; daughters, Gina Billet, Bonnie Hatterman (Matt), and Sandi Hansen; step-daughter, Amy Grunewaldt (Brian); step-sons, Jeremy Ripperger (Penny), and Mat Ripperger (Breanne); 12 grandchildren; along with numerous friends and acquaintances. His spunky, quick-witted spirit will be missed.

In Loving Memory Of
Dennis Hanson



Memorial Service

Saturday, March 15, 2025

10:30 AM

Reformed Church of Steen
Steen, Minnesota

Officiating

Rev. Jeremy Wiersema

Scripture Readings

Romans 10:12-13

John 11:25-26

Matthew 7:13-14

James 1:12

Pianist

Lorraine Sandbulte

Soloist

Bob Boehmer

Medley of "Will the Circle Be Unbroken" and "I'll Fly Away"

Congregational Hymns

"How Great Thou Art"

"Open My Eyes That I May See"

"Amazing Grace: My Chains Are Gone"

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