

Dennis Stienessen was born on July 20, 1939, in Minneota, Minnesota, the son of Henry and Ida (Van Dorpe) Stienessen. He grew up in Minneota and graduated from Minneota High School in 1957. On November 5, 1960, Dennis was united in marriage to Marilyn Davidson. They made their home in Minneota while Dennis was employed at First State Bank. In 1967, they moved to Willmar and Dennis began employment at Pennock Oil Company as the office manager. He later worked as the Assistant County Auditor for Kandiyohi County.

Dennis was a member of the Church of St. Mary and was active with its Boy Scout Troop in his earlier years. He was also active in the Elks Lodge #952, both at local and state levels. He served as the lodge secretary for over 20 years and the MN Elks State Association for over 20 years. He enjoyed jigsaw puzzles, gardening, being outdoors and following all his grandchildren's activities. Dennis was the instigator of his grandchildren's weekend tradition of baking holiday cookies and caramels for gift bags given to family and friends.

Dennis passed away Wednesday morning, April 30, at Cura of Willmar at the age of 85.

He is survived by his loving wife, Marilyn; one son, Dean (and Beth) Stienessen of St. Cloud; one daughter-in-law, DeAnn Stienessen of Willmar; and four grandchildren, Eliana (and Michael), Cassidy, Tyler and Morgan, besides other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Donald and one son, Michael.

Celebrating the Life of



Dennis Stienessen

1939 - 2025

In Loving Memory Of

Dennis Stienessen

July 20, 1939

Minneota, Minnesota

April 30, 2025

Willmar, Minnesota

The time has come

for me to leave this life.

I have fought the good fight.

I have finished the race.

I have kept the faith.

Now there is in store for me

the crown of righteousness

which the LORD, the righteous judge,

will award to me on that day.

-Paul's Second Letter to Timothy

Peterson Brothers Funeral Home

Celebrating A Life Remembered

Mass of Christian Burial

Friday, May 9, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.

Church of St. Mary

Willmar, Minnesota

Celebrant

Fr. Josh Bot

Music

Pianist: Tim Cayler

St. Mary's Resurrection Choir

Opening Song: *"How Great Thou Art"*

Preparation of Gifts: *"Be Not Afraid"*

Communion: *"Ave Maria"*

Post Communion: *"Till We Meet Again"*

Song of Farewell: *"The Hand Of God Shall Hold You"*

Closing Song: *"Amazing Grace"*

Active Pallbearers

Eliana & Michael Istvanek

Cassidy Stienessen

Tyler Stienessen

Morgan Stienessen

Honorary Pallbearers

Sam Modderman

Don Cole

Dwayne Rumney

Harley Davenport

Dave Zane