



Dennis C. Bunte

November 8, 1952 - November 15, 2023

Dennis “Denny” Clarence Bunte was called to his heavenly home on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, shortly following his seventy-first birthday.

Dennis was born November 8, 1952, the youngest child of Clarence and Ruth (nee Wilkening) Bunte, in Chicago Heights, Illinois. Dennis was a lifelong resident of Beecher, Illinois, where he lived his entire life on the Bunte family farm. He was baptized (1952) and confirmed (1966) at St. Luke United Church of Christ in Beecher, Illinois. He graduated from Beecher Elementary School (1966) and Beecher High School (1970). In his youth, Dennis could often be found playing basketball at Beecher High School or softball at Firemen’s Park, where he met the love of his life, Kay Lynn Wehling. On February 2, 1974, he married Kay at Zion Lutheran Church in Beecher, Illinois. Their union was blessed with two children, Mandy Kay Bunte and Marty Alan Bunte.

Dennis was preceded in death by his son, Marty; his parents, Clarence and Ruth; his father-in-law, Richard H. Wehling; his brother-in-law, Rodney Burdick; and four nieces and nephews.

Dennis is survived by his loving wife, Kay; his devoted daughter, Mandy; son-in-law, John Gunning; his three beloved grandchildren, Mardi Kailyn (15), Nora Claire (13) and Mollie Elizabeth (11) Gunning; his sisters, Patricia

Burdick and Diane (Dave) Iten; his mother-in-law, Beverly Wehling; his siblings-in-law, David and Julia (nee Wehling) Mack, Richard W. and Sharon (nee Berg) Wehling, and Robert and Julie (nee Lohman) Wehling; and a multitude of nieces and nephews. He leaves behind countless others who cherished his loyal friendship.

Dennis took pride in being a third-generation farmer, cultivating the family farm side-by-side with his father, Clarence. He was also a Washington Township employee for 15 years following his graduation from high school. Dennis later went to work at Wehling Well Works and ultimately retired from Layne Western after more than 25 years as a mechanic. During that same time, Dennis founded Bunte Paint and Repair and worked joyfully alongside his son, Marty, for many years. Following his retirement in 2013, Dennis found new ways to pass the time, including spending countless hours with his cherished grandchildren, amassing and watching an impressive movie collection, and acquiring, selling, and trading coins and collectible toys. Dennis was happiest when playing or working alongside his family and friends, whether sharing his love for farming, his extensive automotive knowledge, his passion for sports, especially basketball, softball, or sand volleyball, or his enthusiasm for buying/selling collectibles. This was most evident in recent years as he shared his love for farming and a good bargain with his grandchildren, who never missed out on an opportunity to combine with him or host a garage sale in the shed. All who knew him best will miss him dearly and are sad to see him go, but know he is happy to be reunited in eternal peace with his son, Marty.

A visitation and funeral service will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2023, at Peace Lutheran Church, 640 Oak Park Avenue, Beecher, Illinois, 60401. Visitation will precede the service from 9am-12pm, followed by a Christian funeral at 12pm. A luncheon will be served on site immediately following the service.

Dennis' body has been donated to the Anatomical Gift Association of Illinois.
As such, there will be no interment.

Honorary pall bearers include Nick Martakis, Dave Meyer, Les Peters, Max Schmidt, and Randy Schmidt.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 18. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Peace Lutheran Church
640 Oak Park Ave
Beecher, IL 60401-5114
(708) 946-2271

Memorial Service

NOV 18. 12:00 PM.

Peace Lutheran (Beecher Campus)

Tribute Wall

KR

“ So sorry for your loss, Kay, Mandy and granddaughters, as well as the extended family. Your family has been in my prayers and I will continue to pray for you in the following days for strength to go through this process. Hugs to all.

Kathy Ralston-Scalise - November 17, 2023 at 10:43 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis C. Bunte.



November 17, 2023 at 03:41 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dennis C. Bunte.



November 17, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis C. Bunte.



November 16, 2023 at 04:30 PM

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“ Timothy And Connie Eaker lit a candle in memory of Dennis C. Bunte



Timothy and Connie Eaker - November 16, 2023 at 04:13 PM



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November 16, 2023 at 03:00 PM

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“ Uncle Wendell, Jill & Steve, Matt &Lyn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis C. Bunte.

Uncle Wendell, Jill & Steve, Matt &Lyn - November 16, 2023 at 03:00 PM

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“ My condolences and prayers for Kay and her family

Pat langreder - November 16, 2023 at 11:42 AM

AD

“ Anuja D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis C. Bunte.

Anuja D. - November 16, 2023 at 10:30 AM

SR

“ *Worked with Dennis for 24 years, one of the best friends a guy could have. He was husband, father, and grandfather to one of the nicest families ever. Sincere condolences to Kay, Mandy, and her children.*

Steve Riechers - November 15, 2023 at 10:23 PM



“ *Condolences to Kay and family on Dennis' passing. May our Lord hold you in His loving embrace. Debbie Kammermann Kotecki*



Debbie Kotecki - November 15, 2023 at 06:43 PM

KB

“ *So sorry for your loss Kay and the entire family - prayers and thoughts are with you! 🙏*

karen braun - November 15, 2023 at 06:08 PM

LC

*Sincere sympathies sent to Kay and children and extended family ...
Carl and Lynda Colby*

Lynda Colby - November 15, 2023 at 07:02 PM