



## Dennis Ray DeJong

April 18, 1954 - November 30, 2017

Dennis Ray DeJong, 63, of Oskaloosa, died Thursday, November 30, 2017, at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. He was born April 18, 1954, in Oskaloosa, Iowa, the son of Raymond and Margaret Petersma DeJong. He graduated from Oskaloosa High School with the class of 1972. On June 2, 1978, he was united in marriage to Linda Akin at the Nazarene Church in Oskaloosa. To this union two children were born, Michael and Michelle. Denny and Linda later divorced. Following graduation, he continued to work at Bill and Ray's Truck Repair with his dad and brothers. Denny spent his life being extremely dedicated to the family business. He was a talented mechanic that looked forward to the challenges that came with each job. On December 31, 2014, he was united in marriage to Kathryn Rankin. His passion was rooted in helping people. He was a great conversationalist and looked forward to visiting with customers, friends, and strangers alike. He was always eager to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with those around him. As a Christian, he had a servant heart. This was displayed daily by the way he treated his family, friends, employees, and customers. He enjoyed fishing trips to Canada, hunting, riding his bicycle, singing, and shopping. He looked forward to going on wrecker calls with the guys. Denny delighted in being with his family, he truly enjoyed being a grandpa.

His family includes his wife Kathryn DeJong of Oskaloosa; two children and their spouses, Michael and Adrianna DeJong of Edgar, Wisconsin, and Michelle and Chad Holland of Olathe, Kansas; six grandchildren, Hailey Holland, Tyler Holland, Miley Holland, Ellia DeJong, Ava DeJong, and Camden DeJong; five step children, Krista (Kadin) White of Ankeny, Rachel (Emmanuel) Muthomi of Greenville, North Carolina, Jonathan (Shelly) Rankin of Reasnor, Sarah (Will) Folkerts of Chariton, and Jenny (Joe) Morrett of Pella; eight step grandchildren, Trinity Muthomi, Christian Muthomi, Sacred Muthomi, Reese White, Zoe White, Charlotte Rankin, Harvey Rankin, and Eleanor Folkerts; two brothers, David (Deborah) DeJong and Doug (Kris) DeJong all of Oskaloosa; two sisters, Denise (Shawn) Pagano of Charlotte, North Carolina and Diane (Terry) Schneider of California; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 8, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Gateway Church of the Nazarene in Oskaloosa with Reverend David Brown officiating. Burial will be in the University Park Cemetery in University Park. The Bates Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. Visitation will begin Thursday morning after 11 a.m. in the Bates Funeral Chapel and the family will be at the funeral chapel from 4-8 Thursday evening to greet friends and relatives. Memorials may be made to Tow Trucks for Tots.

# Events

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**DEC 7**   **Visitation**   11:00AM - 08:00PM

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Bates Funeral Chapel  
114 South 7th Street, Oskaloosa, IA, US, 52577

**DEC 8**   **Funeral Service**   10:00AM

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Gateway Church of the Nazarene  
140 Gateway Drive, Oskaloosa, IA, US, 52577

# Comments

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“ Kathy, I am so sorry to hear this sad news. You and all your family are in my prayers,  
Sincerely,  
Carolyn Lamp

**Carolyn Lamp** - December 08, 2017 at 12:51 PM

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“ Denny and I were good friends for many years during school, and I worked for his dad one summer before school started in the fall. I remember him as a nice guy, that would do anything for anyone, if they were in need. We lost touch over the years, but I have always considered him a good friend. I remember once he had a horse decide to take a ride with him in his car, ending up laying cross-ways in the front seat, having crashed through the windshield, after turning in front of Denny, who couldn't stop in time to avoid hitting the horse.  
My heart goes out to all his family- I feel your pain, and will miss Denny, too.

Colin Frush

**Colin Frush** - December 08, 2017 at 03:05 AM

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“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Ray DeJong.



December 06, 2017 at 09:40 PM

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“ From the Pagano family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Dennis Ray DeJong.



From the Pagano family - December 06, 2017 at 04:32 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Ray DeJong.



December 06, 2017 at 01:21 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis Ray DeJong.



December 06, 2017 at 10:53 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis Ray DeJong.



December 06, 2017 at 06:43 AM

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“ Great man every time I had a towing question or a diesel question he was always there to help you'll be missed

Rob delaney - December 05, 2017 at 11:06 PM

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“ Wishing the Family piece and strength during this difficult time.

Please accept my heartfelt sympathies for your loss.

John Minor

john minor - December 05, 2017 at 05:33 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis Ray DeJong.



December 05, 2017 at 10:04 AM

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“ To Doug, Diane, Denise, Dave and your families. I was deeply saddened when I heard the news of Denny's passing. You all, have my deepest sympathies. Please know that you're in my thoughts and prayers, Sue (Holm) Morse.

suemorse78@yahoo.com - December 05, 2017 at 08:26 AM

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“ Kathy, we have been thinking about your's and Dennis's family every day. Prayers for all of you.

Ed and Jane (Kauzlarich) Playle, Arbor Trace neighbors

Jane Kauzlarich - December 05, 2017 at 07:47 AM

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“ We are so very sorry for your loss.. Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you and the family.God Bless

**Greg and Kathy Brower** - December 05, 2017 at 07:36 AM

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“ Deb and Dave so very sorry for your loss !



**Linda King** - December 05, 2017 at 05:45 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis Ray DeJong.



December 04, 2017 at 11:33 PM

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“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Dennis Ray DeJong.



December 04, 2017 at 09:59 PM

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“ We are so very sorry for your loss.. Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you and the family. God Bless



**Gerry and Leilani Tremmel** - December 04, 2017 at 09:22 PM

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“ Jeff Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Dennis Ray DeJong



**Jeff Ferguson** - December 04, 2017 at 09:12 PM

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“ Robb and I are so very sorry for your loss. We are praying for you and your family.  
Robb and Joyce Bruns



**Joyce Bruns** - December 04, 2017 at 09:05 PM

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dennis Ray DeJong.



December 04, 2017 at 08:34 PM

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“ Debbie Wogan lit a candle in memory of Dennis Ray DeJong



**Debbie Wogan** - December 04, 2017 at 07:28 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis Ray DeJong.



December 04, 2017 at 06:16 PM