



## Dennis Richard Denning

November 23, 1945 - July 22, 2024

Dennis Richard Denning was born on November 23, 1945, in Minneapolis, MN to Richard and Mary Denning. He grew up in south Minneapolis, attending Visitation School and graduating from De La Salle High School. After completing a program at Northwestern Electronics Institute, he joined the Naval Air Reserve, where he applied his electronics experience working on military airplanes. This led to a 23-year career in technology at Control Data Corporation, until he left in 1990, saying, "I will never work another day in my life." After obtaining a B.S. in Business at the University of Minnesota, he started his own business, serving as a virtual office manager for a number of professional organizations and helping his friends and family with any technology needs.

In 1966, he married Sharon Jopp, the beginning of a 58-year journey of love and adventure. He enjoyed hunting and fishing which allowed him to spend time with friends and appreciate the woods. With his family, he loved camping, skiing and travelling both domestically and internationally. After Sharon's retirement, they enjoyed snowbirding in Arizona, which led to many new friendships and time spent playing cards, dominos and bocce.

Together they raised two daughters, Lisa and Julie, then helped Lisa raise her two daughters, Lauren and Marielle.

Dennis will forever be remembered for his caring nature, his sense of humor, and the mischievous twinkle in his beautiful blue eyes. He will be missed by many.

Preceded in death by parents Richard and Mary Denning. Survived by wife, Sharon, daughters Lisa and Julie, granddaughters Lauren (Mahmoud) Awad and Marielle, brothers Kirk (Karen) and Brian (Kathy), and sisters Colleen Gerlach and Cece (Mike) Wech.

Streaming link: <https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTcyMjI4ODk4NzMyMTA2MiZvbmVyb29tLWFKbWluJmNvcHlfbGluaw==>

Private interment will be at Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis, MN at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to one of the following:

Isaiah's GoFundMe: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/donate-to-isaiahs-nursing-school-fund> - Isaiah was a CNA who provided exceptional care and is pursuing his nursing degree.

Feed my Starving Children: <https://www.fmssc.org> - Dennis enjoyed volunteering here

Audubon Upper Mississippi: <https://umr.audubon.org/MississippiRiver> - He always loved nature and animals

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Shoreview Chapel  
515 Highway 96 West  
Shoreview, MN 55126

## Memorial Service

AUG 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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## Reception

AUG 17. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Memorial Service for Dennis Richard Denning in memory of Dennis Richard Denning



Washburn-McReavy - July 29, 2024 at 12:39 PM

EM

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you. For Sharon and the girls and grandchildren and all extended family. From my family Edna Moffett we're all thinking of you love and prayers*

Edna Moffitt - August 04, 2024 at 09:26 PM

MH

*We will always remember the care, love and dedication dedicated to your husband, Sharon, and father to your daughters for a lifetime and especially during the long, early seven months of 2024. We celebrate his life and the joyful times we spent with that unpredictable Bocce Ball and that happy guy. We will be celebrating another life, gone to soon, on the 17th, but hope our paths will cross again soon.*

*Sending deep sympathies and the comfort of all those years together.  
Marj and Garry Hawkins*

Marjorie Hawkins - August 12, 2024 at 04:53 PM



*My thoughts are with you Julie and family. I can't begin to imagine the feels you are going through. Sending love, hugs, and prayers for all of you.*

*Heather Anderson Schroeder and family*

Heather-Ryan Anderson - August 15, 2024 at 03:49 PM

RH

“ *My sympathy to Sharon and your daughters and grandchildren on Dennis's death. You all were with him as he battled to regain a meaningful life after his stroke. In the end he is now with the saints in heaven.*

*I met Dennis back around 1976 when I went to work in Control Data's maintenance software department at the Arden Hills facility. We worked in the same department from then until I left Control Data in 1989. We used to enjoy socializing with our fellow diagnostic software programmers during our coffee breaks in the Arden Hills cafeteria. I remember Dennis as being a conscientious and hard working man. I am sure that he will be missed by all who knew him.*

*My wife and I are living now in North Carolina. I will not be able to attend Dennis's funeral in person, but hope to catch his service online.*

*Sincerely,  
Bob Horton*

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**Robert Horton** - August 02, 2024 at 04:13 PM