



Dennis Wayne Gilson

October 4, 1940 - May 26, 2026

Dennis Wayne Gilson of Roseville, age 85, died after a lengthy illness on May 26, 2026.

Retired forty-one year employee of Metro Transit; retired twenty year volunteer fireman with City of Roseville Volunteer Fire Department; US Navy veteran.

Preceded in death by father Howard and mother Lorayne Gilson, sister Karen Weidemann and brother David Gilson. Survived by wife Carol Tako Gilson of 60 years; son Wayne Gilson (Erica) of Mounds View; daughter Ellen Gilson Cameron (Luzius) of Zurich, Switzerland; grandchildren Nadia and Anna Zeilbeck and their father, Franz Zeilbeck of Zurich, Switzerland, and Bennett Gilson and his mother Bonnie Gilson of Vadnais Heights; brother Richard (Louise) Gilson of Hudson, WI; sister-in-law Chris Ciccarelli of Forest Lake; also by many other close relatives and friends. Dennis' warm smile, quick wit and thoughtful actions endeared him to all who knew him.

Special thanks to Allina Hospice and The Pillars Hospice for the wonderful care they gave Denny in his final days.

Funeral service 11AM Friday, June 5 (visitation begins at 10AM) at Centennial United Methodist Church, 1524 County Road C2, Roseville. Service can be

seen live on U-tube under Centennial United Methodist. Lunch served in the church's Fellowship Hall following the service. Private interment at Ft. Snelling Cemetery.

If so desired, memorials preferred to The Pillars Hospice, Centennial United Methodist Church, City of Roseville Fire Department or donor's choice.

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“ When I recieved notice that Uncle Denny has passed away a lovely fun memory popped into my head. When I was 10 or so during the summer, I would hike down the bluff through the woods to Highway 61. At that time there was a city bus stop. I would get on the bus that took me downtown St.Paul. I would wait until Uncle Denny's bus would stop to pick up people. I would ride on his route and we would chat, laugh and enjoy the time together. With a huge smile and a wave I would take the city bus back towards my side of town. He never informed my parents about our visits on his route. It was our little secret. Back then we just had to be home for dinner. I am smiling while I write this. His smile, and love will be missed. Take care Auntie Carol, Wayne and Ellen. Sending love and hugs to our entire family. Wendy

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“ We met the Gilsons' in sunny FLorida where we all shared beautiful "warm" Winters together trying to escape our cold weather in our different states. I would pass by on the sidewalk and see Carol & Dennis enjoying the sunny weather and great sunsets. I was always welcomed in and would sit and talk about many subjects. Dennis surely was enjoying his retirement on the front porch and would chime in once in awhile with our conversations. We are truly honored that God put us in the same Villa Quad in Florida to become great friends. Dennis will be remembered in my heart forever. Once Strangers becoming Great Friends ! Jan & Sheldon Shikoluk

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