

Dennis H. McKinsey

June 11, 1953 - March 20, 2017

For everything there is a season. A time to till, a time to plant, a time to grow, and a time to harvest.

Dennis H. McKinsey, 63, beloved husband of Terri, proud daddy to Clint and Michelle and best Pap to Ricky, Alexis, Alex, Joe and Alyse left this earthly place on Monday, March 20, 2017.

Dennis's love of the land began on the family farm outside Blountsville. He was born on June 11, 1953, the son of Ralph E. and Mary Louise (Walters) McKinsey.

He attended Blountsville Elementary and graduated from Union High School in Modoc in 1971.

It was in that year that a young brown-eyed girl caught his heart. It was love at first sight and she's remained his constant companion and best friend for 45 years.

After his marriage to Terri, he continued farming with his dad and began raising his children in the home his grandfather built, right down the road from his folks. It was there that he farmed for many years and built a successful farrowing operation. Dennis also was employed for T & R Ag Service in

Losantville, where he was a custom applicator with flotation field equipment, dry and liquid. He did soil samples and analysis programming, selling of agriculture products to farmers; maneuvering equipment with sprayer calibrating of chemicals and fertilizer and maintenance of equipment.

Farming wasn't the same after the death of his dad, times changed and Dennis left his work with the earth for a job at Warner Gear for 16 years as a millwright. With rumors of the plant closing, he then took a job with Chrysler Corporation in Kokomo as a millwright, retiring August 1, 2015 with health concerns.

Nothing was more important to Dennis than watching his children and then his precious grandchildren participate in school sports. When he was between ball games, he was putting on his leathers and flying down the road on his Harley.

Dennis leaves behind to cherish memories of water balloons, slip and slides, jumping on the bed and the traditional family croquet game, his always cherished Terri (McGaha) McKinsey; his children, son, Clint (Emily) and boys, Alex and Joe of Lawrenceburg, IN; daughter, Michelle (Rick) Lamb and children, Ricky, Alexis (Mikey) and Alyse Lamb of Muncie; Sisters, Patty (Ray) Johnson of Muncie and Sharon (Todd) Vardaman of Selma; Brother, Jeff (Patty) McKinsey of Blountsville; nieces and nephews; Mark Knipp, Melanie Knipp and Craig McKinsey; sister-in-law, Sandy (Bill) Appeldorn, brothers-in-law, Steve (Mary) McGaha and Roy "Junior" McGaha; a special cousin, Diana Weidman; life-long friend, Bill Jordan and special people in his life, Cierra, Tessa, Alexis, Hannah, Danica and several aunts and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his cousins, Ronnie Felton and Micki Whitehead, his mother-in-law, Mary Alice Johnson and his father-in-law, Roy McGaha.

Services celebrating the life well lived by Dennis McKinsey will be held at 2:00 pm on Sunday, March 26, 2017, at Sproles Family Funeral Home with words of encouragement and hope given by a long-time friend, Rev. Steve Nelson of Senegal, West Africa. Burial will follow in Mooreland Cemetery.

Calling will be held from 3 – 7 pm on Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be offered to the Fellowship of Evangelical Churches - West Africa Initiative, 1420 Kerrway Court, Fort Wayne, IN 46805, www.FECMinistries.org

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to the following: HCH - ICU for the kind and professional care given to Dennis during his stay. Henry County Hospice - Tina who showed us, with her light and smile, what being chosen to serve families who have a loved one leaving is all about. Chrystal, who made Dennis comfortable and Amy and Rhonda who came and made our lives so much more bearable.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Dennis McKinsey.

Cemetery Details

Mooreland Cemetery

7700 US 36
Mooreland, IN 47360

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **25**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
2400 S Memorial Dr
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Service

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Tribute Wall

RJ

“ Thinking of you and really going to miss you on Christmas Day.

Ray



Ray Johnson - December 24, 2017 at 03:56 PM

RJ

“ Ray Johnson lit a candle in memory of Dennis H. McKinsey



Ray Johnson - April 16, 2017 at 08:59 AM

TE

“ Terrie lit a candle in memory of Dennis H. McKinsey



Terrie - March 30, 2017 at 08:23 AM

DB

“ Danny & Sue Blackburn lit a candle in memory of Dennis H. McKinsey



Danny & Sue Blackburn - March 30, 2017 at 08:21 AM

ML

“ Our sincere condolences to Terri, Michelle, and Clint from Mike & Linda Lykens and sons Brian and Kevin. Dennis was a great man, husband, father, and the family will always have the good memories to remember and faith in God will carry them through these hard times. Love and friendship to the family. God Bless

Michael C Lykens - March 27, 2017 at 10:59 AM

JH

“ We send our condolences to you and your family. Cherish all those precious memories. Dennis is a second cousin to Jim (Aunt Mary's son). May God bless you and give you comfort.
Jim and Barbara Holmes

Jim and Barbara Holmes - March 26, 2017 at 05:47 PM

DH

“ So very sorry to hear of the lost of Dennis's life on this earth. He and I had lots of fun times in High School . He was a Good person from a Good Family . May You Rest In Peace Dennis , my friend .
Don House

Don House - March 26, 2017 at 10:57 AM

CW

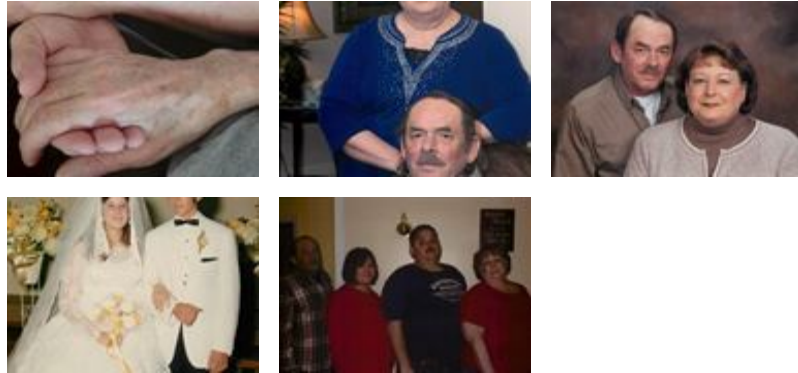
“ Christine C. Wallen purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Dennis H. McKinsey.



Christine C. Wallen - March 25, 2017 at 11:41 AM



“ 252 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - March 24, 2017 at 05:40 PM

AF

“ *AUNT GLADYS AND FAMILY purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Dennis H. McKinsey.*



AUNT GLADYS AND FAMILY - March 24, 2017 at 02:19 PM

JL

“ *Dennis was always such a sweet guy. With the last name of Mc Queen I spent lots of time standing in alphabetical order next to Dennis at Union School with the class of 1971. He was always kind, always funny, always dependable..just one of the really good guys. So sorry for your loss. Jenny Mc Queen Lee*

Jenny Lee - March 24, 2017 at 05:41 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis H. McKinsey.*



March 23, 2017 at 07:49 PM



“ *Your Friends at Anesthesia Services, LTD purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dennis H. McKinsey.*



Your Friends at Anesthesia Services, LTD - March 23, 2017 at 12:48 PM



“ *I rode the bus for many years with Dennis. His Dad drove the bus. 5 or 6 of us got in trouble on the bus and had to sit in the first 3 seats. Teri I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Patty Jessee*

Patty Jessee - March 23, 2017 at 11:52 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Dennis H. McKinsey.*



March 23, 2017 at 09:51 AM

FB

“ *Condolences to Terri..... I have many good memories of visiting with Dennis and am confident his spirit is in paradise with Our Lord. Appreciated his openness.*

FRAN BULLOCK - March 23, 2017 at 09:17 AM

TV

“ *Being married to Dennis' sister Sharon I often heard the phrase, "Do you know what Dennis said to me?" (He loved to get her riled up!) It was hard to show her sympathy when you're busting out laughing over what he had said to her! Gonna miss that.*

. Todd Vardaman

Todd Vardaman - March 22, 2017 at 09:30 PM

FR

“ *GOD SPEED RIP*



Friends - March 22, 2017 at 04:35 AM

LF

We pray for your family, sending our love-The Warfel Family, Muncie, In.

Larry and Penny Warfels family - March 22, 2017 at 11:40 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dennis H. McKinsey.*



March 21, 2017 at 10:09 AM



“ *Good bye Dennis, you were way to young to go. It was only yesterday we were riding the school bus with Ralph driving us safely there. Rest In Peace my friend. RIC Glaser*

Ric Glaser - March 21, 2017 at 07:36 AM



“ *I was at out back with the family, and Dennis looks at my girlfriend (Alexis his granddaughter) and says is punk here giving you any trouble? She said no. He proceeds to elbow me and say good, because I'll beat him down if so. Then I got a slight wink and I knew he respected me as I respected him and his entire family.*

Mikey Smith - March 20, 2017 at 08:59 PM



“ *Marc & Mandy (Bogue) Boyd & Girls lit a candle in memory of Dennis H. McKinsey*



Marc & Mandy (Bogue) Boyd & girls - March 20, 2017 at 08:42 PM