

Dennis Zitzow, age 86, of Perham, MN died Thursday, October 31, 2024 in Perham Living.

He was born at home on the "1st, 15th, 1938" to Richard and Mary (Loebbrick) Zitzow.

Dennis graduated from Perham High School in 1957. He worked in construction with his dad and eventually took over the business. For 58 years and four months he drove basically the same school bus route for Perham Schools. In between morning and evening routes, he continued to work construction. He enjoyed fishing and hunting with way too many great stories to list here. He spent many hours working in his garden and when the gardening became more challenging, he would just work on his hands and knees or lay down in the row and pick the weeds. His garden always brought in a bountiful harvest for all to enjoy. And he loved sharing the vegetables of his labor with family and friends. He also loved spending time with his friends and family, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Dennis was united in marriage to Marilyn Lillian (Wischnak) Zitzow on May 14, 1961. They had three children, Brenda, Brian and Janine.

Dennis knew Jesus as his Savior and his final request in this life was that many would follow him to heaven to be with Jesus. This was especially true about his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dennis was preceded into death by his parents and parents-in-law, Jesse and Lilian Wischnak; sister, Evelyn (Zitzow) Ponto; brothers, Elsworth, Marlyn, and infant brother; sister-in-law and brothers-in-law: Violet Zitzow, Norman Ponto, Gary Ebeling, Glen Wischnak, and Larry Wischnak.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn (Wischnak) Zitzow; children, Brenda Jedlicka, Brian (Janine) Zitzow, Janine (Les) Kundo; grandchildren, Savannah, Vanessa, Landon Kundo, Brian J., Travis Zitzow and Noah Jedlicka; great grandchildren, Journey Kundo, Oaklyn, Orla, Ozzie, Ollie, Orian Dahlquist; brother, Lester (Cookie) Zitzow; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: Mary Hellen Zitzow, Donna Ebeling, Gene (Audrey) Wischnak, Karen Wischnak; and many nieces and nephews.

Celebrating T H E L I F E O F



Dennis Duane Zitzow

January 15, 1938 - October 31, 2024

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of the day
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered *Joy*
A friendship shared,
a laugh, a kiss Ah, yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life has been full, I've savored much
Good friends, good times, *a loved one's touch*
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart and share with me
God wanted me now, He set me **FREE!**

Funeral Service

Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Perham, Minnesota

Officiant

Pastor Andrew Ratcliffe
Pastor Del Stohs

Musicians

Krista Dahn
Andrea Greiff

Casket Bearers

Landon Kundo - Brian J. Zitzow
Travis Zitzow - Noah Jedlicka
Kent Zitzow - Joe Saenger

Interment

St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery
Perham, Minnesota