



Dennis Norman Wilde

July 30, 1951 - February 6, 2023

Dennis Norman Wilde

age 71, passed away on Monday, February 6, 2023. He was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on July 30, 1951.

Dennis was raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin by his parents Norman and Josephine (Schmidt) Wilde. He attended St. Agnes Catholic Elementary School and Pius XI Catholic High School. After graduating high school, he studied to become a Merchant Marine and traveled the world with Lykes Lines Shipping Company. He joined the US Army and served as a Medical Lab Technician in Texas and Oklahoma. Upon completion of his service, he attended the University of Texas studying Mechanical Engineering, graduating with high honors in 1978. He worked as a drilling fluids engineer for Magcobar, Houston Texas in oil fields throughout the United States and across the world. In February of 1980 he met Carolyn Gerke, the love of his life, in Tomah, Wisconsin. They wed in August of 1980 and started their family in Katy, TX. In May of 1984 they welcomed their only child, Richard, into the world. In 1988 the family moved to West Jordan, Utah where Dennis worked as a drilling engineer for Christensen Mining Products. In 1994 he started a drilling supply business, Prime Fluid Products that remained successful until his retirement. Dennis and Carolyn retired on the original Schmidt family farm in Glidden Wisconsin. Dennis enjoyed spending time with his family and

friends, fishing, golf, playing pool, woodworking and rock and roll music.

Dennis is survived by his wife Carolyn, son Richard and Aliya, (3)grandchildren, and brother Richard Wilde. A special thank you to Adam Dykman for all his help and support.

A Memorial Mass will be held at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church in Glidden Wisconsin on Friday May 19, 2023 at 11:00am. Fr. Aloysius Anthony will officiate.

A visitation will be held on Friday from 10:00am until the hour of the service.

Burial will follow at Most Precious Blood Cemetery.

Memorials preferred to Most Precious Blood Catholic Church in Glidden.

Cemetery Details

Most Precious Blood Catholic Cemetery

Glidden, WI 54527

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

MAY **19**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Most Precious Blood Catholic Church
256 E. 2nd St
Glidden, WI 54527

Tribute Wall



“ I hadn't talked with Dennis in many years (while he was working mud in Utah) and decided to look and see if I could locate him....I am incredibly sad that I waited almost 3 years too late and now see he has passed.

I met Dennis at UT when we were both in beginning Mechanical Engineering classes. He was several years older than I was, but we made friends quickly. We studied together and were good friends for several years until I graduated slightly ahead of him.... Ha!..he was one of the older returning Vets that decided to go to college on the GI bill and were formidable competitors for young students still in their teens! He was an outstanding man, he encouraged me and influenced me greatly. Not just at school, but in my life as a very young engineering student. He was always there for me regardless of the circumstances. I might not have hung in there and graduated in ME if it weren't for Dennis.

I was already working in Houston when he called that he was in town interviewing for the job he took at MI as a mud engineer. You may not know it, but Dennis made the cover of one of the major Oil Industry magazines. (I might still have a copy of it). If I somehow hear from the family I could dig into the archives and find it....

So sorry for your loss. He was one of the great ones!

Jeff Gordon

Jeff Gordon - May 23, 2025 at 02:12 PM



“ Dennis Norman Wilde

October 05, 2023 at 02:07 PM

PB

“ Dear Carolyn and family

I was so saddened to learn of Dennis' passing. I knew Dennis in the 1970s at the University of Texas at Austin. He was a kind and gentle soul. Also, he had a great sense of humor. I was happy to read, he wed the love of his life and has a lovely family. I will always remember Dennis with much respect and fondness. About 20 years ago after a loss in my family, I contacted many friends from my past to say Hello and catch up. Dennis was one of these; he was very happy and shared news of his family.

At this time of his Mass, I pray the Lord will wrap his arms around all of you to give you comfort.

*With great sympathies,
Peggy Bernard*

Peggy Bernard - May 16, 2023 at 09:34 PM

AG

“ We are so saddened to hear of Dennis's passing. My mom was so proud of the work and care given to the (her) original Schmidt homestead and grateful that it stayed in the family because Dennis and you chose to tend and keep it. Our thoughts and prayers 💕 are with you Carolyn, and Richard and Aliya, and Richard and Ellen in the coming days and weeks. Annie & Garry

Annie G - February 21, 2023 at 09:21 PM

LH

“ I was lucky enough to meet Dennis when we were hired by Jerry Rodvold with Christensen Mining Products. From the first introduction and his firm handshake and that smile, I knew we would be friends and have each others back from that moment forward . CMP helped both of us move on and become owners of our own businesses. Road trips, conventions, "hanging in the barn" where there were more cold Budweiser in the barn then the local corner 7-11, there was never a dull moment or story to be had. Through this friendship I got to know Miss Carolyn and Richard. For years we would look forward to head to St. George Utah to support the Utah Water Well Conventions . During these shows my parents who wintered in St. George got to know the Wilde's and the rest is history.
DW, Rest In Peace my friend, because this old "Buzzard Breath" is going to miss you.

Larry Hawkes - February 09, 2023 at 11:13 PM