



Dennis G. Osterholt

December 29, 1941 - February 22, 2019

Dennis Osterholt, 77, of Fond du Lac, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family, on Friday, February 22, 2019, maintaining his sense of humor until the very end.

He was born on December 29, 1941 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota the son of Alvin E. and Eleanor Osterholt. He graduated from Platte High School in Platte, SD in 1959 and from Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD in 1963. On August 11, 1963, he married Judy I. League at the Platte Olive Presbyterian Church. They lived in Britton, SD where he taught high school social studies and coached for three years before moving to Sioux Falls, where he started as a Manager Trainee with JCPenney on June 6, 1966.

Dennis was proud of his three daughters and enjoyed attending all of their music concerts and school events. His career with JCPenney brought the family to Pekin, IL and later to the Chicago area where he worked on the district staff and later as a store manager. In 1983, he was named manager of the JCPenney store in Fond du Lac, WI. After 32 years of service with Penney's, he retired in 1997. Dennis then went on to work for the Action Advertiser as operations manager and then as General Manager of the Publications Division. He also wrote the "Bleacher Views" column until retiring in 2006. Some of Dennis' favorite past times were attending Fondy sporting events, UW Badger football games, watching the Packers, hunting, and woodworking projects for the home and grandkids.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Judy of Fond du Lac, his daughters: Cheryl (Stewart) Clark of San Rafael, CA, Carla (Paul) Mondt of Middleton, WI, and Cristy (Steve) Lariviere of Crestwood, KY; seven grandchildren Kendall and Ashley Clark, Michael, Jack and Brian Mondt, Justin and Lauren Lariviere; brother Dale (Karen) Osterholt of Rapid City, SD, sister-in-law Georgia Osterholt of Rapid City, SD; brothers-in-law Vernon (Janet) League of Platte, SD, Arlan (Cindy) League of Creston, IA, and sister-in-law Peggy (Ken) Brilz of Pierre, SD; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Alvin E. and Eleanor, brother, David, parents-in-

law Lyle and Elva League, and brother-in-law Jerry Menning.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Dr. Jones and staff at Agnesian Cancer Center, nurses from Agnesian Hospice Home of Hope, JCPenney and Action Advertiser retirees, friends and special neighbors.

VISITATION: Friends may call on Friday, March 1, 2019, from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Kurki-Mach Funeral Chapel & Crematory, 31 East Division Street, Fond du Lac.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Agnesian Cancer Center and or Agnesian Hospice Hope.

Kurki-Mach Funeral Chapel & Crematory is serving the family,
www.kurkimachfuneralchapel.com. 920-921-4420

Comments



“ I worked with Mr O at JCPenney for 13 years. All this time later I'll be in conversations, about anything really, and I find myself saying “well MR O always said.....” and fill it in with some bit of wisdom that he had. Osterholt family, I hope you find comfort in knowing that he is thought of fondly and often.

Linda Bliefnick - February 26, 2019 at 08:16 AM



“ Dennis I will miss not seeing you at Festival. You were a great boss at JCPenney, learned a lot from you. Judy my prayers are for you.
Charlotte Kuehn

Charlotte Kuehn - February 25, 2019 at 11:45 PM



“ Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis G. Osterholt.



February 25, 2019 at 07:57 PM



“ The first time I meet Dennis he helped load my infant son's new dresser into my old pick up truck. I remember leaving that evening thinking I had just meet a familiar friend I had know for years, Helpful and kind.

A few years later I was fortunate enough to get to work with Dennis at the Action Advertiser. He was inspirational and thoughtful in each encounter we had. I loved to show him the latest off-the-wall headline and graphic. His encouragement, easy nature and positive attitude made me a much better person. Goodbye my friend.
Todd

Todd Sharp - February 25, 2019 at 09:33 AM



“ I still remember the day I served as ring bearer at your wedding. Tuxedo and that Osterholt smile grinning Fromm ear to ear.
The only greater joy he could know is in the arms of his Lord and Savior.
My prayers are with you.
Doug Cole

Doug Cole - February 24, 2019 at 09:45 PM



“ A great friend that we will truly miss.
Judy we are here should you need anything we are just a phone call away.
God Bless you and your family
Bob and Jane Platt

Bob Platt - February 24, 2019 at 03:48 PM