



## Dennis Riesselman

October 8, 1951 - June 12, 2024

Dennis Riesselman, 72 of Willey, died Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at his home in Willey surrounded by his family.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, June 21, 2024 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Willey. The Celebrant will be Fr. Patrick Behm. Concelebrant and homilist will be Fr. Timothy Schott. Deacon Matthew Miller will assist with the Funeral Mass. Mass servers will be Aiden Klein and Nora Lengeling. Music will be by Jane Heithoff. Lectors for the Funeral Mass will be Aubrey Hill, Lucy Belzer, and Naomi Schreck. Gift Bearers will be Hazel Belzer, Mara Schreck, Sage Schreck, Thea Schreck, Amelia Leib, Gehrig Schreck, and Luna Worth. Casket Bearers will be Caleb Belzer, Simon Belzer, Toby Belzer, Hayden Leib, Bennett Leib, and Erik Riesselman. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Willey with military honors conducted by the Dedham American Legion.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Willey with a rosary at 7 p.m. Additional visitation will be from 9:30-10:15 a.m. on Friday in the St. Mary's Parish Hall.

The family kindly requests no flowers; should one desire please consider a memorial donation to St. Mary's Foundation. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Dennis' family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Dennis (Denny Leonard Riesselman, was born October 8, 1951, in Carroll, Iowa and was the second son of Lawrence and Ada (Gill) Riesselman.

Growing up on Maple Street in Carroll, Denny graduated from Kuemper Catholic High School in 1969. Following graduation he enlisted in the United States Army during the Vietnam Conflict. He was assigned to the 1st Armored Division as a Tank Operator/Commander.

Honorably discharged Denny rejoined Emmett Lahr of Lahr Upholstery in Carroll whom he was mentored by and employed totaling 13 years. Denny was hired by Pella Corporation newly establishing in Carroll, setting up assembly lines as a Cost Center Manager for seven years. Then beginning a self-employed manufacturing company in Jefferson which was closed due to loss of fire. In 1996 Denny was privileged to be employed as a Mail Carrier for the next 24 years by the United States Postal Service retiring Feb 28, 2020. Denny was a quiet, humble, caring, hardworking man who loved lifting folks less fortunate. Denny and Sue Broich's first date was June 8, 1973, and have committed to each other for 50 years. Married at beautiful St. Mary's Church in Willey on July 6, 1974, they moved to Willey on May 2, 1975, after a short residence in Carroll.

Denny's talents and perfectionism in woodworking, inventing, upholstery and foresight turned their 1918 house into a loving nurturing home. Blessed with four special daughters, Denny and Sue were privileged to be a part of a loving, sharing, peaceful community settled around the base of their lives, St. Mary's Catholic Church. Denny's commitment to St. Mary's, Willey City Council, Dedham American Legion and his service to his country proved his deep concern for his neighbors and friends.

Denny took seriously his love of nature and respect for hunting, fishing. He had a unique talent in auto upholstery, and took pride in gardening, his lawn and landscaping. But his four beautiful daughters, their husbands and seventeen grand children were his extreme wealth and God given gifts. He truly enjoyed the competition of ping-pong, foosball, fishing, and poker with his grandchildren, daughters, and sons-in-law.

Denny is survived by his wife Sue, four daughters and their special families. Anna Belzer (Dan) of Pella, Kristel Leib (Steve) of West Des Moines, Rachael

Schreck (Chad) of Mason City and Leah Worth (Jesse) of Ames. Seventeen Grandchildren; Aubrey Hill (Caden), Caleb, Simon, Toby, Lucy Sue and Hazel Belzer, Hayden, Bennett, Amelia Leib, Naomi, Mara, Sage, Thea, Gehrig, Leo and Anaya Schreck, and Luna Worth.

Denny is also survived by his siblings; David (Karen) Riesselman of Lake View. Allan (Cindy) Riesselman of Dedham, Michael (Connie) Riesselman of Willey. Lifelong friend/brother Michael Bayer of Carroll. His in-laws Sharon Warren of New Bern, NC, Ted (Angela) Broich of Johnston, IA and loving nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts and other very special extended family members. Denny was preceded in death by his parents Ada (Gill) and Lawrence Riesselman, his mother in-law and father in-law: Bertha (Soyer) and Alfred Broich, brother-in-law Keith Warren and many Riesselman, Gill, Broich and Soyer aunts, uncles and cousins.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude for your kind deeds, thoughts and prayers during Denny's illness and your attendance at his Service and Mass. Your sympathy is deeply appreciated and will be remembered.

Please join us for a luncheon and time to share Denny's memories in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the Committal Service.

The Loving Family of Denny Riesselman

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Words cannot express grief felt in our hearts.  
Dave and Ruth ((Conway) Schroeder



Ruth (Conway) Schroeder - June 20, 2024 at 07:02 PM

AW

“ Angela W. purchased the Memories 44" Sonnet for the family of Dennis Riesselman.



Angela W. - June 20, 2024 at 05:39 PM

ML

“ Very Sorry for your loss. Denny was a great friend and the family is special to me providing me with a great deal of support when I needed it. I considered Denny one of my mentors and taught me how to treat people the right way. He will be missed. Very fond memories of him. Great guy with an infectious laugh. Loved it.



Marty Langel - June 20, 2024 at 11:18 AM

KH

“ Dennis was an awesome and caring man. He will be missed by so many people. My prayers are with all of the family.

Kim Handlos - June 19, 2024 at 04:31 PM

RH

“ Rod H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Riesselman.

Rod H. - June 18, 2024 at 01:28 PM

A.

“ Arnie . planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Riesselman.

Arnie . - June 18, 2024 at 09:56 AM

MS

“ Sue I'm so sorry for your loss. Sending hugs and prayers to you and your family.



Michelle Schuette - June 17, 2024 at 11:46 PM

GM

“ So sorry for your loss! Your family has been in my thoughts and prayers.  
Gail (Haverman) Mlnarik



Gail Mlnarik - June 17, 2024 at 08:10 PM

LP

“ So sorry for your loss. Lois (Knobbe) Pasley

Lois Pasley - June 17, 2024 at 05:30 PM

VD

“ Sue and family sincere sympathy .



Vickie Schuler. DUFF - June 16, 2024 at 05:34 PM

PH

“ Pat Harrington lit a candle in memory of  
Dennis Riesselman



Pat Harrington - June 16, 2024 at 09:47 AM

PH

Sorry for your loss!Thought and prayers for the family

Pat Harrington - June 16, 2024 at 09:48 AM

KJ

“ Sue & your family....My sincere sympathy on  
the loss of Denny....He was a friendly  
mailman & always had a smile for you....Take  
good care of each & Cherish your  
memories.....R. I.P. Denny My thoughts &  
Prayers to all of you....



Kristi Schuler Jorgensen - June 15, 2024 at 03:18 PM

DB

“ *Dave And Judy Beyer lit a candle in memory of Dennis Riesselman*



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**Dave and Judy Beyer** - June 14, 2024 at 09:37 PM

JK

“ *Sorry Sue! My deepest sympathy to you and your family.*



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**Joleen Klocke** - June 14, 2024 at 07:35 PM

MP

“ *Our thoughts & prayers are with you. Such a kind man. He always had a smile.*



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**Marv & Kristi Pudenz** - June 14, 2024 at 01:34 PM

BB

“ *Sue and family ! Sorry for your loss ! May Denny Rest In Peace and we will have you in our prayers !*

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**Bob and Vickie Boes** - June 13, 2024 at 05:04 PM

BB

“ *Bob And Vickie Boes lit a candle in memory of  
Dennis Riesselman*



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**Bob and Vickie Boes** - June 13, 2024 at 05:01 PM

DQ

*So sorry Sue are thoughts and prayers are with you and your family*

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**Duane Quinn** - June 15, 2024 at 08:00 AM