



Dennis M. "Denny" Reed

December 1, 1949 - October 1, 2024

Dennis M. "Denny" Reed, age 74 of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 7:40 a.m. on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at home surrounded by family.

He was born in Concordia, Kansas on December 1, 1949 to Fredrick Darrell and Betty (Kugler) Reed. He married his wife of 50 years, Jane Sternberg on December 2, 1973 in St. Anthony Catholic Church in St. Anthony, Indiana.

He was a 1968 graduate of Superior High School in Superior, Nebraska, and graduated from Kansas State University in 1972 with a B.S. in Restaurant Management.

Denny spent most of his career as a District Manager for several keyboard manufacturers, including Kimball, Young Chang, Roland and Rodgers.

After a very successful career in the music industry, he and his wife Jane embarked on a lifelong dream of owning and operating their own restaurant, Mimi's.

Denny was a member of Truelove Church in Loogootee, where he served as their organist.

He was a member and Past Master of the Jasper Masonic Line Lodge #743.

He was also a 32nd Degree Master Mason and a member of the Scottish Rite. Denny was the Potentate of the Hadi Shrine Temple in 2001 and served as Past President of the Dubois County Shrine Club. He was very involved in the planning and management of the Hadi Shrine Circus, and was a Dubois County Roadster. He was also a member of the Jasper Moose Lodge #1175.

He was an avid supporter and sports fan of his alma mater, Kansas State. His biggest passion in life was music; a day did not go by where he didn't play a piano, keyboard, and even on occasion, an accordion. He loved to entertain people through stories, sharing his love of music, hosting happy hour, and spending time with family and friends.

Surviving is his wife, Jane Reed of Jasper, two daughters; Ashley Fair (Dan), Ireland, and Kayce Reed-Buechlein (Aaron), Bloomington, and one grandson, Connor Fair.

Preceding him in death were his parents.

Funeral services for Dennis M. "Denny" Reed will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, with burial to follow at Fairview Cemetery in Jasper. Pastor Darrell Arthur will officiate.

A visitation will be held from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Monday, October 7, 2024 at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper. A Hadi Shrine walkthrough and Masonic Line Lodge #743 memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

The family would like to thank the dedicated staff at Encompass and Brookside for the loving care he received throughout his illness as well as Gentiva Hospice. A very special thank you to his nurse Audra Fleck, RN, for

her great care and support during his final days.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children or Truelove Church in Loogootee.

Online condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 7. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - Downtown
214 East 7th Street
Jasper, IN 47546
(812) 482-4141
email@becherkluesner.com

Service

OCT 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Donna S Bevier lit a candle in memory of Dennis M. "Denny" Reed*



Donna S Bevier - October 07, 2024 at 05:21 PM

DB

Jane and Family, So sorry for your loss. The loss of your partner is so difficult, especially after 50 years! Blessing to you all from North Carolina.

Donna S Bevier - October 07, 2024 at 05:21 PM

CK

“ *Cynthia Kempf lit a candle in memory of Dennis M. "Denny" Reed*



Cynthia Kempf - October 05, 2024 at 11:07 PM

EM

“ *Our condolences to Jane, Ashley and Dan, Kayce and Aaron, and the entire family. From Elaine and Keith Mills*

Elaine Mills - October 04, 2024 at 05:46 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Dennis M. "Denny" Reed.



October 03, 2024 at 02:33 PM



“ Connie Werner lit a candle in memory of Dennis M. "Denny" Reed



Connie Werner - October 03, 2024 at 09:32 AM



“ Ashley and family we are so sorry for your loss. Please keep the memories close for comfort and know that you are in our prayers. Paul knew Denny from the Kimball days and we both knew him from "mimi's". I'm here if you need a shoulder to lean on during these difficult times.

Sue Habig - October 02, 2024 at 07:28 PM



“ https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid0Tq2RU58cWSjhwxvVsp2bMzYwxYBLxKg7fBheQWakwr2QBT3EH1Js6YguTyUAsN8fl&id=1350379243

Craig Smith - October 02, 2024 at 06:51 PM


MS

“ *Mark And Ann Schulte lit a candle in memory of Dennis M. "Denny" Reed*



Mark and Ann Schulte - October 02, 2024 at 05:51 PM

BC

“ Denny was like a brother to me when we met in high school. We enjoyed many great times together in our early years. After our 1968 High School graduation Denny, Tom and I took a graduation celebration trip to Colorado. This was such a special time and event, Denny bought a new car (well actually a used 1953 Chevy) for us to drive. The car had fairly used, but still fully inflated tires on it so we bought or rounded up 3 spare tires to take with us. Placed them in the back seat for some reason (perhaps that year and model of car had a common trunk lid opening malfunction) and headed west to Colorado. Three young guys having fun in Colorado celebrating their high school graduation together. Fun times indeed until at one point our 3rd or 4th day in, we discovered our motel financial fund was running short of funds. So short we quickly realized we didn't have enough money to cover that night's motel room expenses. A very serious situation until Denny recognized a solution to our dilemma. We went into the motel bar and found a piano resting in the corner. Denny asked the bar tender if he could play the piano, mentioning his musical experiences and accomplishments. The bar tender said by all means, go to it, so Denny sat down at the piano, placed an empty beer mug on top of the piano for contributions, and started  playing away. Dozens if not hundreds of eyes and ears quickly turned toward that piano corner, once quite and lonely, to watch and listen to Denny's performance. Everyone was so surprised at his talent our empty beer mug, turned donation container soon overflowed with enough green to cover that night's room. I will never forget that experience with my dear friend Denny!

Bill Collins - October 02, 2024 at 04:34 PM

DB

That was such a wonderful story to learn. Thanks for telling it!

Donald Harvey Boese - October 03, 2024 at 01:17 PM

BB

great story

Bill Blauvelt - November 14, 2024 at 04:47 PM

JR

Loved this story. I heard the story about the trip to Colorado but didn't know about him playing for tips. He wasn't someone who bragged about his talent. Miss him. □

Jane Reed - June 14, 2025 at 12:28 PM