



## Dennis LeRoy Trom

September 4, 2020

Dennis LeRoy Trom, born February 1, 1944, passed away at 76 years old with his wife and daughter by his side, on September 4, 2020. Dennis was preceded in death by his parents, Gilbert and Beatrice Trom; brother, David Trom; and his beloved daughter, Stacy Trom Gonzalez.

Dennis is survived by his wife of 56 years, Gladys, his daughter Peggy, granddaughter Emily, grandson, Joseph, sisters Maxine Gift and Eileen Koth, nieces Julie Reiman (Steve) and Bobbi Jo Matt, great nieces Katie Knutson and Kia Matt, and great nephew, Jacob Matt.

Dennis was born in Halstad, Minnesota to Gilbert and Beatrice Trom. He graduated from Hendrum High School in 1962 and married the love of his life, his high school sweetheart, Gladys Baardsen in May of 1964. Dennis spent his career in Rural Electric Cooperatives as an Electrical Lineman with Turner Hutchinson in South Dakota and Red River Valley Cooperative in Halstad, MN, instructor at Bismark Junior College in the Electrical Lineman Department, Safety Instructor and Director of Safety for the State of North Dakota, and Operations Manager at Redwood Electric in Clements, MN. After retiring in June of 1999, he and Gladys moved to Texas to be close to their daughters.

Dennis was a man with truly a servant's heart, and anyone that knew him recognized his love for God and his family instantly. He joyfully served as a member of First United Methodist Church in McAllen, TX, and was involved with many of its ministries.

Dennis loved his family deeply, and was always present for them. He was the first to attend and sit in the front row of Emily and Joseph's choir concerts, musicals, plays, awards assemblies, and Boy Scout events. He never missed a concert of his daughter Stacy either.....whether she was the student or the Choir Director.

One of Dennis's greatest joys was being part of Boy Scout Troop 68. Since Joseph started scouts, Dennis helped him and other young boys learn and live the Scout Oath. He always had wonderful stories to share about his scouting adventures with Troop 68.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held once Covid restrictions are lifted and we can celebrate Dennis's life in the Church he loved so much.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church, 4200 North McColl, McAllen, TX 78504.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:7

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dennis LeRoy Trom*

October 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ *Dennis LeRoy Trom*

November 29, 2022 at 06:40 AM



“ *I still recall asking Dennis to take the lead in starting the Upward Basketball program at St. Mark UMC. I needed an enthusiastic, can-do type of person with a heart for kids, and Dennis was that man. Of course, Dennis is a family man, so he soon had his entire family involved. Peggy and Stacy coached, and Gladys ran the snack bar. That program helped hundreds of kids learn to play ball, have a great time and learn they were loved by Jesus. And it all happened because Dennis gave his time and his talent to build that ministry. No doubt, when Dennis entered the heavens he was greeted with the words, "Well done good and faithful servant."*

**Laura Brewster** - September 12, 2020 at 09:10 PM

MJ

“ First of all from my wife, Darlene and I, our deepest condolences to Gladys, Peggy, and grandkids. I was a high school classmate back in Minnesota and considered him my best friend. We were football teammates and Dennis was quite a player. He was our kicker and the team "enforcer". He made first team all state his senior year. We double dated many times in high school and went to lots of movies together. For being a big guy Dennis could be heard over the whole theatre when a scary scene was being played. His screams were LOUD! I was honored to be his best man when he and Gladys got married. We didn't see much of each other after he moved to Texas but he will always hold a special place in my heart. Rest in peace big guy and will one day meet again throwing the football.

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**Marlowe Johnson** - September 12, 2020 at 02:43 PM

KS

“ I'll never forget serving with Dennis, Gladys & Peggy at our annual Inside Out event (1st UMC McAllen.) We all passed out hundreds of bottles of water at the McAllen bus station for many years. Dennis was our fearless leader! He hauled those heavy cases of water from the church down to the bus station and tossed them around with such cheer. He had a smile for everyone he crossed paths with. I was even blessed to have had some heart-to-heart talks with Dennis while sitting together down at the bus station. His are big shoes to fill! I just know he is handing out bottled water in heaven ... except when he's listening to his daughter sing with the heavenly angels! He won't miss a single performance! We will miss you so much, Dennis, and look forward to one day seeing you up yonder! Sending love and hugs of encouragement for his family during these dark days.

*Kay Sanderford*

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**Kay Sanderford** - September 10, 2020 at 10:03 PM

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“ Dennis was such an amazing man!! Many great memories of him laughing and enjoying life to the fullest! I'll always remember how he made Chinese food from scratch when I went to stay with Peggy and her family the evening before Peggy and I left for Colorado and Texas during our Senior year in college for a practicum and student teaching in their family car they let us drive across country. I know Dennis and Stacy had huge smiles and hugs for each other when they were reunited! I have been blessed by Dennis and his entire awesome family.....just by knowing them! 🙏❤️

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**Dawn Everson** - September 10, 2020 at 09:54 PM

LK

“ Lance K. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Dennis LeRoy Trom.



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**Lance K.** - September 10, 2020 at 09:19 PM



“ My Sincere Condolences to Gladys and the entire Trom family. I knew Dennis when he was Line Superintendent at Redwood Falls REC. He was always making me laugh from his wonderful heart. A quote from him as he always called me Kor. "Kor, sure you bring me and Stretch (Dale Christinsen--Renville-Sibley) to this swamp in Ortonville and expect us to catch any fish while you bring the "Big Dogs" to Canada. So the next year I brought him to Canada, Buffalo Bay and Dennis caught more Walleys that day than he did in a lifetime. All he kept saying was " KOR, This is UNBELIEVABLE!! I called on Dennis as a sales Rep. from RESCO until I took the southern territory of Minnesota. Always enjoyed seeing him and Gladys at the Line Supt's conference in Brainard, MN. After he retired, he moved to McAllen, Texas to be close to his family. We always stayed in touch and eventually I moved to Texas with Texas Electric Cooperatives, as a Sales Manager. Lastly, I had a golf tournament at Magic Valley REC in the the valley. I had an engineer on my team that couldn't make it so I asked Dennis to fill in. After many laughs, we didn't place. Stayed in touch with Dennis for many years. PEACE my FRIEND as I will MISS YOU!! LANCE KOR (LUGNUT)!!

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**Lance Kor** - September 10, 2020 at 09:05 PM