



## Dennis Miller

March 9, 1951 - October 4, 2024

In Loving Memory Dennis “Denny” Miller, age 73, of Schaller, Iowa, died Friday, October 4, 2024 at Nebraska Medicine in Omaha, Nebraska.

Funeral services will take place Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Schaller. Burial will be in the Schaller Cemetery. Visitation will be held Monday, October 7, 2024 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in SCHALLER. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Schaller is in charge of the arrangements.

Dennis Miller was born March 9, 1951 to Rex and Adelyn (Lindquist) Miller in Lake City, Iowa. He grew up on a dairy farm outside of Harcourt, Iowa and was very involved in 4H and the National Dairy Congress, showing livestock & winning awards at county & state fairs. He graduated from Gowrie High School in 1969 and attended Buena Vista University, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education in 1974.

On August 19, 1973, Denny was united in marriage to Darla Fitzsenry at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Schaller, Iowa. They were blessed with two children: Josh and Leah.

Denny started teaching in Russell, Iowa right after graduation from college. After two years, he took over the High School Band at Ida Grove, Iowa. After

four years, he left education and tried his hand in the Crop Insurance business. He returned to teaching in 1982 at Schaller, Iowa. After 17 years at Schaller, Denny started teaching at Northeast Hamilton in Blairsburg, Iowa. During his first year there, the superintendent asked him to get certification to teach Industrial Technology (Shop). For five years, Denny taught Band and Shop. In 2005, he moved to Central of Fenton, Iowa to take over the Industrial Technology program. In 2007, Denny left education for good, ending a 31 year teaching career. During his teaching career, he worked for 24 summers as a Crop Hail Insurance Adjuster in Iowa, Minnesota, and Missouri. After he left teaching, he worked at C&K Heating Inc. in Ames. He was a Service Technician, Salesman, Trainer, and Service Tech Supervisor.

Denny was an active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Schaller, where he served various offices including Vice President. He was also an honorary member of the Schaller VFW, marching with their HUPTU Squad in local parades and playing taps during military funerals. Denny loved music, especially the Beatles. For 15 years, he played in weekend bands every Friday and Saturday. Denny enjoyed traveling to see his children and grandchildren over the years, with a highlight being his family trip to Disney World in 2017. In his free time, Denny found joy in woodworking and making several gifts for family members. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Denny is survived by his wife, Darla Miller of Schaller, Iowa; children: Josh (Lisa) Miller of Washington, D.C.; Leah (Kevin) Allen of Elkridge, Maryland; brother: Dale Miller of Gowrie, Iowa; sister: Lois Brinkman of Lone Tree, Iowa; grandchildren: JD and Andrew Miller; Aiden and Max Allen; sister-in-law: Carol Miller; brother-in-law: Jerry Paullin; siblings in-law: Tamara (Pat) Davis; Dwight Fitzsenry; Janda (David) Radke; many nieces and nephews, extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Rex and Adelyn Miller; brother: Lloyd Miller; sister: Margaret Paullin; parents-in-law: Robert and Thelma Fitzsenry; sister-in-law: Patricia Miller; brother-in-law: Martin Brinkman; and brother-in-law: Todd Fitzsenry.

# Cemetery Details

**Schaller Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

OCT 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Schaller  
306 S Main St  
Schaller, IA 51053  
(712) 275-4205  
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com  
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

### Funeral Service

OCT 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Lutheran Church -- Schaller  
402 E Third  
Schaller, IA 51053

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dennis Miller*



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - October 07, 2024 at 03:16 PM

KM

“ *Denny's family ~ we are so very sorry to hear about Denny. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time! Denny was my band teacher for a short period of time (band wasn't my thing) and I enjoyed seeing him around town just about every time I was in Schaller. Good guy who will be missed by many! The Manteufels*

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**Kris Manteufel** - October 08, 2024 at 11:22 PM

MD

“ *I had Mr. Miller for a band teacher in Ida Grove. He was a great teacher. My condolences to the family*

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**Marilyn Dose** - October 08, 2024 at 04:51 PM

KC

“ *Katelyn C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Miller.*

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**Katelyn C.** - October 08, 2024 at 12:05 AM



“ Deepest sympathy to you Darla and family on the loss of Dennis  
Richard Starla Smith and Family



Richard Smith - October 07, 2024 at 05:03 PM



“ Richard Smith lit a candle in memory of Dennis Miller



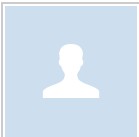
Richard Smith - October 07, 2024 at 05:01 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - October 07, 2024 at 02:19 PM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Dennis Miller.



October 07, 2024 at 01:18 PM

CH

“ C & K Heating/Cooling planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Miller.

C & K Heating/Cooling - October 07, 2024 at 01:18 PM

KF

“ Ken and Linda Ferjak purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dennis Miller.



Ken and Linda Ferjak - October 07, 2024 at 11:25 AM

KF

“ Ken and Linda Ferjak planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Miller.

Ken and Linda Ferjak - October 07, 2024 at 11:25 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis Miller.



October 07, 2024 at 11:21 AM

TV

“ The Millers, Smiths, and Valmoro-Speeds planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Miller.

The Millers, Smiths, and Valmoro-Speeds - October 07, 2024 at 11:21 AM

SM

“ Denny and I taught music together at NEH during 2000-2002: my first two years of teaching. Denny did a great job of choosing music and instrumentation that highlighted the students at our small school. He also loved telling me about his daughter's accomplishments in dance. I will always remember his sense of humor and love for the Beatles.

Stephanie Myers - October 06, 2024 at 09:51 PM

JF

“ Jerry Paullin and family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Dennis Miller.



Jerry Paullin and family - October 06, 2024 at 09:48 PM

JF

“ Jerry Paullin and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Miller.

Jerry Paullin and family - October 06, 2024 at 09:48 PM

RS

“ Rodney S. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Miller.

Rodney S. - October 06, 2024 at 09:23 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Miller.*



October 06, 2024 at 06:53 PM



“ *Deborah Zerfoss lit a candle in memory of Dennis Miller*



**Deborah Zerfoss** - October 06, 2024 at 05:36 PM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. Denny was an important part of our high school memories in Russell.*  
*Phil & Shelley Mason*



**Shelley Mason** - October 06, 2024 at 02:34 PM



“ *The Allen's and McCarthy's purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Dennis Miller.*



**The Allen's and McCarthy's** - October 06, 2024 at 12:56 PM

MN

“ Mike and Karlene Nuss purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Dennis Miller.



Mike and Karlene Nuss - October 05, 2024 at 06:55 PM

TF

“ The Stille Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dennis Miller.



The Stille Family - October 05, 2024 at 11:36 AM

PF

“ Pat & Tam, Matt & Eva, Chelynn & family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Dennis Miller.



Pat & Tam, Matt & Eva, Chelynn & family - October 05, 2024 at 11:04 AM

PF

“ Pat & Tam, Matt & Eva, Chelynn & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Miller.

Pat & Tam, Matt & Eva, Chelynn & family - October 05, 2024 at 11:04 AM