



Dennis Charles Harms

December 17, 1944 - December 11, 2025

Dennis Charles Harms, a devoted husband, father, cherished grandfather, and servant of Jesus Christ, passed away peacefully just after midnight on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at the age of 80. Born on December 17, 1944 in Sioux Falls, SD, Dennis was one of 7 children born to May & Charles Harms. He graduated from Washington High School in Sioux Falls and served our country for a few years in the South Dakota National Guard. He also worked at a meat packing plant for several years with his Dad and brothers when he was young. As that job was tough physical labor, he made up his mind that he was going to earn his pilots license.

Dennis was a pipeline pilot for decades, and logged over 13,000 hours and 1.5 million miles on the job, an impressive number for any professional pilot, and he was very noted for his flying abilities and love of aviation. Dennis often commented that he had the best job in the world and couldn't believe he could get paid and make a living at doing something he loved so much. His last few years of work he had transitioned to an Accounting position as health challenges limited him flying, but his role in Accounts Payable for Duke's Aviation Department in North Carolina also earned him accolades, and he loved still being around all things aviation.

It was in his early flying years that Dennis' job moved him South to Oklahoma, and while working at Panhandle Eastern Pipeline, he met and fell in love with Mary Faust. In 1977, Mary and Dennis were married, and they enjoyed every

minute of their 48+ years together. As most here know, Dennis' beloved Mary passed away less than 3 months ago. It is not surprising after being by each other's sides for nearly 50 years, they didn't want much time absent from each other in eternity either.

Dennis and Mary were a devoted, often quirky, inseparable couple. Their home was filled with love and laughter, black and white Westerns on the highest volume setting, and the frequent response of Dennis saying "Yes Dear" to Mary. Dennis could also be a prankster of the highest degree, and although he might challenge Mary's plans or wishes at times, in the end, they were both quite intent about serving each other, and others, with love.

Everybody loved to be around Dennis, he always filled a room with smiles and chuckles. In his ornery ways, he really loved to crack jokes and make people laugh. And as an avid outdoor enthusiast, from flying planes, riding motorcycles, to moving across the water in boats....he loved all things fast! He would share these favorite pastimes too. As an accomplished hunter and fisherman, Dennis would help teach anyone who wanted to listen the tricks of the trade.

In 2006 after the birth of grandkid number 4, he was very ready to retire and switch to a more in-depth role as "Papaw Dennis", so he and Mary moved permanently to Tulsa. Together they loved spoiling their grandchildren, and cherished times when David and Jennifer would go on a business trip or vacation, so they could keep the kids and immerse themselves in the grandkids' lives!

Dennis truly was a wonderful stepfather to David Lamb and his wife Jennifer, and a beloved "Papaw" to his 4 grandkids. He lived a simple but full life and taught us so many things, primarily to "not sweat the small stuff" and to put your faith and trust in Jesus. He and Mary's love story was one for the ages

and an example of devotion that we all looked up to. Dennis loved simple pleasures, especially countless Pitch and Poker card games with his family, fishing trips with son David, and of course the annual South Dakota pheasant hunting trips with his family up North. He really did live a wonderful life, one focused on the true things that matter—love, family, and the Lord.

Dennis and Mary's faith was very strong and their relationship with Jesus Christ was very evident and visible. Dennis was an avid reader of the Bible, and in true spiritual accomplishments, he read completely through the Bible 23 times. He often shared his faith and encouraged others in their spiritual walks. Dennis may not have been an outright "pentecostal," but he could always be heard softly adding to the background of family prayers, "Praise God, Praise Jesus, Thank you Jesus"....it was always special and comforting to hear his whispers.

Dennis is preceded in death by his beloved parents, May & Charlie Harms; Brothers, David, Rickie, Randy, and Maynard Harms. He is survived by his step-son and daughter-in-law, David and Jennifer Lamb; his sister and brother-in-law, Bonnie and Doug Guhlke and Brother, Jackie Harms, and his four grandchildren, Chandler, Nathanael, Noah, and Siena Lamb, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Celebration of Life Service for Dennis Harms will be held at 10am Friday, December 19th in the Chapel at Morada Senior Living Center, 2601 S. Elm Place, Broken Arrow, OK 74012 with a light lunch following in the Community Center.

Previous Events

Celebration Of Life

DEC **19**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Broken Arrow, OK 74012