



Dennis Molitor

February 24, 1953 - March 18, 2024

Dennis Molitor, 71 of Leawood, Kansas and formerly of Carroll, died Monday, March 18, 2024 at his home in Leawood, surrounded by his family.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 23, 2024 at St. Lawrence Church – St. John Paul II Parish in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Schott. Music will be by Jane Heithoff and Kathleen Macke. Lectors for the Funeral Mass will be Dennis' son's, Marc, Neal, and Dean Molitor. Gift Bearers will be Dennis' grandchildren. Casket Bearers will be Marc Molitor, Neal Molitor, Dean Molitor, Roger Molitor, Paul Molitor, Melvin Molitor, and John Molitor. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Friday at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll with a prayer service at 7 p.m. The casket will be moved to St. Lawrence Church on Saturday morning where additional visitation will be from 9-9:45 a.m.

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.

Dennis Charles Molitor, son of John and Eileen (Kenyon) Molitor, was born

February 24, 1953, in Sibley, IA

Dennis was united in marriage to Fe Socorro (Shirley) Parado on November 20, 1982, in New Orleans, LA, and together they raised three sons, Marc, Neal, and Dean.

Dennis grew up on a grain and livestock farm near Ruthven, IA. He graduated from Ruthven High School and from Iowa State University with both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Agriculture. After Iowa State, Dennis was the Agricultural Education Instructor and Future Farmers of America advisor at Sibley High School from 1976-1980. From 1980-1983, he was the Iowa State University Extension Director in Calhoun County, IA. In 1983, Dennis moved to Carroll where he served as the Carroll County Extension Director until his retirement in 2009. Dennis and Shirley relocated to Leawood, KS, in January of 2021.

Dennis was an active member of the community, serving on the St. Lawrence School Board, the Carroll Community School Board, and as a president of the Carroll Rotary Club. He was a longtime parishioner of St. Lawrence Parish in Carroll and later of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Overland Park, KS. Dennis was a dedicated member of St. Michael's Christ Renews His Parish and men's group and a Knight of Columbus.

Dennis greatly enjoyed coaching his sons and attending their games and performances. He was an avid gardener, loyal Iowa State fan, and Shirley's faithful travel partner. He especially cherished spending time with his ten beloved grandchildren.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents; mother-in-law, Felicisima Almazan Parado; father-in-law, Froilan Ballesta Parado; brother-in-law, John Siple; sister-in-law, Rosario Kuylen; sister-in-law Becky Fricks; and Godson, Tyler Molitor.

Dennis is survived by his wife Shirley Molitor of Leawood, KS; his children, Marc (Ilka) Molitor of Overland Park, KS, Neal (Tracy) Molitor of Johnston, IA, Dean (Abigail) Molitor of Chicago, IL; grandchildren Noah, Peter, Brooke, Luke, Ria, Theodore, Saige, Augustine, Charles, and Blake Molitor; his siblings, Roger Molitor of Port St. John, FL, JoAnn Siple of Rochester, MN, Paul (Patricia) Molitor of Ruthven, IA, Melvin (Margaret) Molitor of Spencer, IA, Marilyn (Michael) Hildreth of Brookings, SD, Jeanette (Ronald) Schwartz of Shoreview, MN, Geri (Fred) Walker of Des Moines, IA and John J. (Kelley) Molitor of Osage, IA; his sisters-in-law, Gloria (Jose) Quinagon of Sugar Land, TX, Celna (Alexander) Conforti of Sugar Land, TX, Linaflor Parado of Sugar Land, TX, and Cherry (Robert) Medrano of Missouri City, TX; and his brother-in-law, Jon Parado of Sugar Land, TX, as well as many nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Tribute Wall

KZ

“ Shirley & Family, we are so sorry to hear of the passing of Dennis. God certainly is watching over all of you. Dennis was so lucky to have your endless love & prayers, Shirley. Hugs! Randy & Karen (Lenz) Zubrod



Karen Zubrod - March 23, 2024 at 03:06 PM

SK

“ I worked with Dennis after the 1993 reorganization of ISU Extension as Nutrition Field specialist. I always enjoyed the time I spent in Carroll County and the time doing programs with Dennis. When in Carroll, Dennis would always do the driving. When we arrived at our destination, we would exit the car and Dennis would leave his keys in the car. I live in Des Moines. We take our keys with us, or when we return there will be no car. I asked Dennis about this and he assured me that in Carroll the car was safe. He knew his community and trusted it and the many great people living there. My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time.

Susan B Klein - March 23, 2024 at 01:13 PM

MM

“ Family, I send my condolences to you all at this time and I send the condolences of Adelante Fraternity, as well. I met Dennis when I joined ISU and Adelante in Fall 1975; his senior year. Dennis was always fun and welcoming and provided good, experienced counsel to me and to other new members/students. We grieve with all his friends and family.

Mike Molumby - March 22, 2024 at 03:35 PM

MK

“ Dear Shirley and family, we share fond memories of Dennis, and are especially grateful for our Village Inn Sunday breakfasts together in Iowa City when Dean and Abby were dating. We are thinking of you and you remain in our hearts. With love, Mary and Jim and family

Mary Kirk - March 22, 2024 at 09:32 AM

MZ

“ Mary & Jim Kirk, William, Sage & Zach purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dennis Molitor.



Mary & Jim Kirk, William, Sage & Zach - March 22, 2024 at 09:17 AM

MF

“ Mark, Lydia and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dennis Molitor.



Mark, Lydia and family - March 22, 2024 at 12:53 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Molitor.



March 21, 2024 at 08:31 PM

GR

“ Shirley, you and your family are in our prayers. You and Dennis fought such a brave battle for many years. May he rest in peace and you and your family always keep him in your memories.

Gary and Charlene Rupiper - March 21, 2024 at 08:08 PM

TP

“ Molitor family, I am so sorry for your loss. Dennis was such a kind man and always so supportive of agriculture and agricultural education initiatives in the region. His career in agriculture certainly made a difference in the lives of others. He will be missed. Rest in Peace, Dennis.

Tom Paulsen - March 21, 2024 at 07:14 PM

PV

“ Shirley, I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for you. Pam Vreeland

Pam Vreeland - March 21, 2024 at 02:30 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis Molitor.



March 21, 2024 at 11:37 AM

WN

“ Molitor family, We were sorry to learn of Dennis' passing. He did good work and shared himself with the community. May happy memories help heal your broken hearts. Our thoughts are with you during these difficult days.

Wes & CJ Niles

Wes & CJ Niles - March 21, 2024 at 10:24 AM

CC

“ Carroll Co Extension Staff and Council planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Molitor.

Carroll Co Extension Staff and Council - March 21, 2024 at 10:19 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Dennis Molitor.



March 21, 2024 at 10:19 AM

AT

“ We are saddened to hear of the loss of our coworker and friend. Dennis and Shirley were a special part of our work and personal lives for many years. We are so thankful for the many years of service that Dennis dedicated to Iowa State University Extension and for the knowledge he contributed to our important work. You will be missed Dennis. Thank you for being our friend.

Julee, Anjanette and Earl

Anjanette Treadway - March 21, 2024 at 10:02 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dennis Molitor.



March 20, 2024 at 11:13 PM



“ Shirley and Dennis were spiritual cornerstones in the lives of my parents, Ray and Irene Beckman. The Beckman family has always been grateful to the Molitor family for all they did for us. Shirley and family, we wish you peace at this time. Scott and Teresa Beckman and family

Scott Beckman - March 20, 2024 at 10:07 PM



“ Mark, Gail, Lori, George, Scott, Teresa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Molitor.

Mark, Gail, Lori, George, Scott, Teresa - March 20, 2024 at 09:59 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis Molitor.



March 20, 2024 at 09:59 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Molitor.*



March 20, 2024 at 03:28 PM



“ *Our sincere sympathy to Shirley and family. We miss you at SunnyBrook and New Hope Village.
Love, Valerie Ogren and Mike*

Valerie Ogren - March 20, 2024 at 03:01 PM



“ *Shirley Peters lit a candle in memory of Dennis Molitor*



Shirley Peters - March 20, 2024 at 01:42 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Molitor family during this difficult time. May god bring you peace!*



Jennifer Grandgenett - March 20, 2024 at 09:46 AM

KA

Shirley and family, Sympathy from the family of "Tex' Stock, and Roger & I. We are still in our winter home and will not be able to attend any of the services, but know that Dennis and you all are in our prayers. When Someone you Love becomes a Memory, the Memory becomes a Treasure.... Kaye & family

Kaye Stock Arndorfer - March 22, 2024 at 11:34 PM

RS

My deepest sympathies to Dennis' family. I am a food and health specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach and enjoyed working with Dennis when assigned to Carroll County. I remember my supervisor saying something like, 'You know Dennis has a good model, he offers a program, first in one community and then the next until he has covered the entire county.' I've never forgotten that model of good extension programming and networking. Whenever I was out and about in the county with Dennis, people know him, he had respect. Prayers and sympathies to your family. Renee Sweers

Renee S - April 01, 2024 at 03:57 PM