

Dennis Al Kessel was born June 21, 1949 in Dickinson, ND to Fred and Susan (Roth) Kessel. He attended school in Belfield, ND, graduating in 1967. He went on to college at Dickinson State for one year before being drafted during the Vietnam War.

Dennis was inducted into the United States Army on September 3, 1970. He served from 1970-1990, retiring as a SFC. He served in Wurzburg, Germany, Indianapolis, IN, Augsburg, Germany, Pusan, South Korea. Upon retirement Dennis worked for Stark County Social Services in Dickinson for approximately 15 years. In 2009, Dennis and Donna moved to Gettysburg to be closer to family.

Otis enjoyed spending time with family, hunting, wood working, cheering on his grandkids, watching the Denver Broncos, being with his wife, traveling, eating popcorn, and enjoying all types of sweets.

Otis was a proud member of the VFW and American Legion, having served as commander for a short time. He was an immensely proud veteran and proud to have been from North Dakota. He will be remembered as the ultimate military man.

Dennis' life will be cherished by his wife, Donna of Gettysburg; his children: Dawn Asani and Danny (Missy) Meinke, all of Gettysburg, Norman Kessel of Selby, Debi Labadie of New Haven, MI, and Chad Edwards of Dickinson, ND; grandchildren: Jessica Smith, Carlos and Joshua Garza, Rayven, Bishop, and Zoe Meinke, Skyllar Asani, Jeremiah and Jaden McNeal, and Shad and Seth Sharp; great grandchildren: Izaiah Velasquez, Jack and James Garza, Kiera Kessel and Kylie McNeal, and Legend McNeal; siblings: Fredrica (Mel) Obrigewitch, Juanita (Danny) Reames, Celeste (Richard) Shepard, George (Cheryl) Kessel, Jackie Anheluk Kessel, and Daniel (Karen) Kessel; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Fred and Susan Kessel and one daughter, Crystal McNeal.

A special thank you to Jenny Zweber for all the care and help she gave Dennis. Also thank you to the Avera Gettysburg Community Clinic, especially Connie Belford and Daylon Wigart.

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Dennis Al Kessel

June 21, 1949 - June 2, 2020



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In Loving Memory Of

Dennis Al Kessel

June 21, 1949

Dickinson, North Dakota

June 2, 2020

Aberdeen, South Dakota

Remember Me

Don't remember me with sadness,
Don't remember me with tears,
Remember all the laughter,
We've shared throughout the years.

Now I am contented
That my life it was worthwhile,
Knowing that I passed along the way
I made somebody smile.
When you are walking down the street
And you've got me on your mind,
I'm walking in your footsteps
Only half a step behind.
So please don't be unhappy
Just because I'm out of sight,
Remember that I'm with you
Each morning, noon and night.

FUNERAL SERVICE:

1:00 p.m., Friday, June 12, 2020
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Gettysburg, South Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Fr. Jerry Kopel

CASKET BEARERS:

Chad Edwards, Bishop Meinke,
Norman Kessel, Josh Garza,
Carlos Garza, and Demetruis McNeal

VOCALIST:

Bernie Stuken

MUSICAL SELECTIONS:

"Go Rest High On That Mountain"
"Because You Loved Me"
"Only Time"
"My Heart Will Go On"
"Amazing Grace"

INTERMENT:

10:00 a.m. MDT, Monday, June 15, 2020
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota



Gettysburg, South Dakota
www.familyfuneralhome.net