



## Dennis Paul McFarlane

April 22, 1943 - October 13, 2025

Dennis Paul McFarlane, 82, of Cedar Falls, died on Monday, October 13, 2025, at Western Home Communities, Thuesen Cottage.

He was born on April 22, 1943, in Cresco, Iowa, the son of Gerald and Doris (Orum)

McFarlane. He graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1961 before serving in the

U.S. Navy from 1961 to 1967. On October 27, 1962, he was united in marriage to

Michele Christason at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Waterloo. He worked as a

supervisor at John Deere until his retirement in 2000.

Dennis was athletic from a young age, immersing himself in high school wrestling and

football. His love of sports continued into his adult life, through racquetball, tennis and a

lot of golf. He enjoyed fishing trips to Canada with the Boy Scouts and Deere friends.

After retirement, Dennis and Michele began wintering in Texas and continued to do so

for 25 years. They traveled with friends and family on cruises and tours abroad. One of their favorite trips was to Australia and New Zealand. For several years, Dennis volunteered at Sartori Hospital greeting and helping many families. Dennis was the guy who could fix anything and happily would for others.

Dennis lived his Christian faith. He was honest, kind, helpful, and loving to all. He was the best husband, son, father, brother, uncle, and friend. He will be greatly missed.

Dennis is survived by his wife, Michele; son, Jeffrey (Jackie) McFarlane of Sugar Land, TX; daughter, Lisa (Mark) Rolinger of Cedar Falls; five grandchildren: Lauren (Jason) Finberg, Daniel McFarlane, Abby (Anthony) Montez, Allison Rolinger (Sam Nechkash) and Clare Rolinger, great-granddaughters: Kathleen and Isabelle Finberg and another on the way, and brothers, Gary (Sharon) of Slidell, TX, Bob (Rita) of Waterloo, his twin Darrel (Denise) of Springdale, AR, and Monty (Diane) of Cedar Falls, brother-in-law, Mike (Vicky) Christiason, sister-in-law, Marlys Christiason, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and in-laws, Milo and Marian Christiason.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at First

United

Methodist Church in Cedar Falls. Visitation will be 4:00-7:00 p.m. Tuesday,  
October 21 st

at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls. Private family burial will take  
place in

Elmwood Cemetery in Waterloo. In lieu of flowers memorials contributions  
may be directed to the church or Cedar Valley Hospice.

# Cemetery Details

## Elmwood Cemetery

226 Elmwood Street  
Waterloo, IA 50701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **21**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service  
615 Main Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 266-3525  
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com  
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

## Funeral Service

OCT **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
718 Clay Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
<http://aboutfirst.com>

# Tribute Wall

NS

“ Denny and Michelle were our favorite neighbors. We have many memories of sharing produce over the fence, storm clean ups and so many balls that made it over the fence for Denny to throw back over early in the morning so the boys wouldn't go a day without baseball. Found memories of a lovely man. Our thoughts and prayers to Michelle and family.  
Much love - The Strassburg Family  
(Mark, Niki, Logan and Maddox)

Niki Strassburg - October 26, 2025 at 08:42 PM

DT

“ Dennis was one of my closest friends in High School and beyond. Will always have in my heart his friendship. Our love to Michelle and family during this time of mourning Love always Dick & Judy

dick & judy townsend - October 25, 2025 at 07:04 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis Paul McFarlane.



October 21, 2025 at 04:27 PM

JK

“ Denny was a terrific workmate at Deere. He ran the gage department with precision and integrity, and always with a smile. I share your loss.

Jim Kerns - October 21, 2025 at 01:17 PM

JM

“ Michele and family, I am very sorry for your loss, my prayers are with you and your family.

Juliana (Judy) Lisby McClain - October 21, 2025 at 01:16 PM

JF

“ Jerry and Norma Montez and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dennis Paul McFarlane.



Jerry and Norma Montez and Family - October 20, 2025 at 12:28 PM

MM

“ Michele and family, our deepest sympathy to you at this sad time.

marcia michaelson - October 17, 2025 at 08:12 AM

BA

“ Bill and Diane Antilla purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dennis Paul McFarlane.



Bill and Diane Antilla - October 16, 2025 at 11:54 AM

GA

“ Dear Abby and Lisa: Sending you much strength during this difficult time.

gabriela - October 14, 2025 at 04:31 PM

SW

*I was very sorry to hear about the death of my double cousin Den. His sense of humor and his love of life will be with me always. My condolences to Shell, Jeff, Lisa, and their families. Shelby*

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**Shelby June Winslow** - October 17, 2025 at 05:32 PM



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



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October 14, 2025 at 12:55 PM