



## Dennis L. Remmert

November 14, 1938 - February 15, 2020

Dennis L. Remmert, 81, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, died Saturday, February 15, at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo. He married Sandra J. Cawelti of Cedar Falls in 1967.

Dennis was born November 14, 1938, in Traer, Iowa, son of Arthur and Veryle (Switzer) Remmert. Soon after he was born, the Remmert family moved to Mason City where he graduated from Mason City High School in 1956. Following high school, Dennis attended Iowa State Teachers College where he played football and earned All-American honors in 1959. He earned his BA in Business and MA in Physical Education. Dennis had a brief stint in the NFL with the Buffalo Bills before injuries forced him to retire. He returned to the State College of Iowa (renamed in 1961) as a graduate assistant football coach before heading to Iowa Central Community College to coach multiple sports.

Dennis returned to S.C.I. (renamed the University of Northern Iowa in 1967) as an assistant football coach in 1964 where he remained employed until 2001. During his tenure at UNI, Dennis coached multiple defensive position groups and served in leadership roles as Defensive Coordinator and Assistant Head Coach. He retired from coaching football in 1988 and became an Associate Professor in the school of Health, Physical Education and Leisure Studies (H.P.E.L.S.) at UNI, until he retired in 2001. Dennis was inducted in

the UNI Hall of Fame in 1991.

He is survived by his wife Sandra; two sons, Chad (Kristen) Remmert and Brad (Ann) Remmert all of Cedar Falls; and seven grandchildren: Olivia, Jacob, Sydney, Josie, Calli, Katie, and William.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Cleo and Elise; and a brother, Doug.

Celebration of life will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, February 21st at St. Patrick Catholic Church. Visitation from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, February 20th at St. Patrick Catholic Church, with a time of sharing at 7:30 pm. The family will also be available one hour before the service on Friday.

Memorials: Gifts to the Dennis Remmert Memorial Scholarship Fund may be directed to the University of Northern Iowa Foundation or St. Patrick's Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

12th and Division Streets  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 273-8628

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 20. 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
705 Main Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 266-3523  
<http://saintpatrickcf.org>

## Sharing of Memories

FEB 20. 7:30 PM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
705 Main Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 266-3523  
<http://saintpatrickcf.org>

## Mass of Christian Burial

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FEB **21**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
705 Main Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
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# Tribute Wall

TS

“ Coach Remmert always made you comfortable and welcomed in his presence. Although large in stature he was a gentle giant. He made being a junior panther a cool thing. Thanks coach for all those great UNI sports camp days of opportunity to be coached and have fun at the same time. All will miss you.

Tim Sulentic - February 21, 2020 at 03:24 PM

KN

“ My condolences to Brad and the whole family. Denny was a big part of the UNI football program during the years I was doing the play-by-play and he helped me a lot. We had many football discussions and sat down for many meaningful interviews over those years. Thank you, Denny, for being a friend.

Kelly Neff

Kelly Neff - February 21, 2020 at 08:28 AM

KM

“ Sandy, Denny and I have many fond memories of watching our boys play basketball. May God comfort you and your sons and families. I feel so far away in Arizona. Karen Mills

Karen Mills - February 20, 2020 at 09:45 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dennis L. Remmert.



February 20, 2020 at 05:50 PM

DK

“ *Sandy and family,*

*My thoughts are with you in this difficult time. Not only was Denny a role model for me as a student athlete and young adult, he was a role model for many others like me. As a two year graduate assistant, I had the privilege of working closely with Denny at UNI. He always exuded honesty, integrity, kindness, and competitiveness. He was a great mentor. He will be remembered by all who knew him.*

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**Dennis Kettner** - February 20, 2020 at 01:07 PM

SM

“ *Susan M. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dennis L. Remmert.*



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**Susan M.** - February 20, 2020 at 12:16 PM

TH

“ *Remmert Family,*

*Speaking for the Amvets Golf Group, we are sorry to hear of your loss. Even though it has been a while since He golfed with our group He is thought of and remembered for his friendship.*

*Amvets Golf Group & Coordinator Ted Hool*

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**Ted Hool** - February 18, 2020 at 06:03 PM

TK

“ *Remmert Family,*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. We count it a privilege to have known Denny both as a colleague and a friend. He was a wonderful coach, teacher and friend to the many students he came in contact with. Rest in peace Coach!*

*Tim and Cindy Klatt*



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**Tim Klatt** - February 18, 2020 at 04:21 PM



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



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February 18, 2020 at 03:00 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dennis L. Remmert.*



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February 18, 2020 at 02:34 PM



“ Coach Remmert was one of the best, instilled in all of us who played for him a strong work ethic, "On the field first, and the last to leave!" Always tough and kind, supportive and demanding, not many like him. He leaves a legacy in all of those he coached.  
Karl J. Krumm Class of 1972 UNI

Karl Krumm - February 18, 2020 at 12:29 PM



“ Condolences to the Remmert family. Denny was a role model and mentor for hundreds of Panthers and the entire community.

Dan McConnell - February 18, 2020 at 12:04 PM



“ Thoughts & Prayers To The Remmert Family...



Coach Touched ALOT Of Young Boy's Live's That Passed Through UNI & The Dome, Turning Them Into Young Men, Myself Included...



God Bless, R.I.P. & Thanks For The Memories Coach...



The Junkmann #45



Chuck Junkmann - February 18, 2020 at 09:01 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis L. Remmert.*



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February 18, 2020 at 08:22 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Dennis L. Remmert.*



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February 17, 2020 at 10:14 PM



“ *Coach Remmert was a first class guy, and a totally unselfish individual. He helped countless players and students find there way not only in football, but in life. He was a tireless worker, dedicated family man and excellent football coach. He is a guy who will be missed.*

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**Michael Kolling** - February 17, 2020 at 08:43 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss, Chad!  
-the Larson family (Scott, Diane, Teme)*

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**Diane Larson** - February 17, 2020 at 06:51 PM

JR

*I'm so sorry to hear this news of Denny's death! My husband Maynard Rowson (Who has passed away several years ago.). Always spoke very highly of Dennis! Julie Rowson*

**Julie Rowson** - February 18, 2020 at 03:46 PM

KD

*“ We are so sorry for your loss. This is so hard so soon after Jean's passing. Denny was always the gentlemen. Always something positive to say. What a good man and it shows in his family. We know he has left many awesome memories with which to cherish his life and legacy. Love you guys.*

**Kevin Duggan** - February 16, 2020 at 07:37 PM



*Sandy, I am so sorry for your loss, and please know that Cal and I will be thinking of you and your family and praying for you as you go through this time of grieving. My dad was also a football and basketball coach, and a wonderful mentor to "his boys". Ma God be with all of you and watch over you. --Joy Schacht*

**Joy Schacht** - February 18, 2020 at 08:09 AM

LL

*Sandy- Mark and I are so sorry to hear of Dennis's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all your family at this time. We are out of town and will not be able to attend but please know you are in our hearts and minds at this time. -- Mark and Lisa (Lohnes) Lane*

**Lisa Lane** - February 18, 2020 at 01:34 PM

MR

*I had the good fortune of having Denny as a friend and teammate on ISTC's football teams in the late 1950's. He was highly respected by both teammates and coaches. I have many fond memories of Denny. May the good Lord bring comfort to his family during this difficult time. Mace Reyerson*

**Mace Reyerson** - February 19, 2020 at 02:55 PM

KM

*My condolences to your family at this difficult time. Merle was a four year football player at UNI graduating in 1966 and always looked up to him as a great man and coach. We were married in 1965 and lived in the converted garage behind his home then! Merle passed away of bone cancer in 2019 and had been a college coach and AD most of his life. He learned so much from his college coaches. Many blessings to your family for strength. Kathy Masonholder*

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**Kathy Masonholder** - February 19, 2020 at 08:40 PM

DO

*We can't be there in person but want to extend our fond memories of Denny. Always smiling when we said hi. He was a great example of a Christian!*

*Laurie and Dave Olson*

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**Dave Olson** - February 22, 2020 at 09:40 AM