



## Denny Lynn Smith

August 21, 1963 - February 10, 2019

Denny Lynn Smith, age 55, of Albia, passed away on Sunday, February 10, 2019, surrounded by his loved ones, at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines.

Denny was born on August 21, 1963, in Iowa City, IA, to Raymond Benton and Ruby Pearl (Adair) Smith. He grew up in Fredrick and attended school in Eddyville, IA.

Denny worked at various jobs up until 2014. His last job was at Main Street Café. Prior to that, he was employed at Relco and was employed at R & S Sandblasting for many years. Denny loved spending time with his family and friends, especially his grandchildren. He enjoyed being outdoors, doing things such as fishing, riding motorcycles and 4-wheelers, and mushroom hunting. He had a great sense of humor and loved to tell jokes and make others laugh. He will be dearly missed by all that knew him. "To know me is to love me," and "Better me than you," were his favorite sayings.

Denny is survived by his best friend/wife, Jodi Criswell of Albia; a daughter, Heather (Justin) Steele of Fremont; 3 stepdaughters, Jackie (Dan) Criswell and Jamie (Quinten) Brown, both of Oskaloosa, and Jessie (Nathan) Criswell of Eddyville; a stepson, Garrett Luckett of Oskaloosa; 11 grandchildren; 4 siblings, Raymond "Gary" Smith of Avery, Lola Kirby of Eddyville, Terry Smith of Fredrick, and Connie Chichester of Avery; 6 nieces and nephews; and many great nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Ruby Smith-DeMoss; his stepfather, Lyman DeMoss; a brother, Walter "Benny" Smith; a sister, Carla Smith; a brother-in-law, Terry Kirby and a sister-in-law, Linda Smith.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m.-until the time of service on Wednesday, February 13, 2019, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia with Denny's family present to meet and greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 13, 2019, at the

Tharp Funeral Home in Albia with John Van Weelden officiating. Burial will follow services at Pleasant Corners Cemetery in Monroe County.

An open memorial has been established to the family.

# Cemetery

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## Pleasant Corners Cemetery

Rural Albia, IA,

# Events

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**FEB** **Visitation** 10:00AM - 12:00PM

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Tharp Funeral Home

116 Benton Ave., West Albia, IA, US, 52531

**FEB** **Funeral Service** 12:00PM

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# Comments

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“ I met Denny when I was 17. It was purely coincidence but we happened to be at same place same time. I must thank Tara and Steve and Sheryl for that. I didn't get to know Jackie till maybe 6/8 months after meeting Denny. I am blessed to know them all. Jackie I see quite regularly but I haven't seen Denny in must be years now. I will never forget the times I got to spend in same place as him. One of the only people I know that that could have been completely speechless and yet laughing so hard I peed . My heart goes out to family and friends. It's a rare thing to find people on your life that you remember with a smile so be grateful of the memories you have and then when you meet again there won't even have to be words!

Holly - March 03 at 03:56 PM

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“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Denny Lynn Smith.



February 12 at 12:27 PM

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“ Our one memories with Denny was at his house in Fredricks Denny Jodi Steve and Cheryl were all getting drunk on whiskey and Denny decided to stick his head in a running box fan Denny was a blast to be around we surely will miss his ornery butt

Cheryl Davis - February 11 at 06:51 PM

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“ The world lost a good man. I had many great times with Denny & Jodi. Denny made me laugh everytime I saw him. My last memory I have with Denny is a good & funny one. My one & only bike ride I went on with Denny. Everytime I think about it it brings a smile to my face. My deepest sympathy goes out to the family & especially to Jodi. You guys were two peas in a pod. Quite the pair. You had your differences & Denny sure was stubborn but you always seemed to work through them. That's unconditional love. RIP Denny.



**Jennifer ford** - February 11 at 03:12 PM



“ Denny Lynn I'm going to help carry you home today!! Seems like the old days! Lol! To many memories growing up! And I can not think of a bad one! It was a privilege to call you my brother! And one of my best friends..

**Tom myers** - February 13 at 11:17 AM

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“ To know you was to love you. We have known each other for years. You were one special person. RIP Denny.

**Betty and Benji Thompson** - February 11 at 03:00 PM

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“ I have so many memories of you! You could make me madder than hell one minute, laughing my butt off the next. I consider you one of my best friends. And this just doesn't seem real to me. Fly high my friend. I will miss you!

**Kelly Cavin** - February 11 at 02:44 PM

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“ Denny Lynn you will be missed,your smile,your jokes, I just close my eyes and see so upset because you had heard the kids were going to put me in a nursing home.came to the house, mad,and let me know that in no uncertan terms would they do that without going thru you first..I love you thanks for always having my back!!By the way the kids were joking.,We'll be there for Jodi and Heathers. Miss you so much!!Gracie

**Gracie DeMoss** - February 11 at 02:30 PM



“ It not good bye its see youlater old freind my family will miss ypu say hi to all we know on heaven you made it home rest in peace old friend

**Marlin coram** - February 11 at 02:48 PM