



## Dennis Lee Clair

September 11, 1956 - November 24, 2022

Dennis Lee Clair, age 66, of Oskaloosa, IA, passed away on Thursday, November 24, 2022, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines, IA, surrounded by his loved ones.

Dennis was born on September 11, 1956, in Newton, IA. He grew up attending school and graduated from the Albia High School with the class of 1975. In April of 1983, he was united in marriage to Mary DeWitt in Texas and to this union, 2 children were born, Jessie and Nikki. Dennis and Mary shared 39 years of marriage prior to his passing.

Dennis worked at Oskaloosa Engineering before going to work at Clow Valve Company in Oskaloosa for 19 years. He then worked at Cargill before lastly working at John Deere Ottumwa Works until his retirement in 2018. He enjoyed being outdoors, camping, fishing and hunting. He also enjoyed flower gardening and loved to dance. His true joy in life was spending time with his family and friends, especially his grandchildren.

Dennis is survived by his wife, Mary Clair; 2 children, Jessie (Erica Strunk) Clair and Nikki Clair, 4 grandchildren, Molly, Oliver, Lylah, and Pyper; a sister, Diane (Terry) McFarland; a sister-in-law, Debby Clair; nieces, Jill (Todd) Pfeiffer and Crystal (Ben Dingle) Clair; nephews, Kelley (Cinthia) Pfeiffer, Aaron (Aaleigha) Pfeiffer, and Jake (Briget Carroll) Clair; and his favorite

cousin, Val (Rick) Small. Dennis is also survived by many other cousins and good friends.

Dennis is preceded in death by his mother, Ellen Neoma Clair; a brother, Steve Clair; a brother-in-law, Jim DeWitt; and an aunt, Eleanor Naomi Rhoads.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 3, 2022, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Dennis's family present to greet family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, December 3, 2022, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Kirby and Jeremiah Selby co-officiating. A private family burial will be held at a later date.

An open memorial has been established to the family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 3. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
(641) 932-3129  
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

## Celebration of Life

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dennis Lee Clair*

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January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Dennis Lee Clair*

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January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *You were the Best Cousin and Friend anyone could ask for!! So thankful I have many many happy memories with you!! You will be in my heart forever!! Love you!!! Mary, Jesse, Erica, Nikki and kids you are in my thoughts and prayers!!*

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**Valerie Selby Small** - November 25, 2022 at 07:51 PM