



Dennis Glen Tanis

November 30, 1961 - April 28, 2024

Dennis Glen Tanis of Lake City, Michigan has departed this life and is now in the presence of the Savior Jesus Christ. Dennis was born November 30, 1961 in Grand Rapids to Glen and Elizabeth Linda (Kalee) Tanis and departed on April 28, 2024 at Corewell Health Butterworth in Grand Rapids.

Dennis, was a man of faith and prayer who studied the Word of God with a devoted enthusiasm. His passion for the importance and duty of prayer encouraged many others to, as he said, “Get alone with God!”. He displayed Christ’s work of love in his teaching, his many prayers for the hurting, in lending a helping hand and a giving heart. He relied on the grace of God and gave glory to God alone, as the old hymn goes “nothing in my hands I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling.”

As one redeemed by the glorious gospel of Christ he was deeply concerned for those who consider themselves Christian but do not truly know God. His desire for others to know the truth of scripture colored many conversations. Encouraging those he spoke with to examine themselves before it is too late, he was often heard saying “One cannot have an encounter with the crucified Christ, and not know it. One cannot have an encounter with the risen Christ, and remain the same!” He was well known for his one-line heart checking phrases. He would ask, “you say that you are saved, if so, from what?” or “Many are okay with an undemanding baby in a manger, yet few will

have anything to do with the demands of the Christ of the cross.” Jesus came to make peace between God and man. “Have you been to the cross?”

Dennis supported his family as a self-employed residential painting contractor for over 34 years. He was someone who improved everything that he touched. He made many relationships with contractors and homeowners through the years. We know many will dearly miss his humor, wisdom, fellowship and the ability to get something painted with remarkable talent and efficiency.

He is survived and affectionately remembered by his wife, Susan; children: Jennifer Harris of Alto, Mark Spangler of Jenison, Nicole (Zach) Taylor of Fife Lake; grandchildren: Anabelle and Zachariah Taylor; his mother, Linda Tanis; siblings, Debra Koetje and Darlene (Dave) Wolbers all of Florida.

Dennis was preceded in death by his father, Glen and two infant brothers.

A service to remember Dennis and celebrate the life that he has in Christ will be held at Calvary Baptist Church in Lake City, MI on May 11th at 11:00am. Burial has taken place at Garfield Township Cemetery in Kalkaska County.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Calvary Baptist Church in Lake City where Dennis was a member or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Garfield Township Cemetery

Previous Events

Service to remember Dennis and celebrate the life he has in Christ

MAY 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary Baptist Church
Lake City, MI 49651

Tribute Wall

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“ You were a very beloved husband to my mother and a special father to Mark, Nicole, and me. I will miss you dearly on this earth but I am grateful that you are at peace now. The pain that we feel with your absence pales to the pain you felt in your final year’s battle. We love you dearly and will always remember the husband and father you were to us.



Jennifer Harris - May 01, 2024 at 06:22 PM

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Debby we are so sorry to hear about your brother Dennis , we just want you and all of the family to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers, and that all your wonderful memories of Dennis help you through this very sad time.
Curt and Sally Mulder

Curt & Sally Milder - May 02, 2024 at 11:24 AM