



Dennis D. Essing

March 16, 1941 - February 1, 2021

Dennis D. Essing, age 79 of Kissimmee Florida, passed away peacefully at his home on February 1, 2021 after a brief illness. He was born in Fort Dodge, Iowa on March 16, 1941 the son of John "Red" and Adeline (Gutz) Essing.

Dennis grew up on the family farm, an "Iowa Heritage Farm" located just east of Pomeroy Iowa with acreage in the family since 1874. He served three years in the Navy and was stationed in the Philippines. Upon returning to Iowa, he married Diane Hanna of Fort Dodge, Iowa.

He pursued a career in Banking and Finance all his life. Early career positions lead to serving as Bank President for both Graettinger State Bank and Newton National Bank. His passion for farming continued as he would return to the farm to assist as much as possible.

Annual family trips from Iowa to Florida during Christmas break became a family tradition of playing golf on New Years Day, no matter what the weather. He moved to Kissimmee Florida in 1980. Career pursuits led to forming new bank charters in Kissimmee and Marco Island. Dennis married Sandra St. Moritz of St Cloud Florida in 1985. He was continually active in community affairs serving as a member of the Chamber of Commerce including several fraternal and service organizations. He was a proud member of the American Legion.

Dennis enjoyed golfing very much with family and friends, both local and international. He also collected antiques and pursued coin and currency collection. He had a special enthusiasm for the two-dollar bill. Whenever he would leave tips, he would always use a two-dollar bill. He was well known in the local community for his tipping custom and some people began their own collection of the two-dollar bill as a result.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents John and Adeline Essing; Merle Essing, brother; Linda Essing, sister; Sandra Essing, wife and Diane Essing, ex-wife.

He is survived by Douglas Essing, son, Brandon FL; Daniel Essing, son, Fort Dodge, IA; Lorna Stiles, sister, Exira IA; three grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

A Celebration of Life is to take place on the Family Farm at a date to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Dennis's name to the American Cancer Society.

Cemetery

Westside Crematory

Winter Garden, FL,

Comments



“ Doug and Dan- My condolences to you both. Michelle

Michelle Folk - March 11 at 09:14 AM



“ I met Dennis at his bank on Orange Blossom Trail and needed to borrow money, of course. Dennis put his trust in me and this started a life-long friendship. He and I, with our wives, Beth and Sandy, traveled in our motor home numerous times. I drove, Dennis navigated, and the girls manned the bar. Many great times were had. Dennis was also known for tipping with \$2 bills and drinking Budweiser original ONLY - in a bottle.

He was a great friend and helper to many people. I will miss him so much.

Rest in peace my friend!

Jeff Keller - February 09 at 04:57 PM



“ I met Dennis in the bank he had built on Orange Blossom Trail and as usual I needed to borrow some money. He trusted me when other people didn't. This began a life long friendship. I had a big motor home I had taken in on trade. I drove, Dennis navigated and the girls, my wife, Beth and his wife, Sandy manned the bar. It was a great weekend that I'll never forget at the Campgrounds at Sebastian Inlet. Great times!!

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Dennis was a great friend and I am grateful for him. I will miss him!

- Jeff Keller

Jeff Keller - February 09 at 12:34 PM



“ Met Dennis thru my Buddy JEF

As I got to know Dennis we knew many of the same people in the banking- building-business world - Went to a few NASCAR races with him- He always had us set up with Fried chicken from Publix & a pick pool with all the Drivers Names to keep the Races interesting.

We Finished a few of the Daytona races off at The Cabbage Patch.

All Great Memories spent with a Great Guy-

Barry Bryant - February 10 at 05:29 PM



“ Dennis Essing was a good financial advisor, helping us buy two houses and offered key advise as we retired 3 years ago. He loved jokes, golf and Budweiser and was amazingly patient and kind to my brother, Jeff Keller.
Rest in peace, Dennis. You are missed!

Candy & John Keller-Raber - February 05 at 05:39 PM



“ Please accept my deepest sympathy for the unexpected loss of your father. I know right now is a trying time and want you to know that I'm here for you - anytime you need me.

Claudio Mesquita - February 04 at 09:00 AM



“ Dennis was one of the nicest men I had the honor of knowing. Douglas you are in my thoughts and prayers over the loss of your sweet dad. I had so much fun the times we all went golfing, even if I couldn't hit the ball that well, Dennis was always fun to hang out with, especially at the 19th hole. May he rest in peace and may God give you comfort in the coming days, months and years. He lived a great life and enjoyed it to the fullest. Rest in Peace Dennis for you will be greatly missed. Jodie Carlson



Jodie Carlson - February 03 at 05:58 PM



“ I had many wonderful times with Dennis playing golf and especially when we played golf with his sons Doug and Dan. Dennis was a good friend for over 30 years. I got to know Dennis on a professional level when he asked me to invest in Osceola National Bank. He truly cared about his community and the bank was just an extension of his caring.

My his drives be long and straight, his irons covering the flag stick, and a one putt on every green. Thanks for all the wonderful times we had.

Martin Armstrong

Martin Armstrong - February 03 at 03:14 PM