



Dennis Jay Visser's life ended tragically on Wednesday, October 10, 2007 in a motorcycle accident south of Manhattan. He will be missed terribly by his many friends and family members.

Dennis was born on July 29, 1957 in Bozeman to Bud and Bernice Visser. His family also included his brothers Martin, Ed, Stan, Danny and sister, Gladys. Dennis shared many happy times with his brothers and Dad on go-carts they built on the family farm Dennis had just recently shared with his parents how thankful he was for all they had done for him throughout his life, and for the fun times they could have had growing up on the farm. They fondly remembered some of the shenanigans those boys had together!

Dennis attended Manhattan Christian School and Bozeman Senior High. He was a fast runner and a member of the Track Club. He was also on the Student Council.

Life was a big adventure for Dennis, and his passion for motorcycles started over 30 years ago He was a very conscientious and exceptional rider, although he never claimed to be a "biker." He loved to ride, and it didn't really matter what two wheels he was on Riding in the summers, he attended several motorcycle rallies, including Sturgis, Red Lodge, and the local Bear Feed Run. Riding his Harley, with the wind in his face and the peace and freedom it brought to him, is what he was about. Many of his friendships were forged through the motorcycle rides he took with them. He also loved to camp and fish.

Dennis had a heart that never stopped giving. When his brother Stan became ill with lung cancer just a year ago, Dennis gave himself unselfishly to help care for Stan in such a compassionate, patient, and loving way during Stan's last days. Dennis always stood up for the underdog, and cared for those who had burdens. His smile was like no other, lighting up his face and everyone around him.

Dennis was self-employed as a finish carpenter, and was well known for his exceptional work. He built the shop and home he lived in, as well as many of the items in his home. Jesus was a carpenter too, and Dennis was his craftsman. He was a beautiful man, and will be truly missed by all.

Surviving Dennis are his only son, Cody, of Seattle, Washington, parents Bud and Bernice Visser of Bozeman, brothers and sisters Marty (Laura) of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Gladys (Sid) Vis of Kelowna, B.C., Ed (Shirley) of Bozeman, and Danny (Diane) of Aurora, Colorado, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Also surviving him are his many special friends, including Jeanette Goodwin, Pete and Vicky Vining, Jean Woodwick, Jackie Shinn, Bunny, Doug Van Dyken, Gerald Hauser, Sam and many others.

Dennis was preceded in death by his brother Stan on Thanksgiving Day of last year.

Burial will be held on Tuesday, October 16, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. at the Churchill Cemetery. Friends who wish to be part of the procession of motorcycles will leave from Dokken-Nelson Funeral Home at 12:45 pm. A memorial service will follow at 2:30 p at the Bozeman Christian Reformed Church, Corner of North 5th and Villard. A visitation with the family will be at the funeral home on Monday evening between 7 – 8 pm.

“Thank you, God for letting me come to You doing the one thing I truly loved, riding my bike.”