



Dennis Proctor

October 14, 1946 - May 17, 2025

Dennis Wayne Proctor, a devoted lover and protector of wildlife, passed away at the age of 78 on May 17, 2025, at the University of Iowa Palliative Care Unit. Dennis was the eldest son of Wayne and Dorothea (Wycoff) Proctor born on his dad's birthday, October 14, 1946. Growing up on a farm, Dennis always loved the outdoors. Hunting, fishing, trapping was just his way of life. Until girls came a long and he fell in love with his high school sweetheart, Nancy Parks. In his high school years, he loved wrestling and running around with friends. Upon graduating in 1965 from Davis County Community Schools, he joined the United States Army, completing a tour of duty in Viet Nam. He was very proud of his service to his country. Upon returning home, he married his high school sweetheart on June 20, 1970. Dennis went off to college graduating from Northeast Missouri State University in 1974 with a degree in biology. This degree would allow him to pursue his love of the outdoors. His entire career would be with Iowa's Department of Natural Resources. The first half of his career serving wildlife at Rathbun Lake Wildlife Unit and the last half managing the Coralville Wildlife Unit. His calendar year was not holidays and weekends but opening hunting and fishing seasons.

Upon his retirement from the DNR in 2008, he continued sharing his love of the outdoors with his grandchildren, Hannah Proctor, Holden Zamastil and Piper Zamastil. He loved watching them learn to fish and hunt. In the last few years when dialysis slowed him down, he took great pride in sharing with

others what a great turkey-caller Holden was. He loved the Proctor Clan and spent as much of the summer as possible at the cabin at Lake Rathbun where the boats left at sunrise and often did not return until 0'dark thirty. He was most alive when he was on the lake, in the tree stand, or in the duck blind. Such a lover of the outdoors should never be trapped in a hospital bed.

This quiet, reserved, kind sportsman will be missed in so many ways. Left behind to carry on his legacy of hunting and fishing are his son-in-law, Pat Zamastil, his grandson, Holden Zamastil, granddaughters, Hannah Proctor and Piper Zamastil. Also attempting to follow in his footsteps are his sister, Rhonda (Fred) Humpal of Lake Rathbun, his brother Gene (Patty) Proctor of Bloomfield and brother Gary (LouAnn) Proctor of Bashor, Kansas. His wife, Nancy, and daughter, Haley Zamastil will just miss him greatly with no intention of carrying on his legacy. His sisters-in-law Elaine Faas of Ames, and Rita Parks of Indianola, many nieces, nephews and others will miss him and his ornery smile.

Waiting to receive him with open arms are his son, Jason, his uncle Rex who taught him to hunt and his grandmother Wycoff who taught him to fish. Also waiting for him are his parents and his in-laws Harvey and Icil Parks and all who have preceded him.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 23, 2025 at the Bloomfield Christian Church with Pastor Don Naftz officiating. Visitation with family present to greet friends will be on Friday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service at the church. Reed-Whisler Post #78 of the American Legion will provide military rites. In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established to Davis County Conservation, Izaak Walton League and the American Legion. Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation with Family Present

MAY 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bloomfield Christian Church
107 N. Davis St.
Bloomfield, IA 52537

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

AF

“ Andy, Anna, & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Proctor.

Andy, Anna, & Family - May 22, 2025 at 03:22 PM

AF

“ Andy, Anna, & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dennis Proctor.



Andy, Anna, & Family - May 22, 2025 at 03:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis Proctor.



May 21, 2025 at 03:15 PM

LF

“ Love - Matt and Robin Shaver & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Proctor.

Love - Matt and Robin Shaver & Family - May 21, 2025 at 08:29 AM

LF

“ Love - Matt and Robin Shaver & Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dennis Proctor.



Love - Matt and Robin Shaver & Family - May 21, 2025 at 08:29 AM

JP

“ We are keeping all of you in our prayers and thoughts through your time of loss and sorrow. We hope the wonderful memories you have of Dennis will ease some of the pain you may be feeling at this time. With love, Jerry and Becky Parks

Jerry Parks - May 20, 2025 at 11:53 PM

MV

Mike and I bought the property next to Dennis' Rathbun cabin 25 years ago and Mike's parents bought a property up the lane from us where they lived full time until his dad's death. Dennis was a kind and welcoming neighbor and we'll miss him very much.
Mike and Sue Vance

Mike Vance - May 23, 2025 at 09:02 AM

CD

“ I remember Dennis from our high school years. He was always such a nice guy. I know he will be greatly missed. My confidence to the family.
Cindy Ray Davis

Cindy Rsy Davis - May 20, 2025 at 11:38 PM

CD

Condolences

Cindy Rsy Davis - May 20, 2025 at 11:41 PM

SC

“ Another Classmate gone too soon. Rest in Peace Dennis. Prayers for Nancy and Family.

Shirley Schindler Couvillion



Shirley Schindler Couvillion - May 20, 2025 at 07:52 PM

GS

“ Nancy I know you and your family are going to miss Dennis very much. Thinking of you and your family at this tjme.



Georgia Stevens - May 20, 2025 at 01:37 PM

MP

“ I only was around Dennis a couple times in Bloomfield. My husband LES PADGET dearly loved Dennis all through school and their shenanigans. He talked often of Dennis and the nice family he had. My prayers go to Nancy and the family. God bless each one of you.



mrs Les Padget - May 20, 2025 at 12:36 PM

MP

“ Margaret and Dale Proctor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Proctor.

Margaret and Dale Proctor - May 20, 2025 at 11:21 AM

MP

“ Margaret and Dale Proctor purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dennis Proctor.



Margaret and Dale Proctor - May 20, 2025 at 11:21 AM

EG

“ Edward Gooden lit a candle in memory of Dennis Proctor



Edward Gooden - May 19, 2025 at 10:53 PM