



Dennis Kleppe Jr.

August 18, 1963 - February 10, 2018

Dennis Kleppe Jr., 54 of Thorndale, Texas, passed away Saturday, February 10, 2018. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm, Saturday, February 17, 2018 at the Hill Country Bible Church in Pflugerville, Texas with Pastor Bobby Pruitt of Hutto Bible Church officiating. Cremation to follow services. Visitation will be from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Friday, February 16, 2018 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale, Texas.

Dennis was born August 18, 1963 in Davenport, Iowa to Dennis Kleppe Sr. and Karen (Cawiezell) Kleppe. He married Angela Dianne Bridges on October 8, 1988 at St. Louis Catholic Church in Austin, Texas. In 2012 he began to reach he and Angela's dreams when they purchased their farm land just outside Thorndale, Texas. For the past three years, Dennis was the Facility Consultant Program Manager for the Texas Association of School Boards. Prior to that he worked as a Public Works Inspector for the City of Taylor. Dennis was a member of Hutto Bible Church, a former Scoutmaster with The Boy Scouts of America, and was a mentor to many.

He is preceded in death by his son, Travis Stock Kleppe; and mother, Karen Cawiezell Kleppe.

Dennis is survived by his wife of 29 years, Angela Kleppe of Thorndale, Texas; sons, Dennis Kleppe III and Tyler Kleppe both of Thorndale, Texas;

father, Dennis Kleppe Sr. of Decatur, Illinois; sister, DiAnn Kleppe of Bennett, Iowa; as well as many extended family members and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations are appreciated; Hutto Bible Church, Attn; Wilderness Ridge, 301 West Street, Hutto, Texas 78634.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **16**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale
1041 West Highway 79
Rockdale, TX 76567
(512) 446-5454
phillips_luckey@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Church Service

FEB **17**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Hill Country Bible Church
303 E Pflugerville Pkwy
Pflugerville, TX 78660

Tribute Wall

RF

“ *Angela and boys.....I am so very sorry and shocked to read of Dennis's passing!! What a tragedy!
I'll pray for you as you grieve and for comfort of friends and family as you settle into life without Dennis there beside you. I have such fond memories of our being neighbors on Esplanade so very many years ago. May you feel God's touch upon and around you each and every hour. Sent with big hugs for you. Ruth Cherry
Fredericksen*

Ruth Fredericksen - February 17, 2018 at 12:14 AM



“ *I have worked with Dennis during the last three years at TASB. Although I did not know him as well as others, I always enjoyed having conversations with him during our staff meetings or projects together. I found his insight on work and personal relationships especially helpful to me as I was just starting out professionally and in marriage. He was always there with great advice and a thoughtful perspective.*

James Reese - February 16, 2018 at 05:10 PM



“ *My 2 yr old son Chase and I saw Dennis every Sunday. Chase and Dennis were buddies. Dennis would always smile when he saw us and ask for his weekly hug and high five from Chase. They had a special bond, and Dennis will truly be missed by us.*

Jen Dubbel - February 16, 2018 at 05:03 PM

PG

“ Our family came from a small town of Bennett, Iowa where school (in our time) housed grades K-12. I will always remember the times when Dennis aka Little Den came looking for me. I happened to have PE and when I looked up here he stood in the hallway leading to the girls locker room, just looking to see if he could find me. I had to take him back to his room a couple times as he would find his way back to the gym at lunch time to see me. He was a character then and he never changed. When all the cousins got together, look out. He was always smiling, laughing, and seemed to enjoy life. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. We have lost a wonderful and loving person, but God has gained another Angel. The last words from him came to me Feb 8, 2018 when he texted me, "I Love You and take care Aunt Pat".

Pat Griebel - February 15, 2018 at 03:34 PM

HM

“ My Deepest Sympathy to you! I cannot imagine life without my spouse at such a young age. My heart bleeds for you Angela! Having lost my Mom, as a young adult, I know Trey & Tyler will have a rough time. I will always keep y'all in my prayers! Lean on your faith and know that you will one day meet again in Heaven! He is with his & your Mom and also Travis now. Let that bring you peace. I love you !

Love & Hugs,
Helen Maldonado

Helen Maldonado - February 15, 2018 at 01:41 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dennis Kleppe Jr..*



February 15, 2018 at 01:11 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Dennis Kleppe Jr..*



February 15, 2018 at 12:26 PM



“ *To the Kleppe family, I am so sorry for you loss. Dennis was a good man. I worked with Dennis over this past year on a project for Lee College. Something I will never forget about Dennis was his contagious laugh. I could distinguish that laugh out of a large crowd. He also had this upbeat energy about him, which I always liked. I knew from the moment I met him that we were going to work great together. He will be missed.*

-From the entire Manhattan Construction Team

John Raymond - February 15, 2018 at 10:39 AM



“ *Funeral Services are at Hill Country Bible Church Pflugerville, 303 East Pflugerville Parkway, Pflugerville, TX 78660*

Kleppe - February 14, 2018 at 09:29 PM

CG

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Dennis is not gone, just away! One day you will be reunited with him in our Heavenly Home. Remember the times that you had with Dennis! Why Dennis was called home at such a early age can only be answered by our Heavenly Father. He called Dennis home to be by his side to help prepare a place for his love ones and friends. No words can ease the pain you are feeling at this time. Stay strong and put it in God's hands. God bless you and be with you all during this time of sorrow.



Cynthia & George Galbreath - February 14, 2018 at 02:00 PM

HE

“ Darn good looking man and his wife Angela was always over the moon for him. They were also each others best friends and I loved that. I learned from their marriage what strength looked like. He was the hardest working man I know other then my own husband...was a real manly kind of man and a great father and husband and friend to all. He will be truly missed and I pray that everyone will keep my good friend Angela and her sons in constant prayers as well as really be there for them. This family as been dealt more then anyone I know, please open up your hearts in remembrance of their horrible loss of a father and son and see what you can do....I love this family so very much . Holly Eller

Holly Eller - February 14, 2018 at 01:45 PM

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Holly Eller - February 14, 2018 at 01:25 PM

DW

“ *March 1973 we moved down the road from Grandma and Grandpa Kleppe and I knew there was a boy that lived there, a neighbor boy, maybe a friend. A little while later one day this person came walking down the road, came right in the house, went to the cupboard got a glass, went to the sink filled it, drank it down, and then looked at me and said "Hi, I'm Dennis" and the rest is history. Dozens and dozens and hundreds of memories. We grew up together. Dennis and I had sister(s) and we were brothers.*

Dave Wilson

Dave Wilson - February 13, 2018 at 07:53 PM



“ I remember the day Dennis and his friend loaded a car with their possessions and headed to TX, he wanted to work on the pipeline. Well he got hired the same day he applied for a construction job the same day he applied. He worked 10 hours, didn't have any lunch, etc. He was a very determined person with dreams which were fulfilled when he got married, had 3 beautiful boys and when he and Angela bought their farm. He was a true Iowa farm boy at heart. Adding livestock to his acreage was such a joy for Dennis, Angela and the boys. He was a hard worker, going to college working a full time job, not an easy task. He was very dedicated to his marriage and raising his boys. He came up for his cousin Scott's Iowa wedding last year. We are so glad he did as it was the last time we got to see him. He was a wonderful person and a true friend to everyone. I am his aunt Karen and will truly miss hearing his laugh and his always calling me "antique". God bless you Dennis, heaven truly gained an angel.

 karen meinert - February 13, 2018 at 05:22 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Dennis Kleppe Jr..



 February 13, 2018 at 05:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis Kleppe Jr..



 February 13, 2018 at 04:05 PM

SC

“ Dennis was always such a trooper. I was his babysitter in Iowa. We had so much fun playing games and eating junk food. It was not the easiest job to get two little kiddos (Denny and DiAnn) to bed at night. 9 pm was their bedtime. Well, I finally got both of them to bed and sort of to sleep and went downstairs to wait for Denny and Karen to come home. Turned on TV and got a weather alert , tornado headed for Sunbury...Okay get the kids out of bed, upstairs, and go to the basement as the house they were living in was a big house on a big flat land area. Well, the night for the kids was shortened but they had a good time going thru stuff in the basement. Thank goodness the power stayed on as two kids in the dark in an unknown (to me) basement would have been more challenging than I would want to handle. Tornado passed without damage. Yep, he and DiAnn were both very cute kiddos, and pleasant to be around, even at an early age.

shelley wilson, cousin - February 13, 2018 at 02:22 PM

AM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Amber Meinardus - February 13, 2018 at 02:12 PM