

### **When Tomorrow Starts Without Me**

When tomorrow starts without me, And I'm not here to see  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes, Are filled with tears for me

I wish so much you wouldn't cry, The way you did today  
While thinking of the many things, We didn't get to say

I know how much you love me, As much as I love you  
And each time you think of me, I know you'll miss me too

But when tomorrow starts without me, Please try to understand  
That an angel came and called my name, And took me by the hand

And said my place was ready, In Heaven far above  
And that I'd have to leave behind, All those I dearly love

But when I walked through Heaven's gate, I felt so much at home  
When God looked down and smiled at me, From His great golden throne

He said this is eternity, And all I promised you  
Today your life on earth is past, But here it starts anew

I promise no tomorrow, For today will always last  
And since each day's the same way, There's no longing for the past

So when tomorrow starts without me, Don't think we're far apart  
For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart

## *Celebrating the Life of* **Dennis D. Tillman**



### ***Sunrise***

July 22, 1943  
Shenandoah, Iowa

### ***Sunset***

July 13, 2023  
Shenandoah, Iowa

***Celebration of Life Funeral Service***

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Shenandoah, Iowa

Friday, July 21, 2023: 11:00 a.m.

***Words of Comfort*** ~ Pastor Lowell Hennigs

***Organist*** ~ Steve Richardson

***Memorial Register*** ~ Roby Martin & Karen Erickson

***Caring for Flowers***

Amy Samuelson & Mary Alice Johnson

***Ushers***

Dave Monahan & Charles Maxine

***Songs of Comfort***

"It Is Well, With My Soul"

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

***Casket Bearers***

Brian Erickson      Brice Erickson

Dave Erickson      Tim Erickson

Randy Burns      Mark Johnson

***Honorary Casket Bearers***

Roger Martin      Terry Broyles

Tom Berrier      Randy Carlson

Rich Wallace      Allan Jordan

Steve Masters

***Private Family Burial***

Rose Hill Cemetery

Dennis D. Tillman, was born on July 22, 1943 in Shenandoah, Iowa, the son of Orville Lawson and Virginia Marie (Hutt) Tillman. Dennis entered into eternal peace on Thursday, July 13, 2023 at this home in Shenandoah. He was just 9 days shy of his 80th birthday.

Dennis was raised on the family farm outside of Essex. He attended country school prior to completing middle school and high school in Essex. He graduated from Essex High School with the Class of 1961.

On July 7, 1984 he was united in marriage to Rosamond Davis at the New Testament Church of Christ in Shenandoah. The couple was blessed with 39 years of marriage. Dennis had a true passion for farming which he was involved with his entire life. He was an enlisted member of the Iowa Army National Guard. During his years of service he was the Unit Administer in Shenandoah and also served as a recruiter for Southwest Iowa. He also served his unit part time as an Infantryman. He retired after 24 years of service. He also worked at Sutherlands Lumber, Avco Finance, Mid-Continent Bottlers and Pel-la Windows.

Dennis had a passion for woodworking, hunting and fishing. He was a volunteer Range Safety Officer at the Pierce Creek Gun Range. He had great respect and admiration for the fellow volunteer officers that he worked with. He enjoyed working with the public and offering them advice on weapon use and safety. Dennis also had an incredible interest in American History and enjoyed traveling throughout the United States to visit areas of historical interest. Time spent at the family farm with his dog Nez by his side brought in great joy.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter Dawn (Tillman) Millikan; and brother Marlin Tillman. Those left to cherish his memory include his wife Rosamond Tillman; sons Doug Tillman and wife Teri, Todd Carr and John Tillman; 3 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; sister-in-law Mary Jo Tillman; other relatives and a host of friends.