



Denny Chesnut

October 4, 1945 - December 2, 2023

Dennis S. Chesnut, 78 of Lone Jack, Missouri met his Lord and Savior on Saturday, December 2, 2023, at Kindred Hospital Northland in Kansas City, Missouri.

He was born Thursday, October 4, 1945 in Olney, Illinois, to the late Morton Scott "Scotty" Chesnut and the late Dorothy (Fallert) Chesnut. Denny was a graduate of Newton Illinois High School - class of 1963. He then earned his Bachelors degree at Southern Illinois University and then earned his Masters degree at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City.

In June of 1967 he married Carolyn (Dean) Chesnut and soon after enlisted in the United States Army serving his country proudly during the Vietnam War. Denny pastored six different churches in his 39 years of service; he loved every one of his congregations dearly. He invested time in people and truly loved just sitting and visiting with them. Denny enjoyed working in his greenhouse and taking his harvest to the local farmers' market. He adored his dog, Chester. He loved traveling and had visited all but three states. Denny was an avid sports fan always rooting for his beloved Chicago Bears, the Kansas City Chiefs and became a fan of the MU Tigers when his grandson attended school there.

Above all he cherished the time he got to spend with his family. He loved doting on his kids, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Denny touched so many lives throughout his life and will always be remembered for his kind, generous, and loving spirit. He will be missed by all his friends and family that loved him so much.

Surviving are his wife, Carolyn Chesnut of the home; one son, Douglas Chesnut of Odessa, MO; three daughters, Rhonda (Michael) Wakeman of Holden, MO, Michele (Brad George) Shackelford of Warrensburg, MO and Samantha Chesnut of Lone Jack, MO; two sisters, Connie (Martin) Gorrell of Decatur, IL and Becky Fehrenbacher of Decatur, IL; seven grandchildren, Andrew Wakeman, Kristen Cox, Cole Shackelford, Morgan Shackelford, Abigale Chesnut, Elizabeth Wakeman, Rylee George; three great-grandchildren, Adlee Cox, Brysen Cox, Anabel Cox.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Beverly Matson; maternal grandparents, Ethel Adams and John Fallert; paternal grandparents, Harshel and Carrie Chesnut.

The family will receive friends from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Saturday, December 9, 2023, at Covenant Church of Holden located at 298 SW 131 Hwy, Holden, Missouri 64040. A funeral service will follow at 11:00 AM on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at Covenant Church of Holden. Burial with full military honors will be held in the Rose Hill Cemetery, Latour, MO. Casket bearers: Douglas Chesnut, Christopher Cox, Brad George, Cole Shackelford, Andrew Wakeman, Michael Wakeman. Honorary casket bearers: grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made out to, Arising Hope Ministries 1409 S. Pine St. Holden, MO 64040

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

2 Highway
Latour, MO 64040

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 9. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Covenant Church of Holden
298 SW 131 Highway
Holden, MO 64040
<http://www.covenantchurchholden.com>

Funeral Service

DEC 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Covenant Church of Holden
298 SW 131 Highway
Holden, MO 64040
<http://www.covenantchurchholden.com>

Burial with Military Honors

DEC 9. 12:30 PM - 12:45 PM (CT)

Rose Hill Cemetery
2 Highway
Latour, MO 64040

Tribute Wall

KN

“ Sorry to hear this. My thoughts are with the family in this most difficult time. Denny and I grew up a mile and a half from each other near Shamrock in SE Central IL. Kay (Fuson) Nicholas.

Kay Nicholas - December 09, 2023 at 12:03 PM

ND

“ Nick and I will miss Uncle Denny very much. We had the honor of having him officiate our wedding in September, and we are so thankful to have shared that with him. I have been enjoying the stories from Nick and other family but wish I'd been able to know him better. He did so many wonderful things and touched so many people. Our love goes to him and his family though we know he is happy in heaven ❤️



Nick & Nicole Dean - December 09, 2023 at 11:57 AM

LF

“ Carolyn and family, we pray for you all, praying to God to help you through your grief. Our Father is a loving father. The Holy Spirit will comfort you and your family. We live across the street from you, Carolyn. If you need ANYTHING, please let us know.
God Bless,
Rusty and Leann Faulkenberry

Leann Faulkenberry - December 09, 2023 at 10:08 AM

BP

“ Continuous prayers and comfort to Carolyn and family. Our hearts are truly broken as we will miss him but know he is with his Savior.



Bronn Pav - December 08, 2023 at 11:47 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Denny Chesnut.*



December 08, 2023 at 10:03 AM

BH

“ *Galen's good good friend for over 60 years, he said like loosing a brother.. So glad to have visited this summer. Sympathy and love to all the family. Barb & Galen Hinkel*

Barb Hinkel - December 07, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Denny Chesnut.*



December 06, 2023 at 08:08 PM

PA

“ *Thoughts and prayers for all of your family. My best friend Becky thought the world of her big brother. ❤️*



Patti Albert - December 06, 2023 at 10:51 AM

MR

“ *This saddens me so! Denny was such a a huge part of our family's life helping us through many difficult times. We had no idea he was not well. We loved him and will miss him so much!*



Mike Redmann - December 05, 2023 at 11:18 PM

JM

“ Chestnut family Barbara and I send our prayers and condolences to all of Dennis family members. I remember fondly many of the conversations I had with Denny while I was principal at Holden High School.

All my thoughts and prayers will have Denny in them. All of you should be very proud to have had him in their lives.

*Peace be with you
Jim and Barbara Moore*

jim moore - December 05, 2023 at 08:21 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Denny Chesnut.



December 05, 2023 at 04:52 PM

MS

“ 2 files added to the album Denny



Marshall Stewart Sr - December 05, 2023 at 01:52 PM

JW

We are so sorry!! We are glad for the time we got to know you both at LJBC. Thinking of and praying for your family during this difficult time. In Christian love. John & Sharon West

John & Sharon West - December 08, 2023 at 05:56 PM