



Wendell Elmer Erwin Dietrich

July 27, 1940 - February 9, 2025

Wendell Dietrich, 84, of New London, Minnesota, passed away Sunday, February 9, 2025, at the Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa. He had been staying with his daughter and son-in-law in Oskaloosa at the time of his death.

Wendell Elmer Erwin Dietrich, son of Arthur and Vivian (Schave) Dietrich was born July 27, 1940, in Decorah, Iowa. Wendell graduated from Dumont High School in 1958. Wendell spent his entire career in the telephone industry starting as a telephone pole and line installer. While traveling for work, Wendell met Joy Nielsen in Ferron, Utah. Wendell and Joy married on November 18, 1960, at Joy's family farm in Utah.

Wendell's career continued to move the family around the country, including states like Utah, Texas, Iowa, and Minnesota. Wendell and Joy were blessed with three children: Wendy, Trudy, and Douglas. The family eventually settled in New London, Minnesota, in 1981. Wendell enjoyed putting in the garden and feeding the ducks and geese in their back yard. He had a gift for electronic tinkering. In retirement he utilized this skill to help other seniors with computer issues. Wendell and Joy were long-term members of Peace Lutheran Church in New London.

Wendell is survived by daughters Wendy (Greg) Meyer of Oskaloosa, Iowa,

Trudy (Victor) Johnson of Inver Grove Heights, MN, and son Doug Dietrich of New Prague, MN. Brother Steven (Carolyn) Dietrich of Titonka, IA. Grandchildren Tiffany (Alan) Bagley, Nathan Meyer, Ashley (Brandon) Presley, Bailey Johnson, Adam Johnson, Evan Johnson, and Andrew Dietrich, eight great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Wendell was preceded in death by his parents Arthur and Vivian Dietrich, his wife Joy, and sister Joan Nolte.

Private family services will take place in New London, Minnesota, at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ Wendy, So sorry to hear of the passing of your father . You and your family is in my thoughts and prayers , now and in the days ahead .



Mary & Robert Pinegar - February 13, 2025 at 01:08 PM

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“ My condolences go out to Wendy, Greg and their family. Losing a parent is so heartbreaking. My thoughts are with you all.

Donna McBurney

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