

Name: Dennis Raymond Goniwicha

**Age:** 83

Hometown: Owendale

Funeral Date: June 02, 2023

Date of Birth: August 09, 1939

Date of Passing: May 30, 2023

**Funeral Home: Kaufman Funeral Home** 

## **Funeral Information**

In respecting Denny's wishes, the family asks that in lieu of flowers, a donation be made to a children's charity of your choosing (St. Jude's Children's Hospital was Denny & Grace's preferred) or the family discretionary fund. The family would also like to extend their sincerest gratitude to the staff of Fiddler's Green and Promedica Hospice for all of the care and help they rendered to Dennis these last few years. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, June 2, 2023 at 3:00 PM at Good Sheperd Parish – St. Columbkille Catholic Church of Sheridan Corners. Visitation will be held on Friday from 1:00 PM until the service time at 3:00 PM at the church. Condolences may be shared at www.kaufmanfuneralhome.com

## **Family of the Deceased**

Dennis is survived by his brothers, Richard Goniwicha, Joseph (Mary) Goniwicha, and Allen Gunn; sister Sherry (Bob) Swartz; son, Derek Goniwicha; daughters Sheila Errer and Dana (Ronnie) Irion; son-in-law Troy Smith; grandchildren, Scott (Crystal Blackstock) Langley, Michael (Krystal) Smith, Ashley (Zachary) Fritz, Brandon Errer, Devin Irion, Kendal Irion, Ryan Irion, and Alexis Phillips-

Goniwicha; and many great grandchildren; all whom he loved dearly. Dennis was preceded in death by his brother Ronald Goniwicha; sister Phyllis Talaski; and his daughter Tina Smith.

## **Biography**

Dennis Raymond Goniwicha, 83, of Owendale, returned home to our heavenly father on May 30, 2023. Dennis was born August 9, 1939 to the late Sylvester and Helen Goniwicha in Marysville. He was raised on the family farm in Rapson, attended Eccles Country School and Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic School, and worked several agricultural jobs before enlisting in the United States Army. He served in the 2nd Armored Division from 1960-1962, having been deployed to Augsburg, Germany. Upon his return home from the military, while visiting his sister and brother-in-law, Dennis met the love of his life, Grace Denton. They were united in marriage on November 30, 1963 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rapson. She preceded him in death on August 12, 2020. Dennis was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus and a longtime parishioner of Good Shepherd Parish, St. Columbkille Church. He loved spending time outdoors with his children and grandchildren; fishing, hunting, or gardening.