



Denny Wahn

August 21, 1952 - October 19, 2021

Dennis "Denny" Ray Wahn, 69 of Higginsville, Missouri passed away on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at Lafayette Regional Health Center in Lexington, Missouri.

He was born Thursday, August 21, 1952 in Higginsville and was the son of the late Elmer Wahn Jr. and Shirley Wahn of Higginsville, and the late Betty and Leland Schelp. Denny attended Lafayette County C-1 High School in Higginsville. He was the loving husband of Jennifer Wahn (Anderson).

He spent his career working in commercial maintenance for the Lafayette County C-1 School District, Higginsville Parks and Rec., and also spent some time working for the Good Shepherd Nursing Home in Concordia, Missouri.

He was a member of the Salem United Church of Christ. Denny enjoyed fishing, hunting, and loved camping. He was an avid sports fan and was a faithful fan of the Chiefs, Royals, and Mizzou.

His passion in life was local sports. He spent 35 years umpiring and officiating baseball, softball and basketball games. He coached baseball and softball for 30 plus years. He had a hand in bringing little league football to Higginsville.

He won two state softball championships, had many local baseball world series appearances, had two players make the all national USSSA team, and had a pitcher drafted to the minor leagues. Denny loved coaching his children, grandchildren and "adopted players" over the years. Not only did he coach thousands of kids over three decades, he mentored and influenced all of his athletes. He enjoyed watching them grow up and mature into young men and

women.

His absence will be deeply felt by this community, his friends and his loved ones. He will be truly missed by all who came to know him.

Surviving are his wife, Jennifer of the home; step-mother, Shirley Wahn of Higginsville; one son, Jeff (Dakota) Wahn of Lexington, three daughters, Jennifer (Cory) Zuehlsdorf of Higginsville, Jamie Box of Lexington, and Madison Wahn of Higginsville; three brothers, Doug (Phyllis) Wahn of Lee's Summit, MO, Rick (Wanda) Wahn of Attalla, AL, Brian (Sherry) Wahn of Blue Springs, MO; two half brothers, Tim Schelp of Sweet Springs, MO, Mark Schelp of Concordia; seven grandchildren, Tanner (Morgan) Wahn, Cameron (Haylee) Zuehlsdorf, Hunter Zuehlsdorf (Randi O'Reilly), Dakota Hall, Brienna Nichols, Alie Nichols, Mekenzie Box; five great-grandchildren, Brexley, Blake, Sawyer, Hudson, and Camden.

He was preceded in death by his father, Elmer Wahn Jr.; mother, Betty Schelp; step-father, Leland Schelp; and one sister, Connie Bayless.

The family will receive friends from 4pm-7pm on Sunday, October 24, 2021 at Stewart-Hoefer Funeral Home located at 1600 Main St. Higginsville, MO.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 AM on Monday, October 25, 2021 at Salem United Church of Christ with Rev. Dr. Tommy Faris officiating. Interment will follow in the Higginsville City Cemetery. Casket Bearers: Tanner Wahn, Cory Zuehlsdorf, Cameron Zuehlsdorf, Hunter Zuehlsdorf, Mark Kays, Shane Cooper. Honorary Casket Bearers: Dakota Hall, Aaron Haynes, Russ Mayden, Dan Rumsey.

Memorial contributions may be made out to Family Choice.

Cemetery Details

City Cemetery

2275-2491 Lipper Ave.
Higginsville, MO 64037

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart-Hoefer Funeral Home, Inc.
1600 Main St.
Higginsville, MO 64037
1-660-584-3400
hoeferfuneralhome@gmail.com
<http://www.stewarthoeferfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

OCT **25**. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Salem United Church of Christ
1500 N Main St.
Higginsville, MO 64037
salemucc@ctcis.net
<http://www.salemucchigginsville.org>

Tribute Wall



“ Dad hope u doing well up there and flying high. I know we didn't talk alot over the last few years but we think about u all the time and talk about sports and the memories. I know your up there in heaven with all the loved ones but just down here your missed as well



Jeff Wahn - October 23, 2023 at 03:01 AM



“ Denny Wahn

October 22, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ Denny Wahn

October 07, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ Denny Wahn

October 06, 2023 at 07:00 AM



“ Denny Wahn

January 31, 2023 at 02:49 AM

GL

“ Denny officiated many games in basketball, baseball and softball for me while I was athletic director and coach at Santa Fe. And, my youngest played on an All-Star team that Denny coached. Always a professional and gave 100% effort on the field and court. My deepest prayers and sympathies to the family. May he Rest In Peace.

Gary Littrell - November 17, 2021 at 10:35 AM

BB

“ Denny was always passionate about sports. I can always remember him watching some kind of game on tv after a big lunch or dinner at family get togethers. He knew the game better than anyone I knew. He was a very kind person and a great family man. Thoughts and prayers to Madison, Jennifer, Linda and family.

Ben Burnett - October 24, 2021 at 04:26 PM

Jamie
Box

“ Dad I will miss you everyday of my life until we meet again. I will hold all the memories we shared close to heart. I miss you so much already and I know that your ok and feel no pain now. All my kids miss you and we have their memories with you as well we all love you and miss you very much.until we meet again dad rest in peace love your daughter

Jamie Box - October 23, 2021 at 06:21 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Denny Wahn.



October 21, 2021 at 09:44 PM

JW

“ Dad we miss and love u we had 18 inseperable gears together and alot of memories when I seen u fri just me and u we had a good talk about fishing and the chiefs to hear u say u love me again was amazing and sorry I will never forget that. U are and amazing person dad fighter all your kids know how much love u bad for them I'll see u again one day and everybody gonna miss u down here but u watching over all your family. Fly high catch some fish and play a few games and continue teaching people up there in heaven I love u dad from your son



Jeff Wahn - October 21, 2021 at 01:15 PM

MS

“ You will be forever missed Coach Wahn. Thank you for not only being a mentor but a great friend.

Mike,Mel,Brady,Brennen & Maylee Slavens - October 21, 2021 at 12:27 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Denny Wahn.



October 21, 2021 at 11:44 AM



“ It was sad to hear that Denny passed. We were neighbors for almost 20 years. The only fight we had with him and Julie was a water fight. It was a grand time that day. He was a great man. To the family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Doug Bontz

Gregory Bontz - October 21, 2021 at 12:16 AM

BN

Hey grandpa its been almost 5 years since you passed and it never gets easier, Today was your birthday and I miss you and love you so much the pain never goes away when I think about all the memories we made or the ones we could be still making I am a officially a senior in high school now and I wish you were still here to walk me through it and guide me. And I have faith for me or just make me laugh that I would start crying with you and hugging I still think about every time you saw me crying you would hold me in arms and told me everything was going to be okay and that life doesn't get any easier but the pain will eventually go away. I love and miss you with all my heart and I will post again in October

Brienna Nichols - August 21, 2025 at 07:20 PM