



## Dennis Franklin Murphy

(Thank you to Pam Strothkamp for the picture.)

January 8, 1944—March 31, 2020

Dennis Franklin Murphy, 76, passed away following an extended illness on March 31, 2020, at Pocatello, Idaho.

He attended South Dakota School for the Deaf for one year before he moved to Nebraska School for the Deaf and attended the school from September 7, 1950, and stayed there until June 7, 1961. His mother married to a South Dakotan and they moved to South Dakota January 2, 1951. Dennis reenrolled NSD on September 3, 1958. He moved back to South Dakota after June 7, 1961. Dennis graduated from the South Dakota School for the Deaf in 1962. He eventually attended Gallaudet College (now University).

### **Added information-**

Dennis Franklin Murphy, 76 passed peacefully on March 31, 2020.

Dennis was born on January 8, 1944, in Chadron, Nebraska to Lucille Ethel (Whitley) and Lester James Murphy.

Dennis was left deaf after contracting Scarlett Fever. His life was lived valiantly overcoming the complexities that come with not hearing. His parents and grandparents were diligent in advocating for him to receive his education. He attended public schools and received some instruction from deaf schooling while growing up. He graduated from high school in 1962. After high school, he then attended Gallaudet University, the only school for the deaf.

Dennis is survived by his wife, Wava Murphy; children, Kevin, Shanna, and Lester; two brothers, Ken (Linda) Murphy, Rapid City, SD; Mike (Sherid) Homan, Papillion, NE; five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents, and two children.

Dennis's family has chosen to not have public services held at this time. He will be laid to rest with his family in their family plots.