

## UNCLE DENNIS

Dennis Sahli or affectionately known as Uncle Dennis, is the youngest male of 11 children from Fred and Lena Sahli. Uncle Dennis was born and raised in Aberdeen SD. He spent his whole life in the “city without limits”. Uncle Dennis’s red hair and red mustache set him apart from many other men his age. Later in life, the red goatee covered the facial scars from the bloody chainsaw accident. Sahlis are pretty prevalent in Aberdeen so much of the city’s charm is reliant on the Sahli occupants. Everyone in Aberdeen has had some interaction with a Sahli.

Interactions with Dennis may have been through his career as milk man. He did many stints of dairy work through a variety of dairy bottlers. He started as the ice cream guy. All of the city of Aberdeen was serviced in its ice cream wants through the back of Uncle Dennis’s truck. His nieces and nephews knew which truck was his and watched many parking lots for the big truck. Uncle Dennis’s job description must have included Uncle Dennis giving ice cream bars to his relatives. His generosity was always noted. His hard work as a dairy man took its toll on Uncle Dennis’s body. His 70 year old joints showed their age which was evident when he walked or even stood up after a gentle snooze on the recliner. Uncle Dennis is like all Sahlis and liked to tell a story. Listening to Uncle Dennis tell a story was like a vocal roller coaster ride. His voice would pitch and roll as he went through the emotions. Being afraid of the dark is often a trait reserved for youngsters; Uncle Dennis must have been a youngster at heart as his fear of the dark was ever present in his life. His wife Alma had to learn to sleep with a night light for the duration of their 45 year marriage.

## **LIST OF UNCLE DENNIS TRAITS**

Red Goatee DESCRIPTION

Youngest Male child of Fred and Lena PERSONAL HISTORIES

Afraid of the dark

High Squeaky voice when nervous

Kind

Long time Milk Man

Resourceful

Collector

Born Raised Buried in Aberdeen

Married 45 years two sons

Funny

Loyal to family