

Richard James Dennis

January 1, 1931 - September 1, 2021

Richard James Dennis, age 90, of DeMotte, Indiana passed away peacefully at his home on Wednesday, September 1, 2021. He was born on January 1, 1931 in Marlborough, Mass., the son of Morton and Dorothy (Mawry) Dennis.

On May 15, 1955, he married the love of his life, Kathleen Rose Denson, who preceded him in death on October 18, 2019. Richard graduated from Newark Community High School and also attended the police academy. In 1950, Richard enlisted in the United States Air Force and served his country during the Korean War. He later enlisted himself and served with United States Marine Corps Reserve. He served God, Country and Corps. Richard also served his community as a Police Officer with the Harvey, South Holland and Glenwood, IL city police departments. He eventually retired as a truck driver from Roadway Trucking, a vocation, he truly enjoyed.

Richard was a member of the Cottage Grove Christian Reformed Church in South Holland, IL. He enjoyed keeping himself busy by building models, including airplanes and other types of vehicles, making bird houses and bird watching. He also enjoyed and was fascinated with watching the bison herd roam over their 1,000 acres at Kankakee Sands. Above all, Richard loved his family and spending time with his children.

He is survived by six children, Cindy (Garry) Wollenzien of Alsip, IL, Christina

(Paul) Bennett of Kingwood, TX, Roger (Dawn) Dennis of Allegan, MI, Richard (Karin) Dennis, Jr. of Peotone, IL, Peter Dennis of Munster, IN, and Ruby Dennis of DeMotte, IN; Loving grandfather to Crystal (Manly) McIlwain, Jordan (Meghan) Bennett, Jade (Eric) Mueller and Sarah Dennis; great-grandfather of Kaiden, Pierce, Kenzie and Zoey. He is also survived by one brother, Robert Dennis of Walker, Minnesota.

Richard was preceded in death by his wife, Kathleen, his parents, two brothers and one sister.

A graveside service will be held at 1:00PM on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL with full military rites. Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte has been entrusted with his services.

Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project in Richard's memory by visiting <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org>

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Road
Elwood, IL

Previous Events

Graveside Services

SEP 9. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard James Dennis



Jackson Funeral Chapels - September 08, 2021 at 02:50 PM

CH

“ One year ago today you left us. We had best time with you after Mom passed. Glad we could share that time with you. You were the best father we could ask for. These pictures bring back so many good memories.

Chris - September 01, 2022 at 09:08 AM

CD

“ Hey Dad, thank you for the beautiful family life you and mom gave us children. I'm so very glad that I got to talk to you before you left us. Im sad that you were so regretful in regard to how the family situation ended after mom passed and felt powerless, and told me that you missed all your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Well dad Ill be sure to bring you some of your favorite homemade rice pudding you loved me to make you when I see you again. RIP in Peace Dad ❤️🙏

Cindy Dennis - September 20, 2021 at 01:32 PM

RJ

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Richard J Dennis Jr - September 09, 2021 at 06:49 PM



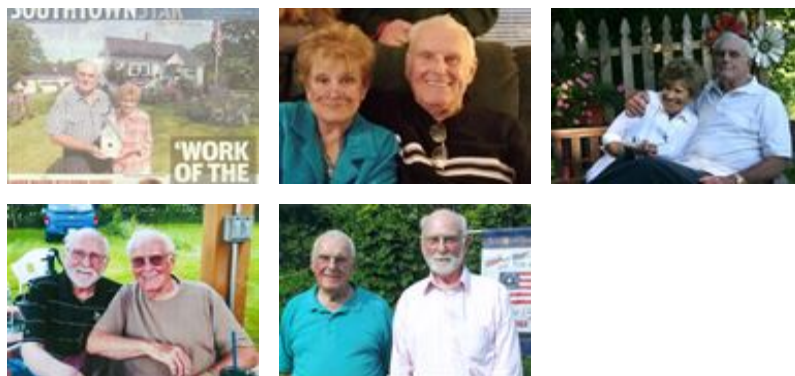
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Jackson Funeral Chapels - September 08, 2021 at 02:27 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard James Dennis.*



September 07, 2021 at 02:52 PM



“ *Dad Dennis, thank you for all of your love and prayers. We were so thankful to bring you cookies and visit with you. I looked forward to your calls and praying together on the phone when Jim and I were so sick. We will never forget how you were like a Dad to us, you will be missed...Love you, Donna and Jim*



Donna Heber - September 06, 2021 at 10:15 AM



“ *Mr. Dennis was a big part of my life growing up as he was my dads best friend and Kathleen my moms. He was always kind and helpful, encouraging to me. He will be with my dad again. Rest In Peace. My sincere condolences to the family.*

monica west - September 05, 2021 at 10:49 PM



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monica west - September 05, 2021 at 10:47 PM

JH

“ When I was a young teacher the Dennis family shared their life with me. Dick was especially helpful when I needed Day care for my dog. He was working nights so he kept Wolf for me every day. He trained him and played with him. It was a great relief for me. He and Kathy shared their kids with me and formed a friendship, that even though is miles separated, is still a treasured memory for me. My hugs and love to the family.

Judy Hunter

judy hunter - September 05, 2021 at 08:43 AM

SL

“ Rich was a kind, helpful good person. I'm so sorry to hear he has passed but feel he will be happy to be reunited with his wife. I knew him from the years I worked at Roadway Express. God speed, Coyote. 🙏🥹🙏

Suzy Luetschwager - September 03, 2021 at 07:24 PM