



## Dennis Bush

August 12, 1954 - April 24, 2021

On Saturday, April 24, 2021, Dennis Bush, loving and dedicated husband, father, and grandfather, passed away at the age of 66.

Dennis was born in 1954 in Evanston, Illinois, to Edward and Dorothy (Bennett) Bush of Chicago, Illinois. After graduating from Notre Dame College Prep in Niles, Illinois, he moved to Kankakee, Illinois, where he met Karen Grosso. They married August 12, 1978 in Goodrich, Illinois. Dennis was a dedicated worker for many years in the agricultural, automotive, and heavy trucks parts industry, and later driving for several area trucking companies, where he was highly respected by his employers, co-workers, and customers for his dedication and work ethic. He and Karen raised four children, Kyle, Maegen, Carly, and Austin in the Bonfield, Herscher, Limestone, Irwin, and Kankakee areas.

Dennis had passions for the outdoors, camping and hiking, learning, dogs, adventure, fishing, cars, motorcycles, railroading, and music. For several years, he was Scoutmaster of the Boy Scout troop in Herscher, Illinois, where he had a positive impact on the lives of many young men. He was also a valued, respected member of the Rainbow Council of the BSA as well and was a member of the Order of the Arrow.

Dennis was preceded in death by his sister, Maureen; grandson, Dylan; and

father, Edward. He is survived by his mother, Dorothy, of Niles; brother, Tim, of Palm Coast, Florida; wife of 42 years, Karen, of Kankakee; four children, Kyle and his wife Katie (Floeter) of Fox Lake, Illinois, Maegen Surf and her husband Adam of Clifton, Illinois, Carly of Bourbonnais, Illinois, and Austin of Bourbonnais, Illinois; four grandchildren, Alexis, Josephine, Garrett, and Colton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be private, with a celebration of life to be announced for this summer.

In lieu of flowers, please consider getting vaccinated for COVID-19 if you have not already done so. The family will be establishing a college fund for Dennis's grandchildren, and donations are welcome.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee.

# Tribute Wall

MW

“ 1 file added to the album Merry Men



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MARK WOJCIECHOWSKI - April 30, 2021 at 08:50 PM

MW

“ Dennis was the first of of our little band of merry men to leave the enclave and move to Kankakee. I made many a weekend trip to his new place arriving at the wee hours of the morning on a Saturday to hang out for a weekend. (I was polite and always brought beer!) Finally the love of his life (Karen of course) began the task of turning Dennis into the very respectable man we know him as today. One of his most enduring qualities was a broad range interests, the effort he put into being knowledgeable about them and imparting it to others. After a few years you'd think he grew up on a farm his entire life. The rural life seemed to have a real appeal for him and it certainly rubbed off on me.

As reflected in the photo he still had his boyish grin (if you catch my drift:) and we always had a good laugh about some sophomoric thing from our past. I look forward to catching up again in the next dimension Dennis!

Karen, Dorothy and the rest of the family my heartfelt condolences that we don't get enjoy him physically in the present but happily carry forward his memory in the future.

Brothers forever!!!

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MARK WOJCIECHOWSKI - April 30, 2021 at 08:41 PM

BS

“ We are very sorry for your loss.  
*Benny and Charlene Skeldon*

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**Benny and Charlene Skeldon** - April 29, 2021 at 09:46 PM

PJ

“ *Karen, I am so sorry to hear about Dennis. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Pat James** - April 29, 2021 at 08:43 AM

BK

“ *Everyone lost a good man with Dennis's passing he put his family first talked a lot about Wisconsin family vacations, we worked together at Manito and I had contact with him at LaBeaus my condolences to his family.*

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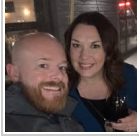
**Bob and Sandy King** - April 28, 2021 at 06:38 PM

DW

“ *Karen & Family, what a shock it was to see Dennis's obituary. I first met Dennis long ago when we started working together at Hendrix International on almost the same day. I always enjoyed working with him, he was a great guy. I am so sorry for your loss and he will be missed. With our sympathy, Donna & Merlyn Witheft*

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**Donna Witheft** - April 28, 2021 at 12:12 PM



“ *What a wonderful man, father and leader. He truly was an inspiration to me. Whether fostering my brother and I's love for model trains or teaching us something cool in Scouts he was just a great all around guy.*

*I always enjoyed when he'd sport a new type of facial hair, and I'd dare to say its motivated me a few times to try something new. It was always a pleasure to see him at church and great to see he has raised such awesome children.*

*Our prayers are with you and the entire family.*

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**Sean O'Connor** - April 28, 2021 at 11:13 AM

LG

“ *I worked with Dennis at Christiansen Auto Parts in the late 70's and thought of him more as a brother than a co-worker. He was a great guy and I'm glad and lucky to have known him.*

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**Larry Garrett** - April 26, 2021 at 10:52 PM



“ *Dennis, Jim Hennelly and I navigated 4 years of Catholic high school at Notre Dame of Niles. We all learned important life/survival skills together from 1968 to 1972. (Go Dons!) Later, our prim and proper upbringing was reflected in "the Snakes", a well beered social club. Thanks for showing us that sometimes "ya just got ta go Baja"*

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**Hugh Adam** - April 26, 2021 at 06:03 PM

JN

“ I've known Dennis since I was 14. We worked at Lutheran General and Sunoco and Shell gas stations in High School. It is there we learned how to fix cars. I will never forget the good times and a few bad times we had together I will miss Dennis forever ,until we meet on the other side.

*John Naumes*

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**John Naumes** - April 26, 2021 at 04:31 PM

CC

“ Dennis lived in the same house I did, way back in 1975, we played ball together, drank lots of beers. I gave him his first ever semi driving lesson. Yes we were OLD FRIENDS. Till we meet again. REST,SWEET REST. CHUCK COLLINS

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**CHUCK Collins** - April 26, 2021 at 01:54 PM

HD

*Dennis was a very good Man. So sorry for your loss*

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**Henry DeKock** - April 26, 2021 at 02:27 PM