



Dennis "Denny" French

June 20, 1946 - August 22, 2022

Dennis "Denny" E. French, age 76, of St. Anne, passed away on Monday, August 22, 2022 at his home in St. Anne surrounded by family. He was born on June 20, 1946 in Kankakee, the son of Norman and Genevieve (Kendziorek) French. He married Kathy Munger on June 19, 1987.

Early in life, Denny was an avid water-skier, even skiing in the Tommy Bartlett Show in Wisconsin Dells at age 15. Denny was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving for two years (1965-1967), including one tour in Vietnam (1966-1967), ranking E5 (Sgt.) upon discharge. Upon return, he built and raced stock cars at local speedways. He volunteered as coach for the Jaycee Little League and helped build the ballpark facilities at Beckman Park in Kankakee. Denny worked 48 years for Beaupre's Towing as a mechanic and heavy duty wrecker operator. He also worked at Oak Springs Golf Club. He was an avid follower of NASCAR and enjoyed country living. Denny was a hardworking man and known for his ability to fix anything. He always enjoyed a cold beer with friends and family.

Denny is survived by his wife, Kathy French, of St. Anne; two sons, Denny French Jr. of Lincolnshire and Mike and Terry French of Pleasant Prairie, WI; three daughters, Jennifer (Michael) Dummer of Waterford, WI, Angela (Brady) Geissbuhler of Trabuco Canyon, CA, and Jaelyn French and her fiancé Robert Anderson of Kankakee; five grandchildren, Hunter and Mason French,

Cole and Brooke Dummer, and Sam Geissbuhler; one sister, Norma and Larry Regnier of Kankakee; one sister-in-law, Diane French of Russellville, AL; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Dave French.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Inurnment will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 1, 2022 at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood. Celebration of Life will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday at the Aroma Park Legion following the inurnment. All friends and family are invited to attend both the inurnment and the celebration of life.

Memorials may be made to Wreaths Across America.

Denny's family would like to extend a special thanks to Iroquois Memorial Hospice for their exceptional care.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Inurnment

SEP 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Celebration of Life

SEP 1. 4:00 PM (CT)

Aroma Park Legion
739 S. Sandbar Road
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

CL

“ Denny could fix anything and experienced fixing everything. He worked many of those 48 years on squad cars for Kankakee County Sheriff's. Those boys (and girls) could break anything but Denny could fix everything. I miss those days, always up to the challenge. Rest In Peace Denny. The happily retired Sgt. Craig Long.

Craig P. Long - August 30, 2022 at 07:37 PM

MB

“ Mary Blum lit a candle in memory of Dennis "Denny" French



Mary Blum - August 29, 2022 at 11:17 PM

LH

“ To the family, i'm sorry for your loss. Denny, you were the best! Larry Hines

Larry Hines - August 29, 2022 at 02:25 PM

KC

“ So sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with the family. May you all find strength and comfort in each other during this difficult time.



Kelly & Mark Cooper - August 25, 2022 at 05:47 PM

JB

“ Oh Denny. You were such a part of my growing up. I think one of the best memories ever (and I still talk about it to this day) was when we were at the races and I was racing "Powder Puff" for the very first time. The car I was going to drive won the race before the powder puff so when it came to the back of the track..I was rushed into the car and as I was hurriedly trying to get onto the track.. I heard you holler, "Just drive it like ya do on the highway Jody!!! GO GET EM!!!" I took 1st place! Your memory will always be a part of me Denny. Rest peacefully.



JoDonna "Jody" Beaupre

JoDonna "Jody" Beaupre Boisvert - August 25, 2022 at 11:33 AM

CB

“ RIP Denny. What an amazing man you were. I'll miss you buddy!

Chuck Bridgewater - August 25, 2022 at 10:45 AM

RM

“ God has gained a fierce warrior angel by his side and our community has lost a good manour prayers to the family for your loss. Rest in peace Denny.

Rose and Gary Mitchell - August 25, 2022 at 09:21 AM

TA

“ Tom & Judy Andersen lit a candle in memory of Dennis "Denny" French



Tom & Judy Andersen - August 25, 2022 at 09:17 AM

MM

“MR MRS sent a virtual gift in memory of Dennis
"Denny" French



MR MRS - August 25, 2022 at 08:16 AM