



## Dennis Petersen

November 7, 1943 - January 26, 2007

Dennis Petersen -- Cherokee Village, Ark. Former Kankakee resident, Dennis "Pete" Arthur Petersen, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Friday (Jan. 26, 2007) in Cherokee Village, Ark. Dennis was born Nov. 7, 1943, to his parents, Bernice Beeh and Paul Petersen, in Chicago. He lived most of his life in Kankakee, where he attended Kankakee Senior High School, graduating with the class of 1961. After graduation, Dennis enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, attaining the rank of Lance Corporal and was honorably discharged in 1967. In the summer of love, 1969, Dennis married fellow Kankakee resident, Angela Marie Adamo, on August 9. Dennis attended Olivet Nazarene University, where he majored in sociology, receiving a bachelor of arts in 1971. For 35 years, Dennis was employed as a rehabilitation counselor for the Illinois Department of Rehabilitation in Kankakee, compassionately supporting innumerable community members through their life struggles. He retired in 2000 and shortly thereafter moved with his wife to their long-awaited dream home in Cherokee Village. During his retirement Dennis enjoyed spending time with his family and friends in Cherokee Village and Hardy, Ark. There, he enjoyed fishing in Arkansas' many lakes and rivers and traveling throughout the United States, Italy and the Caribbean. Dennis also became active within his community as a certified Master Gardener for the state of Arkansas. Dennis was also a lifelong Chicago Bears fan, and is sure to be keeping an eye on the game. BEAR DOWN, Chicago Bears! Dennis fully enjoyed his 63 years of life and is now survived by his life partner and wife of 40 years,

Angela Petersen, and his two sons, Erik Petersen of Santa Barbara, Calif., and Kristofer Petersen of Boulder, Colo. His parents, an older brother he dearly respected, Paul, and a niece, Melanie, preceded Dennis in death. An informal gathering to celebrate Dennis' life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home (1480 W. Court St.). In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that donations be made to the American Veterans Memorial in Ash Flat, Ark. (870-994-7324).

# Tribute Wall



“ My prayers and thoughts are with Dennis' dear wife and family. *½*May the God of all comfort and peace be with each one of you during this difficult time. *½*I have fond memories of Dennis. *½*He was a great guy.##imported-begin##Helen Pombert##imported-end##

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“ So glad we were able to spend time with everyone during the Christmas holidays. *½*  
  
  
Denny enjoyed life and told us how happy he was living in Arkansas.   
  
  
You are all in our thoughts and prayers.   
  
  
Love, Sharon, Art & Jenny  
##imported-begin##Sharon & Art DeMarah##imported-end##

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“ We are deeply sorry about your loss. *½*We have so many fond memories of "Pete" that we will always cherish. *½*Our biggest regret is losing touch with such a special and wonderful family. *½*We love you.##imported-begin##The Meents Family##imported-end##

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“ I'm so happy that we got to visit again last year. Please accept my condolences at this unexpected *½*passing of Denny. See you on Saturday.##imported-begin##Jeannine Petersen##imported-end##

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“ As long as we live, Denny too will live. For he is a part of us and we will remember him always. Rest well Marine, Semper Fi  
...##imported-begin##Jerry Stelter##imported-end##

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“ I was a family friend back in the days Denny and his parents lived above the Town & Country paint store family business. i¿½He was a terrific guy that I always looked up to. i¿½Last saw him about 20 years ago, and am saddened I will not have that opportunity again. He will be missed by his friends.##imported-begin##Jerry Bjick##imported-end##

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“ Angie, Erik, and kris, my heartfelt sympathy goes out to you. Your husband and, father made such an impact on my life. In all this time of living my life and not seeing you all or speaking much, i've always had you on my mind. Knowing "pete" has left this world, my heart aches for you, but I will always keep his memory alive. Lori  
i¿½##imported-begin##Lori Meents##imported-end##

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“ Angie, so sorry for your loss, just read it on the internet through the Daily Journal. i¿½My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family. Please take care and I'll be thinking of you.<br><br>Your old friend,<br><br>Sandy##imported-begin##Sandy(Charbonneau)Benedict##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Ray & Nancy Gerber##imported-end##

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“ Sorry for the death. ĩ½May God be with<br><br>you in your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Ray & Nancy Gerber##imported-end##

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