



Dennis "Denny" Harold Corbett

August 30, 1939 - March 31, 2020

It is with great sadness that the family of Dennis Harold Corbett announces his passing on March 31, 2020. A man of integrity, both loyal and generous, Denny was loved and admired by all who knew him, most especially the love of his life and best friend of 21 years, Sheri Klein, who will miss him greatly.

Born on August 30, 1939, the youngest of 4 boys, Denny was the only surviving son of the late Stephen Corbett and Mildred Mein Corbett of Detroit, Michigan. Upon graduating from St. Joseph High School in 1958, Denny enlisted in the United States Navy where he served on the USS Dealey. After completing his service, he went to work for GMAC where he dedicated 30 years of his life and retired. He continued to work in collections for AFC and PAR North America for a number of years. He was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church, The American Legion, Indian Lake Country Club, and a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

Denny loved to watch any sporting event, play golf, cruise on his motorcycle, spend time with his many friends, attend every family gathering that occurred, and play euchre (but if you were his partner and didn't lead trump, you were in big trouble!) Denny never missed an opportunity to help a friend or a stranger. There was no room in his car because of the jumper cables, flares, and water to help a stranded motorist, and in the winter he had bags of sand, not for traction, but to throw in potholes along the road! Ladies, we'll now have to open our own doors, pull out our own chairs, and our cheeks will sorely miss kisses from the kindest and truest gentle man there ever was.

Sadly for Denny, his father passed away when he was 11, and all 3 of his older brothers suffered untimely deaths. Instead of breaking him, Denny assumed the role of the patriarch of the Corbett family, and did so with exceptional leadership, love, and loyalty. He raised and is survived by his 3 children: Jim Corbett (Laura) of Fraser, Michigan, Debbie Saint Amand of St. Clair Shores, Michigan, and Tom Corbett (Cindy) of Indianapolis, Indiana. 8 nieces and nephews: Tim Corbett (Val), Steve Corbett (Dawn), Randy Corbett (Elaina), Theresa Corbett Wherrett (fiancé David Kunitz), Patrick Corbett, Brian Corbett (Kristen), Doug Corbett (Laura), Linda Corbett Silver (Mike). He is also survived by his dear friend and sister-in-law Patricia Corbett, 6 grandchildren: Haleigh, Michael, James, Ryder, Dusty (Katie), Drew (Ally) and 4 great-grandchildren: Reagan, Rowan, Riley, and

Mackenzie. He is preceded in death by his loving brothers Lawrence, Ronald, Gerald, and nephew Michael Corbett.

Due to the current health crisis, sadly we are unable to gather to mourn our loss with family and friends in the traditional ways. Denny will be laid to rest at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit surrounded by his immediate family. Once the danger of social gatherings has passed, we plan to celebrate Denny's life with a full mass in Detroit, and a Celebration of Life in Indianapolis.

Denny suffered from Primary Progressive Aphasia, a result of Alzheimer's Disease. It is a language disorder that impaired Denny's ability to communicate verbally for the last 2 years. Denny's family wishes to thank the Purdue Aphasia Laboratory for their ongoing research in aphasia. If you would like to participate in aphasia research in honor of Denny, please visit <https://www.purdue.edu/hhs/slhs/aphasia/> or call 765-496-0216 to learn more about aphasia and how you can help.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Denny's name to

- St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 6944 E 46th St, Lawrence, IN 46226
- National Aphasia Association, <https://www.aphasia.org/donate/>

Comments



“ I worked with Denny back in the early 70s at GMAC. He was always a cheerful and fun person to be around. Through the years we have always remained in contact and would visit occasionally when I was home visiting Mom and family. He was a great guy and will be missed. My deepest sympathy to Sheri and Denny's family.

Beth Betke - April 15, 2020 at 05:06 PM



“ Tom and I recall a fun dinner at Buca di Beppo with several couples from Stonybrook. Denny stood to make a toast and he declared his love and admiration for Sheri. What a wonderful thing to do! He came to Florida the year Sheri and Marilyn rented a little cottage near us. He walked out to greet us with beer in hand for Tom—always the thoughtful gentleman with a hug and a kiss. So many will miss him.

claire maddox - April 08, 2020 at 06:46 PM



“ This is a beautiful obituary that encapsulated everything that Denny stood for and loved most in life. God's speed, Father-in-law.

laura - April 08, 2020 at 06:49 AM



“ Patrick Corbett lit a candle in memory of Dennis "Denny" Harold Corbett



Patrick Corbett - April 07, 2020 at 08:07 PM



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“ Jim's first fish.

laura - April 06, 2020 at 05:21 PM



“ This is the Denny I remember..great family guy...fun time at GMAC on E. Warren back in the day... sally squires filion

Sally - October 19, 2020 at 02:23 PM



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Cynthia L Corbett - April 06, 2020 at 02:29 PM



“ Denny was a great friend and mentor to me! We worked together and had lunch together almost every day. Mostly I remember eating at the “Happy Garden”. On his birthday, even though they were not set up for a birthday, they brought out a to go container with the little metal handle turned upside down on his head with a cup cake then tried their best to sing “Happy Birthday” to him in very broken English. We laughed so hard we cried
I will cherish my dear friend for the rest of my life. Truly breaks my heart that he is gone

Dale Allen - April 06, 2020 at 02:10 PM



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Laura - April 06, 2020 at 01:15 PM



“ Dear Jim, Laura, James, Ryder and the entire Corbett clan, Please accept our sincere condolences. Such a loss during these times must be so difficult. Kevin and I will keep you all in our prayers. Love Rose (Shomock) Cunningham

Rose Cunningham - April 06, 2020 at 12:45 PM