



Dennis Allen Drew

July 17, 1959 - September 4, 2025

Dennis Allen Drew,

66, of Indianapolis, Indiana, passed away September 4, 2025. He was born on July 17, 1959, in Indianapolis to Hubert Drew and Martha Blanch (Brock) Drew. Dennis was a graduate of Arsenal Tech High School and spent more than 30 years as an Optician at Eskenazi Health.

Dennis was an honorable man of great character and extraordinary integrity. He was a devoted father and grandfather; and he treasured spending Sunday afternoons with family.

Dennis is survived by his son, Rusty Drew; daughters, Jessica Drew and Cortney Drew; grandchildren, Allison Drew, A'Mya Drew, Anthony Stephens, and Baraka Berry; and niece, Tisha Kincaid. Dennis is preceded in death by his parents, and sisters, Shirley Chappell and Ruth Whittaker.

Final arrangements and care are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel.

Tribute Wall

KB

“ I knew Dennis since I was in the 7th grade, 2000-2001, when I first started wearing glasses. My mom knows him too. He basically became like another member to our family. As I got older he became like an uncle. Whenever he was extremely busy at work, about to head out for lunch, or to go home or a meeting, he would ALWAYS find just a moment to just sit with me, clean the gunk out of my frames, & ask me how my mom & I are doing. I'll never forget that. Thank you Dennis. I will always remember you forever. I love you dear friend.

Kristina Browning - May 14 at 09:35 PM

CP

“ I always looked forward to visiting the Eskenazi optical shop and receiving Dennis Drew's care. A bonus seeing his smiling face and enjoying his good humor.

Clare, a happy patient - December 12, 2025 at 12:46 PM

SR

“ Dennis, you will and are truly missed. You always jested it real and never was bias about anything. You was funny and real cool dude. Rest my friend.

Sharron Eievea



Sharron Rieves - September 15, 2025 at 09:29 PM

BW

“ My condolences to the entire Drew family. Dennis, I will sincerely miss your laughter and honesty the most. Thank you for being a big part of our Eskenazi family and for welcoming us warmly.

Brian Walborn

Brian Walborn - September 12, 2025 at 12:07 PM

MD

“ The world lost a wonderful soul! He gave to Wishard/ Eskenazi, so much and great skill. He always had a smile or a shoulder, whatever staff or patients needed. Dennis, I hope there's some very good food up there in heaven. Love to your family, who I am sure are very, very proud of you.

Martha DellaValle - September 12, 2025 at 10:54 AM

BC

“ I was so very sorry to hear of Dennis's passing. I had spoken to him a few months ago and he was looking forward to retirement next year. I have so many good and funny memories of him throughout our years at Wishard/Eskenazi Health. He always had a kind word and sincere compassion for everyone he encountered. He knew many of his customers by name. Regardless of their situation he treated them all respectfully. Truly a good representative of Eskenazi Health. Rest in peace my friend. You will be truly missed.

Bob Claprodt - September 10, 2025 at 05:59 PM

SO

Yes so true

Sheena D Owens - September 12, 2025 at 02:57 PM

SO

“ Will miss my friend. Such a beautiful soul. We worked together at Wishard Hospital/Eskenazi Health for over 30 years. We had serious and funny conversations. May God grant his strength and peace to his family and everyone that knew him. Love you my friend I thank God for blessing us with your friendship.

Sheena D Owens - September 09, 2025 at 06:24 PM

JP

“ Dennis! Thank you for being a grandpa to me! Always grateful for everything you taught me about life & for always believing in me when I would doubt my self so many times! I am grateful for the years & times we had!



-Jess <3

Jessica Perez - September 09, 2025 at 02:56 PM

CH

“ Drew, I miss you dearly, my friend. You were like home, a safe place to simply be. You mean so much to many people and although my heart is heavy right now, it is also full of great memories. I am forever grateful for you, your honesty, humor, wisdom, advice and friendship. My sincere condolences to your family and all those who know and love you.

Mz. CHill

Candace Hill - September 09, 2025 at 01:57 PM

BC

“ *Dennis will forever be one of my favorite people. Already miss you so much!*
-Brittany



Brittany Cash - September 09, 2025 at 11:18 AM

RY

“ *My deepest condolences to the Drew family. Rest in peace, my friend Dennis, for you are going to be in our memories forever. Your kindness had touched so many over the years. Your humor and occasional wisecracks will be forever missed.*

Your friend Rudy Yung

Rudy Yung - September 08, 2025 at 09:36 PM

MR

“ *Mitzi Rogers lit a candle in memory of Dennis Allen Drew*



Mitzi Rogers - September 08, 2025 at 09:10 PM

MR

“ *Rest in peace Dennis you made a difference in the in the lives of the people you served at Wishard and Eskenazi. May the Lord find your family comfort during this difficult time.*

Mitzi Rogers - September 08, 2025 at 09:10 PM

KC

Dennis was an awesome colleague and friend. He'll be missed for sure. Sending Condolences to the family. 🌸

Kim Curry - September 08, 2025 at 09:41 PM

FW

Dennis will be souly missed what a blessing to have known him . Prayers to all of his family.

FELISIA WOLFORK - September 15, 2025 at 04:09 PM

CS

Dennis we were best friends for sixty one years, always a brother from a different mother. You are missed greatly. Taken too soon. We went thru a lot together. Condolences to the kids and grandkids and my greatest sympathy. As for your job, you went to the top, You turned a small eye ware store at Wishard to what Eskenazi Optical has become all because Wishard gave a guy a chance, he showed them how to make the store grow and just wanted to do his job and give people a great pair of glasses. The best friend a person could ever have,

Chuck Stinger - September 24, 2025 at 01:03 PM