



Dennis L. McOwen

February 24, 1947 - October 11, 2025

Dennis L. McOwen,

Age 78, of Indianapolis, passed away October 11, 2025. He was born February 24, 1947, in Lima, Ohio, to the late Willard Roger McOwen and Helen (Hofferbert) McOwen. Dennis graduated from Pandora-Gilboa High School, earned his bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University, and received his pastoral ordination from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Dennis devoted his life to ministry, service, and helping others. He served with the Peace Corps in Ethiopia in 1971, an experience that deeply shaped his compassion for people and the world around him. He was later a member of the Church of the Brethren in Goshen, Indiana, where he joyfully shared his faith and love for community. He also hosted a radio program of folk music at Goshen College, reflecting his appreciation for music and connection.

Above all, Dennis was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle. He cherished every moment spent with family and delighted in sharing the love of God with everyone he met. His kindness, humor, and gentle spirit left a lasting impression on all who knew him.

A Celebration of Dennis' life will be held Friday, October 17, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at Warren Baptist Church, 9501 East 21st Street, Indianapolis.

Dennis is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Denise A. McOwen; his sons, Joshua P. McOwen (Ginger), Wesley D. McOwen, Brad A. McOwen (Jen), and Nathan L. McOwen (Natalie); and his cherished grandchildren, London, Luke, Hudson, Paisley, and Gemma McOwen. He is also survived by

his siblings, Gary McOwen, Linda Shoebridge (Bradley), Diane Hogan (Jim), and Wayne McOwen (Therese).

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Greater Indy Habitat for Humanity, 3135 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208 and/or Mercy Hill Chapel online at <https://mymercyhill.church>.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

Warren Baptist Church
9501 E. 21st Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Tribute Wall

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“ *Denny you will be missed. You were always so gracious and caring while at Goshen City COB.* ”

Carla Robinson - October 28, 2025 at 09:50 AM

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“ *Rest peacefully, Uncle Denny. I cherish the many wonderful memories I have of you.* ”

Shelley (McOwen) Gulbrandson & Family - October 16, 2025 at 02:51 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dennis L. McOwen.* ”



October 16, 2025 at 11:35 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis L. McOwen.* ”



October 16, 2025 at 09:29 AM

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“ *Dearest brother of mine! The circle of life continues. Your legacy is uniquely inspiring and will be carried on lovingly for many generations. Thank you for your integrity, humor, intelligence, guidance, thoughtful and enlightened conversations, and peaceful demeanor.*
Heaven rejoices as we weep. Linda (and Brad) Shoebridge

Linda Shoebridge - October 15, 2025 at 08:33 PM

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“ *your good friend Eric Farber purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dennis L. McOwen.*



your good friend Eric Farber - October 14, 2025 at 03:43 PM