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Dennis Joseph Sands passed away on Friday, April 21, 2023 at Mercy South de Greeff Hospice House in St. Louis, Missouri at the age of 79 years and 11 days.

Dennis was born on April 10, 1944 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Joseph Sands and Alice Sands (nee Graczyk).

Dennis is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Carol Ann Sands (nee Baran); children: Richard Sands, Dennis (Michelle) Sands, and Kristen (Andre Bonifacio) Sands-Bonifacio; grandchildren: Alexander Sands, Sam Fisher, Kathryn Sands, Elizabeth Sands, Giovanna Bonifacio, Evangelia Bonifacio, and Madelyn Sands; and sisters: Marlene Horner and Alice (Michael) Lubien.

Dennis is also survived by nieces, nephews, cousins, and many great friends.

Dennis served as an Information Technology Executive in the Insurance Industry for over 20 years. He believed in empowering his co-workers to be innovative and self-motivated, while providing direction where it was needed.

Dennis was quite the handyman at home and could fix or build anything he put his mind to. He was always there to help family members with their home improvement projects as well.

Dennis was an absolute rock, with a loving, soft underbelly. His family and friends will always appreciate his wit and intelligence, but much more so, his humanity. His family looked to him for direction, yet all along the way, his greatest gift was teaching them how to be independent, loving beings who treated others as we would want to be treated. His wife, children, and grandchildren are eternally grateful for him.

A private family celebration for Dennis will be held at a later date.



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In lieu of flowers, the family asks you to consider making a donation in Dennis' name to Mercy South de Greeff Hospice House in St. Louis, Missouri or any local food bank.

Flameless Cremation Services provided by Hughes Funeral Alternatives in St. Louis, Missouri. Friends and family can sign an online guestbook at www.HughesFuneralAlternatives.com.



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ND

Ned & Becky Diefendorf posted:

We have so enjoyed creating family memories having Dennis in our lives.

May 2 at 4:45 AM

AL

Alice & Mike Lubien posted:

Sharing a single memory of "Dennis J" is nearly impossible. Growing up only two years apart we were always close and shared so much through the years - childhood friends, our years at St. Raymond's, then Nativity High, and there the good times began for the four of us, Den & Carol and Al & Mike. We married within three months of each other and were best man and maid of honor at each other's weddings. We raised our families through the years and, though not always close in proximity, always close in heart. We shared vacations and many happy times with each other, our families and extended families. And, of course, many wonderful times together with family and friends at "Tobermory USA"! I miss you "Bro" You are forever in our hearts, AJ and Mickey

April 30 at 11:18 AM

AV

Anna Voss posted:

Q: What will you never forget about Dennis? A: I will forever remember his loving heart and compassion. He was the most sincerest man, that I ever met. To know Dennis is to know you had a real friend. I will miss him dearly. I will always cherish our Casino road trips together, the four of us, sharing such a great time.

April 28 at 8:07 AM

MH

Marlene Horner posted:

Dennis was a loving husband and father. He was a solid family man and also my younger brother. He was the best hugger I ever knew; when he hugged you, you knew you were hugged! I will miss your hugs little brother and I will miss you. Rest in peace, Your loving sister, Marlene

April 27 at 1:32 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Dennis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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