



Richard E. Dennis

April 30, 1935 - July 2, 2023

Richard (Dick) E Dennis passed away peacefully on July 2nd, 2023 surrounded by his family.

Born in Swedesboro, NJ on April 30th, 1935 to Clifton and Laura Dennis, Dick lived out his childhood in Pedricktown, NJ where he spent his time on farms and racing cigarette boats, even winning a few races. Voted “Cutest Baby” at age 1, Dick only got cuter as he aged. His trademark bright, blonde hair and blue eyes were outshined only by his big heart and friendly smile.

Dick was a proud Army Veteran where he served as a paratrooper. He even took on the role of quartermaster of the Rakkasans for many years and attended reunions all over the country with his family. While his time in the military was a source of great pride, nothing made him more proud than the titles of “Dad” and “Poppy”.

Dick was married to his wife, Martha, for 61 years. Together they raised their 9 children in Carneys Point, NJ. No family was more notorious on Jefferson Street, whether it was for a helping hand or a candy apple on Halloween, the Dennis clan had you covered.

It's hard to imagine calling Dick a good storyteller, since he could barely make it through without cracking himself up before ever getting to the punchline, but

his infectious laughter would keep you entertained for a 15 minute story that, in theory, should've only taken 2. He would bring himself to tears, an emotion you would only see through laughter or through frustration when the Birds would lose on Sunday.

While holidays at the Dennis house were unmatched, summertime was the best time of year. On any given day, the backyard pool would be overflowing with dozens of Dennis children. Dick would beam with pride as he watched his kids and grandkids swim, occasionally having them walk (NOT RUN) him over a beer.

In recent years, as his grandchildren began having children of their own, another generation of kids got the pleasure of calling him "Poppy".

It's hard to encompass the magnitude of who Dick was in just a few paragraphs, just know that he was loved immensely and will be greatly missed.

Dick is survived by his wife, Martha, and their nine children, Terry Dennis (Donna), Lance Herrman (Christine), Jayme Herrman Smith, Scott Dennis (Leslie), Robin DiSantis-Gehring (Bill), Bryant Dennis, Kelly Dennis Newkirk, Bill Dennis (Nicole), Ellie Smith (Dave), and honorary "10th kid" and birthday buddy, Doris Patrick Johnson, his grandchildren, Amanda (Ryan), Michael, BJ, Jordan (Sarah), Madison, Olivia, Jillian (Michael), Ashley (Eddie), Lex (Jessica), Jackson, Lauren (Chris), Andrew (Kate), Christie (Adam), Steph, Wyatt, Reese, Samantha, Marley, Jacob, and Helen, and great-grandchildren Emma, Ella, Aidan, Joey, Lance, Ea, Alice, Dustin, Nathan, Lorelei, Declan, Harper, Cooper, Braylee, William, Gavin, Quinn, Archie.

He was predeceased by his parents, Clifton and Laura Dennis, sister, Barbara

Perry (Dennis), aunt, Jo Pedrick, son-in-law, Bill DiSantis, and his beloved dog, Puttsy.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Salem County FOP located at 693 S Broadway in Pennsville Township, NJ 08070 on July 16th at 2pm.

Previous Events

celebration of life

JUL **16**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Salem County FOP Lodge
693 S Broadway
Pennsville, NJ 08070

Tribute Wall

LM

“ Love Rita, Jordan and Madison purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Richard E. Dennis.



Love Rita, Jordan and Madison - July 15, 2023 at 02:51 AM

DD

“ Martha and Family...Sorry for your loss. Dick was a great man and will be sadly missed by you and family. We share a lot of memories. We will keep you and family in our prayers. Always, Doc and Gail

dominick and Gail DiMarzio - July 12, 2023 at 05:24 PM

FB

“ Much Love to Dick Dennis Rip. And Martha and family. My sincerest condolences. Ricky. This is a good dick story! We were at his sons Bryants on christmas eve. It wasnt far so he walked cause he likes his beer. I did too. All of us got pretty buzzed. When time go home came. I was tore up also and lived next door i went with him. We ran army style the entire way he was singing at top his lungs. I want to be an Air force Ranger!!!. Ill never forget his and Dennis family treating me like one of their own when i was very young til teens and was Blessed to be raised by Marthas Mom and Dad. Mary and Willard Lance and my twin sisters Ruth and Ruby. Love you all.

Frederick Baker - July 09, 2023 at 10:50 AM

CM

“ 100 years ago, I spent a summer working construction for Dick at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds. We commuted back and forth everyday and of course he did the driving haha. He was a good man and I am sorry for your lose.

christopher maxwell - July 07, 2023 at 01:59 PM



“ Carol Molinari Monks lit a candle in memory of Richard E. Dennis



Carol Molinari Monks - July 07, 2023 at 08:45 AM