



Dennis Ardell Devine

December 7, 1941 - December 22, 2016

Dennis Ardell Devine, 75, of Laurie, Missouri, passed away on December 22, 2016, after a heroic fight with lung cancer.

Denny was born in Sioux City, Iowa to Bob and Betty Jean (Francis) Devine on December 7, 1941, the very same day that Pearl Harbor was bombed. He graduated from Bronson High School in 1960 and served in the Army National Guard from 1960-1966.

Denny began his career in banking at First National Bank in Sioux City, where he met fellow co-worker Margaret Welch. They were married in 1961 and have five children. Dennis and Marge's family has included many non-traditional members over the years, including foster children, foreign exchange students, numerous youth from Guatemala and India sponsored through Christian Foundation of Children and Aging, and an open door for those in need of a warm welcome.

Dennis was a man of many interests. He was an entrepreneur, a businessman, a banker, a real estate broker. He started an employment agency, sold seed corn for Cargill, and then settled into a long career in banking. He retired as president of the Fillmore County Bank in Geneva, Nebraska in 1984 to dedicate his full attention to Wildcat Enterprises, Inc., a flatbed trucking company that he and Marge started in a spare bedroom and

grew together into a successful company. Wildcat was able to sponsor another interest: a sprint/midget race car team. When they sold the company in 1999, they retired to live full time in Sunrise Beach, Missouri. Not content to be idle, Dennis explored his interests in antique power, collecting and restoring antique Minneapolis Moline tractors. He was never happier than when he was watching his sons drive race cars, piloting his grandchildren in boat rides on Lake of the Ozarks, or driving one of his tractors in a small town parade.

At age 70, Denny decided he needed a project, so he got his real estate brokers license and began working at Devine & Associates Real Estate. He was pleased to share the knowledge and expertise that he'd learned over his lifetime to help others. His entire life included a commitment to his community and the people who made their towns work. He used his time to serve on municipal boards, school boards, state economic development boards, church committees and so much more.

For Dennis, coffee wasn't just a hot drink. Coffee was your community. He went to coffee in every town he ever lived in. Coffee was where you connected with the everyday people who make your town run. He loved going to coffee because he loved people, all kinds of people. He didn't seek out educated or influential, wealthy or powerful; he sought to connect with everyone who cared about what was happening in their town. And so over the years, he would go to coffee at the café on main street, the gas station on the hill, the mini-mart, the meat market, and most recently, Omega Coffee in Laurie, Missouri, an actual coffee shop. And he went every day, for as long as he could. And when his illness progressed so he couldn't go to coffee, coffee friends came to him.

Dennis is survived by his wife Marge, children Therese Devine (Jim Ford) of Orland Park, Illinois, Shawn (George) Stewart of Englewood, Colorado, David

Devine of Eldon, Missouri, Denise (Fred) Wiebelhaus of Norfolk, Nebraska and Andrew (Michelle) Devine of Albion, Nebraska. His fourteen grandchildren include Tyler Devine, Jack Ford, Mack Stewart, Sean Devine, Kate Ford, Devin Wiebelhaus, Jamie Stewart, Aimee Wiebelhaus, Ryan Wiebelhaus, David Ford, Jacob Devine, Nathan Devine, Makenna Devine, Adelynn Devine, and great grand-daughter Maikenzie Devine. He is also survived by his siblings David (Leona) Devine, Linda (Dean) Rasmussen, Fran (Vern) Renken, and Becky (Jim) Faaborg, and dozens of nieces and nephews, as well as former daughter-in-law, Vicki Devine. His "family" of loved ones extends far beyond who could be listed here.

A visitation will be held from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 27, 2016, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Laurie, Missouri, with a rosary prayed at 6:30 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 28, 2016, at the church with Father Henry Ussher celebrating.

A visitation will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Friday, December 30, 2016, at Meyers Brothers Funeral Home, 6200 Morningside Drive, Sioux City, Iowa, immediately followed by a graveside service at Climbing Hill Cemetery in Climbing Hill, Iowa, and a luncheon at the Bronson Community Center in Bronson, Iowa. Memorial contributions are suggested to the family of Dennis Devine. Funds will be designated for the construction of a shrine in Ghana.

Expressions of sympathy may be left online at www.kidwellgarber.com.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
176 Marian Dr.
Gravois Mills, MO 65037
<http://www.stpatrickcatholicchurch.org>

Rosary

DEC 27. 6:30 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 28. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *To the Devine family I was sorry to hear about Dennis. I have the utmost respect for Dennis and He was one of the kindest people I have had the pleasure of knowing. He treated me with the utmost respect from the first time I Met him and through the years.*

You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Brian Mayhew

Brian Mayhew - January 07, 2017 at 03:13 PM

NR

“ *To the Devine Family: We are so sorry for your loss and will keep you in our prayers during this difficult time.*

Regards,

Coleman & Nancy Anderson

Carolina Casualty

Nancy Ross-Anderson - December 27, 2016 at 10:16 AM

LG

“ *Marge & family,
So many emotions this past week. We cried, we shared memories, we laughed and remembered all the times with Dennis. The cars, the races, the times at the bank, at the coffee shop, Anchor Inn, and they go on & on. He will always be in our hearts. Love you guys.*
Gary & Liz Gerberding

Liz Gerberding - December 26, 2016 at 09:52 AM

MP

“ Merry Christmas Devine Family- You will be missed Dennis- Save me a seat at the Domino table. <3



Margaret Jean Powers - December 25, 2016 at 07:29 PM

Shawn Stewart

“ Missing you tonight, Dad. Merry Christmas in heaven.

Shawn Stewart - December 25, 2016 at 07:12 PM

Terri Devine Ford

Me, too.

Terri Devine Ford - December 25, 2016 at 08:23 PM

KA

Dennis was a very special man to MaryLee and I. He was a wonderful boss, and truly a teacher of business . Lots of great memories over the years. Really enjoyed the time that Marge and Denny came to Greenville, SC and stayed with us. Gods blessings to all of you!

Kevin Atenhan - December 26, 2016 at 10:34 AM

SK

“ Marge, I am so sorry for your loss. Dick and I enjoyed spending time with you and Denny. Dick enjoyed his time with friends at the coffee shops too. God bless you and your family, may he give you peace. Shirley Kirchner

Shirley Kirchner - December 23, 2016 at 07:46 PM

BM

To Marge & the entire Divine Clan,, we are so sad to hear this,, Our thoughts and prayers are heavy for all of you right now, Dennis was such a beacon of fun and good times, that we will remember for ever. Man did we have fun at the Sprint car & Midget races,, None better,, All our Love Bob & Jody Morgan , Tucson Az.

Bob Morgan - January 27, 2017 at 11:26 AM

JM

“ *At our Grandma Francis's funeral 30 years ago, the minister told a story similar to this poem. Dennis's passing is such a loss for his family and friends on this "shore", but oh, how happy are those on the far away "shore" watching his arrival home. Rest in peace cousin Denny.*

The Sailing Ship

by Charles Henry Brent

What is dying?

I am standing on the seashore.

A ship sails to the morning breeze and starts for the ocean.

She is an object and I stand watching her

Till at last she fades from the horizon,

And someone at my side says, "She is gone!" Gone where?

Gone from my sight, that is all;

She is just as large in the masts, hull and spars as she was when I saw her,

And just as able to bear her load of living freight to its destination.

The diminished size and total loss of sight is in me, not in her;

And just at the moment when someone at my side says, "She is gone",

There are others who are watching her coming,

And other voices take up a glad shout,

"There she comes" – and that is dying.

Julie Metz - December 23, 2016 at 07:47 AM

TC

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Terry Clayton - December 23, 2016 at 06:41 AM



Shawn
Stewart

Thank you for posting this, Terry. It was one of Dad's favorite spots. He loved all you rascals so much.

Shawn Stewart - December 23, 2016 at 05:26 PM



Terri
Devine
Ford

This makes me happy. And it made Dad happy, too.

Terri Devine Ford - December 25, 2016 at 08:23 PM

TC

“ *He made me feel welcome...
He made me laugh...
He made me feel like family...
He was my friend.*

Terry Clayton - December 23, 2016 at 06:14 AM



“ *Thank you for your your daughter, and your family Dennis. I love you.*

George Stewart - December 22, 2016 at 11:53 PM

FS

“ Dennis you were such a help to me when I was trying to find my new home. I know I tested your patience but finally we found it & it is a beautiful home. Thank you, & you were be missed.



Fran Schwartz - December 22, 2016 at 10:54 PM

AS

“ Im so sorry for your loss. He was always so sweet to me and gave the best hugs everytime he greeted me!

Ashley Summers - December 22, 2016 at 10:19 PM

TR

“ He was a good friend and he will be greatly missed.

Tom & Kathy Reidy - December 22, 2016 at 10:08 PM

MG

I remember being at the last Octoberfest at St Pat's Church in Laurie and Tom and I were dancing the polka next to Dennis and Marge and I told Dennis he danced the Polka pretty good for an Irishman and he just started laughing and flashed that contagious grin of his...he was such a sweet man...gonna miss him!

Mary Gerant - December 23, 2016 at 08:58 AM

ES

All the memories we have as close friends ,more like family, never forget our trip to Arizona, the great time we had ,getting up early to have coffee outside and talking about the children , grandchildren, one of Dennis's favorite subjects his family, such a great host ,always greeted you with a smile , laughter ,kiss and hug, will miss you Denny, but always the memories, our loss but the Lord's gain. Ed and Terry Schertz

Ed and Terry Schertz - December 23, 2016 at 11:47 AM

KT

*Marge and family,
I was so sad to hear of Dennis' illness and passing. I have such great memories of learning the trucking business from you all. I know he is at peace. May you all find peace too.*

*Hugs and Prayers to all,
Kathy Temme*

Kathy Temme - December 23, 2016 at 11:51 AM

MD

Oh how we will miss you, Dennis! You always make everyone around you feel like they are the most important person in the room. I appreciate all the fun we had and will continue to cherish the memories. Mary Carole Stoltz Ducharme

Mary Carole Ducharme - December 27, 2016 at 10:56 AM