



## Dennis K. Dorman

April 6, 1944 - January 25, 2022

Dennis Kay Dorman, 77, completed his earthly journey on January 25, 2022. Dennis was born on April 6, 1944, in Perry, Iowa.

He graduated from Perry High School in May of 1963. He married his lifelong love, Julia Gannon, on July 17, 1965, they went on to raise two children, Craig and Scott and were blessed with five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Dennis was full of life and lived it to the fullest and helped inspire others to do the same. He had many interests and talents including professional photography, sailing, cycling, motorcycling, the American Legion, creating kiln-formed glass art, golf, family and his Catholic faith. Perhaps most notable was his outgoing personality, humor, and ability to make people smile and laugh.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lula and Clark Dorman.

He is survived by his wife Julia; children Craig and Scott (Lori) Dorman; grandchildren Tasha (Paul) Booth, Cassondra (Wesley) Jones, Shelby Dorman, Olivia and Bailey Dorman; great-grandchildren Layla, Lincoln and Linley Booth, Ada Jones, and his brother Gary (Ruth) Dorman.

The number of extended family and friends who will miss him are too great to

number as he touched so many lives throughout all stages of his life.

He will be laid to rest on Tuesday, February 1, 2022. Visitation will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m., followed by saying of the rosary at 10:30 and Mass of Christian Burial starting at 11:00am at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Laurie, Missouri. A public graveside committal with full military honors and luncheon will follow. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.kidwellgarber.com](http://www.kidwellgarber.com). In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to 'Mary's Meals' at [www.marysmeals.org](http://www.marysmeals.org).

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

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick Cemetery

800 Highway O  
Laurie, MO 65038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 1. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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

## Rosary

FEB 1. 10:30 AM (CT)

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## **Mass of Christian Burial**

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FEB 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ We are very sorry to hear about the passing of Dennis. I always enjoyed his stories and the last time I saw him, he came in to tell me about his cross country bike ride to which I was happy to make a donation to. Our sincere condolences & prayer to his family and friends. Scott & Tina McCormack (Creative Stone)

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**Tina McCormack** - February 01, 2022 at 05:55 PM

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“ I'm a friend of Denny's granddaughter, Cassie. Whenever Denny and Julie came to Minnesota to visit, I'd head over to Craig's house so I could spend some time with them (and eat Julie's apple crisp). If you knew Denny, even just a little bit, you know he was a good time — so of course, I had to see them!

*When Cassie and I were teenagers, we spent a spring break with Denny and Julie at their lakehouse. Most high schoolers aren't too keen on spending spring break with a couple of grandparents, but when you're as fun to be around as these grandparents, it's a must.*

*Denny was a sweet, goofy person, but I'm not telling you anything you didn't already know.*

*The last time I saw him was about three years ago, but I can still hear his mischievous laugh.*

*Sending all my love to those who loved him.*

*Xoxo Madie Norris Forcier*

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**Madie Norris Forcier** - February 01, 2022 at 02:29 PM

MD

“ Dan & I were so sorry to hear about Dennis. Our condolences to you Julie & your family. Dennis was about the first person we met when we moved here full time. He was passionate about all his fundraising & about his veterans & especially his faith. I will say he was about the most entertaining person I have ever met. He will be greatly missed. Love, Dan & Martie Debert

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**Martie Debert** - January 31, 2022 at 10:10 PM

BK

“ Julie.....so sorry to hear about Denny. Prayers for you and the entire family. God bless....Brenda Kruger

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**Brenda Kruger** - January 29, 2022 at 07:03 PM

IC

“ Just wanted to say how sorry we are for your loss. Denny was a classmate of ours here in Perry. Will certainly miss his Facebook posts and that wonderful smile.

*Bill and Iris Coffin*

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**Iris Coffin** - January 29, 2022 at 01:02 PM

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“ I met Denny and Julie at a gathering at Tom and Norma Gibbons house. They had just moved to Lake of the Ozarks. From the very beginning, you saw Denny's wit and attraction to others. If there was something going on at St. Patrick's, Denny was always a part of it. He and my husband, Jerry, were a lot alike. They were both outgoing and loved the interaction of people in the parish. They both were passionate about helping others. Denny will be truly missed. My heart goes out to Julie and family at this time. I will keep them all in my prayers.

Rose Marie Unrein

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Rose Marie Unrein - January 28, 2022 at 03:38 PM

SM

My sincere sympathy Julie. I only met Dennis a few times but had many a meeting with Julie. I'm so very sorry for your loss.  
Sue Moran - Woodward. Iowa.

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suzanne Moran - January 28, 2022 at 05:38 PM

RD

What a great guy he was! He would come down in his golf cart and always give me a hard time!!!... So full of life! Sure going to miss his smile and humor!! May eternal light shine upon him, May he Rest In Peace. Peace to you Julie and your family

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Roseann and Al Dzurko - January 31, 2022 at 09:08 PM

JN

“ We have truly been blessed for our friendship with Dennis and Julie. The winters spent in Texas with them and all the activities such as biking, doing glass projects, eating out, and of course "happy hour" will never be forgotten. Be at peace with God. Jim and Dorothy Nack

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Jim and Dorothy Nack - January 28, 2022 at 03:37 PM

“ *My Tribute to my Brother, Denny*

*When Denny was born, I wanted so much to see him and hold him, but I had measles so I had to be isolated from him. I was so disappointed & sad. In a similar way we were so sad that Covid isolated him from me and all of us at the end of his life. But it is the in-between-years that I want to remember...*

*Denny was full of life. He loved life & wanted to live it to the fullest, and as we have all seen, the longer he lived, the more he wanted to help others to live life to the fullest also. God had given him many interests & talents and Denny always had the urge to develop those to the best of his ability, and in doing so, he achieved excellence in numerous areas.*

*He started out in barbering and I don't know where you could have gone to get a better haircut, while being regaled with stories & laughter. But waiting for customers to come to him was not easy for him to do, so he turned to another interest and began to pursue photography. While only part way through the whole photography course, he realized that he already had the ability to produce results, so he started his own photography studio where his photographs spoke for themselves & earned him many awards, to say nothing of the appreciation of his customers who were thrilled with his artistic work on their behalf. Having reached the peak in photography, Denny considered his love of interacting with people & found the perfect niche in which to express that interest coupled with his desire to be of great help to people, this time in regard to their financial situations. So he worked many years helping folks with their investments and insurance needs, again with a following of grateful clients—I know this because I was one of them.*

*Never one to sit passively waiting for things to happen, he strode into “retirement” with ideas galore. And he put them into action. He loved biking, but not just for himself. He rode his bike from California to Florida, stopping all along the way to talk to people about the need to raise funds to eradicate polio from the face of the earth.*

*Then just last year, in spite of a very serious illness, he rode up the Atlantic coast to raise funds to help feed starving children in Africa. All along the way, he visited with folks, making their days happier*

*than they had been before meeting Denny. He had a way of making people smile. Always ready to inject humor into a situation or event, Denny added life to any gathering. He teased & joked with our girls and created memories for them that they will never forget. An example of his humor is when at Christmas gatherings at our parents' home & the family would be opening gifts, one at a time, going around the circle and Denny would open his package & be so excited about it. Then the next time around the circle, he would open another package, actually the same one he had secretly rewrapped, and say, "Oh, Wow! I got another one! Look at that!" Or once when Denny was visiting Kathy & Trent, he saw a cardboard skeleton hanging in the closet that Kathy used in teaching science classes & he said, "That guy's pretty skinny. You'd better feed him a little more." Or in his advice to me when I was pondering how to do a project and he said, "If a job is worth doing, its worth hiring."*

*Yes, Denny loved to have fun, but he also knew what was truly important. And, like many of us when we face the reality of the brevity of life, he realized more fully the presence of the Holy God and more fully his own need of the Savior Jesus in order to stand before Him. Because Denny trusted in Jesus as his Savior, he became bold in telling the Good News of Jesus and how everyone of us is in deep need of Jesus' saving grace.*

*Above all else that Denny did or stood for, his proclaiming Jesus is what endears him the most to me. I loved him and so did Ruth & all our family. He impacted our lives in a positive way. Precious memories of him will always be with us.*

*Thanking God for Denny,  
Gary*

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**Gary Dorman** - January 27, 2022 at 08:51 PM

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“ *Dennis was a great guy all the motorcycle rides we did together and color guard years stuff and around the legion and golf it's was a great time another of great memories. No one can take them away I will miss you alot he had a great wife and kids. Missing you and will always be in my heart and your family.*

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**Tom hohnecker** - January 26, 2022 at 04:04 PM