



Dennis E. Havel

March 13, 1950 - February 29, 2024

Dennis Eugene Havel, age 73, passed away February 29, 2024. He was born March 13, 1950, to Harvey Eugene Havel and Goldie Irene (McCollum) Havel in Valley Junction (West Des Moines), Iowa. He graduated from Valley High School and continued on to graduate from Colorado State University. He loved his time in Fort Collins, Colorado – when he wasn't studying you would find him on the slopes.

He had a rewarding career for 25 years at US West as a telephone technician. His time at US West resulted in a lot of hard work but also so many great friendships that he maintained after retiring in 2003.

Growing up, Dennis loved playing baseball with his dad coaching. As many little leaguers of the 50's, he was enamored with Mickey Mantle, Yogi Berra, and Roger Maris of the NY Yankees. His love of baseball continued through many all-star seasons for Valley and fast pitch softball, well into his 40's.

Dennis had a great love of the lake, being involved with the Osage Community Elks Lodge 2705 and so many interests – baseball, boating, woodworking and cooking just to name a few. He served in many positions and roles within the Elks in Laurie over the last twenty years. His greatest loves were his partner and wife of 38 years, Linda, family, friends and their many schnauzers. As an only child, his beloved maternal cousins were his

siblings and constant companions. He enjoyed traveling the world with Linda and fulfilling his childhood dream to one day be a Yankees season ticket holder.

In addition to his wife, Linda, he is survived by his daughters, Cari McDaniel and husband Dennis and Melissa Parisho; grandsons, Aaiden Parisho and Zayne Parisho; maternal cousins, Shelly Moyer, Mary Kinney and husband Dennis, Debbie Davis and Megan Waldron; brother-in-law, Alan McBride and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harvey Eugene and Goldie Irene Havel and cousins, Mike Waldron, Robert Waldron, Jr. and Justin Waldron.

Dennis was an amazing host and a generous, compassionate and giving soul. He will always be the Captain of his boat, even though he was unable to swim. He will forever be pulling the girls around the cove on their skis; the Santa of the Lady Elks Christmas program with his fun hats and his white beard and working at the lake in his bibs.

He will be so missed by so many – cheers Dennis, until we see you again.

A celebration of Dennis' life will be held at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, March 9th, at the Osage Community Elks Lodge 2705 in Laurie. Memorial contributions are suggested to Autism Speaks or to the Elks Lodge.

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 9. 4:00 PM (CT)

Osage Community Elks Lodge #2705
174 Elks Road
Laurie, MO 65038

Tribute Wall

SE

“ Dennis was a very kind, friendly, smart, easy going man with a heart of gold ! I have known Dennis and Linda for years, one the nicest couples I know! He will be greatly missed ! Prayers and hugs for Linda and the family!!

Susan Emert - April 13, 2024 at 11:43 AM

CS

“ Linda, so sorry to hear of Dennis's passing. May the many friends you both made over the years give you comfort and may Dennis R.I.P.

Charlotte Simmons - March 23, 2024 at 08:18 AM

CC

“ Linda, I'm sorry to hear of your loss, your hospitality when I stayed with you was a pleasure and very memorable.. I was thru Missouri last summer on the motorcycle and regret not calling and stopping by again for a visit. God bless, Craig

Craig Cross - March 09, 2024 at 10:21 AM

BL

“ Dennis was a great guy. My deepest sympathy Linda to you and your family.

Bonnie Long - March 08, 2024 at 12:05 PM

LK

“ I have good memories of Dennis through high school. Our parents knew each other and Dennis’s grandfather was my God Father. I always wanted to see him again but after high school and after the Army, I moved away. I remember going to talk with him when he worked at the WDM train depot down on Railroad. I consider him my friend and even though I haven’t seen him for many years, I miss him.

Larry Kenworthy - March 08, 2024 at 10:21 AM

TI

“ I had a lot of great memories with Dennis. Linda, you are always in my thoughts and prayers.

Tom Indelicato - March 08, 2024 at 12:20 AM

CC

Linda, sorry for your loss, haven’t seen either of you for a few years, I was thru Mo. last summer on the motorcycle.. really sorry I didn’t stop by, I have great memories of the last time I stopped, your hospitality was very special to me. Craig

Craig Cross - March 08, 2024 at 01:24 PM

KL

“ Katherine A Lacroix lit a candle in memory of Dennis E. Havel



Katherine A Lacroix - March 04, 2024 at 12:11 PM

KL

“ I had a great laugh with him last Monday night at the Elks, I will miss his great smile and laughter. Sending healing energy and prayers and hugs to Linda and the family. Rau and Kat

Katherine A Lacroix - March 04, 2024 at 12:11 PM

RM

“ Dennis was a very dedicated elk. Our sincere condolences to Linda and the family.

Ron Mueller - March 04, 2024 at 10:28 AM

PM

“ Dennis was a great friend and brother Elk. May his light shine brightly in our minds and hearts forever. R.I.P. my friend. Pepsi

Preston Moore - March 02, 2024 at 08:17 PM

MR

Dennis was soft Valley Junction man. Great Union Brother. I remember him in alleys. The Flood. I work for the Phone company, still do. R.I.P. Brother. Job well done.

Mark Rocha - March 09, 2024 at 09:53 AM