



Dennis William Donnelly

December 24, 1946 - June 1, 2019

With heavy hearts we would like to inform you that Dennis William Donnelly, 72, passed away on June 1, 2019 at Asante Rogue Regional Medical Center, ICU lovingly surrounded by his family.

Dennis was involved in a serious motor vehicle accident on May 29, 2019 near Ashland, Oregon. It is believed that Dennis suffered some form of medical complication leading to this accident, but the medical cause may never be known.

Dennis was born on December 24, 1946 in Coos Bay, Oregon to Dorothy and Donald Donnelly. He was the 2nd of 6 children. He was raised in his hometown, attending both grade school and high school, graduating with the North Bend High School class of 1965. He was drafted from 1967- 1968 and proudly served our country with the United States Army in Vietnam. Upon his discharge, Dennis used his GI bill and attended Southern Oregon University, graduating with a Bachelor's degree with emphasis in accounting.

During college, Dennis reunited with his high school classmate, Lynn Fosjord, and they married in September 1969. Shortly following his college graduation, they moved to Eugene, OR where Dennis obtained his CPA license and worked for Coopers & Lybrand. In 1974, Dennis and Lynn welcomed their only son, Kevin William Donnelly. Dennis was extremely proud to become a father

and took great pride in Kevin. Shortly after Kevin's birth, Lynn and Dennis divorced, and Dennis relocated to Medford to work for Medco as a CPA.

In Medford, Dennis met Cheryl Foster and the couple dated for many years, eventually marrying at their home in Medford, OR on June 27, 1981. Dennis left his employment with Medco and joined Dan Kosmatka, where they formed Kosmatka Donnelly CPAs, a public accounting firm. He was a partner at KDCO for nearly 40 years and was recognized by the AICPA and OSCP for maintaining his CPA license for over 40 years. Dennis served as Treasurer of the Southern Oregon Regional Development Board (SORED) for many years. He was also a member of the Oregon State Board of Accountancy.

Dennis was an avid Oregon Ducks fan, and became even more of a fan and proud Ducks Dad when Kevin attended college there. Kevin married his wife, Julie, in 2000 and later added Hazel and Soren to the family. These two grandchildren captivated the love of both Dennis and Cheryl!

In his free time, Dennis enjoyed cars, golfing, riding ATV's, playing tennis, and traveling. He scheduled many vacations around time he could spend with his son, and found ways to combine his continuing education courses with fun locations as mini vacations for the family. A special spot for Cheryl and Dennis was Cancun, Mexico, and they enjoyed many trips there with close friends and family. He enjoyed golf games where he and his buddies would tease one another and just enjoy the day together.

Dennis was not all fun and games, though...he also could be a serious man and had a stubborn streak, but he was an extremely loyal friend with a generous heart.

Dennis was preceded in death by his father, Donald; his brother-in-law, Kirk Morey, and his sister, Karen Morey.

He is survived by his mother, Dorothy; his wife, Cheryl; his son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Julie Donnelly; his sister and partner, Sue Donnelly and Dale Heide; his brother and sister-in-law, John and Beau Fong; his brother, Mike and Melinda Donnelly; his sister and brother-in-law, Debbie and Craig Stephens, and his grandchildren, Hazel & Soren Donnelly. Plus numerous nieces and nephews.

Dennis's wishes were to be cremated and laid to rest at the Bogus Creek Ranch, his grandchildren's most loved location and place to visit!

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to United Scholarship Inc., Dennis W. Donnelly Memorial Scholarship, PO Box 1328, Yreka, CA 96097.

A celebration of life for Dennis will be held at Paschal Winery & Vineyard, 1122 Suncrest Road, Talent, Oregon on June 15, 2019 at 11:00 AM.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **15**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (PT)

Paschal Winery
1122 Suncrest Road
Talent, OR 97540

Tribute Wall

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“ Cheryl and Family. Gay and I were so sorry to hear of Dennis's passing. I had lunch with Dennis about a month ago and he talked about the K&D new building, his new SUV and Medford in general. His quiet demeanor and quick wit was always on display when we got together. His help with SO-REDI helped that organization accomplish its goal of becoming the Economic Development Driver for Southern Oregon. Dennis kept all of us on the Board of Directors up to date on our finances and was a driving force on SO-REDI's success.



I will miss him as a great and loyal friend.

We will be gone this weekend but we will be thinking of all of you and the service.

May the Good Lord ease your pain and restore the memory of the man who enjoyed life, his family and his friends.

Skip and Gay Patterson.

Skip & Gay Patterson - June 13, 2019 at 09:58 PM

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“ David Sylva lit a candle in memory of Dennis William Donnelly



David Sylva - June 10, 2019 at 12:40 PM