



Dennis R. "Denny" Bates

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Mr. Dennis R. "Denny" Bates, age 69, passed away Friday, November 18, 2011 in Muskegon. He was born June 19, 1942 to Earnest R. and Bernadine (Raeth) Bates in Muskegon, and was a life resident. Denny was a Professional Photographer since 1972, and a Certified Professional Photographer for 20 years, owning and operating Denny's Studio of Photography. He attended the Great Lakes Institute of Photography. He was a member of the Professional Photographers of Michigan (PPM) and a founding member of Professional Photographers of West Michigan (PPWM). He has worked with Junior Achievement since 1981, was a member of the Twin Lake Gun Club, the Muskegon Chamber of Commerce and the Northside Lions Club since 1995, now serving as a board member. He was a volunteer at the Frauenthal Center, and a member of Fifth Reformed Church. Denny also enjoyed scuba diving, motorcycles, boating, and his tractor. On May 1, 1965 he married Audrey J. Falbe in Muskegon, and she survives him along with 3 children, Heath Bates of Twin Lake, Kevin (Kristin) Bates of Twin Lake, Rebecca (Joshua) Frens of Muskegon; 5 grandchildren, Jennifer (David) Luce, Kamera (Douglas) McAllister, Jacob, Cody, and Karlee Bates; 3 great-grandchildren, Christopher, Lilith, and Starla; brothers and sisters, Dale (Diane) Bates, Contance (Ted) Hawkins, Daniel (Linda) Bates. A memorial service for Denny will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to his family or the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, Inc. You may sign the family's on-line guest book at www.sytsemafh.com Arrangements by The Sytsema Chapel, Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc. 737 Apple Ave. (231) 726-5210.



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Anonymous posted:

Thank you for all your time given for volunteering at the Frauenthal, we will truly miss your sweet spirit. Maris

December 6 at 6:12 PM



Anonymous posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I was unfortunately unable to attend the funeral and my condolences go out to you all. Denny was a special man. Sherri VanderWier

December 6 at 11:52 AM



Anonymous posted:

Thinking of the times we shared many of the same weddings together. He was wonderful to work with, and always smiling and upbeat. With sincere sympathy to the family, he was a nice person to have known, am so very sorry for your loss. Mardi (formerly of Le Fleur Shoppe)

December 5 at 12:51 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am sorry for your deep loss. I'm thankful Denny was a steadfast friend to my father, Russ. Prayers for peace to you and yours. Beth (Vander Wier) Shaffer

November 23 at 4:19 PM



Anonymous posted:

Praying for the family of Denny Bates. Hoping that my cousin Audrey and the kids know what a treasure they had and that he is at peace now. Kristin Kadrovich Patitucci

November 23 at 11:24 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Audrey, Dale and Family, We were so saddened to hear the news that Denny had passed.. He was a great man and wonderful neighbor. I remember when we wanted a family picture and our brother had already passed away.. Denny did a wonderful job in placing Eugene in the picture like he was there... Dale we know you were very close with your brother as well and will be missed deeply... anything we can do for any of you please don't hesitate to ask.##imported-begin## Jeff and Sue Hekkema##imported-end##

November 22 at 3:01 PM



Anonymous posted:

A great man has left this earth too soon. Greg, myself, Shaina & Autumn will miss cousin Denny. His photographic 'genius', charm, charisma & sense of humour were always something that made our whole family smile. The good Lord has called him home & all of us will miss him. Denny will always have a special place in all of our hearts.##imported-begin## JoAnne Vitkus & Family##imported-end##

November 22 at 8:48 AM



Anonymous posted:

Denny and Denny's valuable work with the Lions will be greatly missed. He was so dedicated even when his health wasn't with him. He was just fun to be around. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Audrey and family. Denny and Carroll Loughrige##imported-begin## Dennis Loughrige##imported-end##

November 22 at 8:08 AM



Anonymous posted:

Denny will be greatly missed. Our prayers are with you and your family at this time.##imported-begin## Bill and Janet Hegg##imported-end##

November 22 at 7:29 AM



Anonymous posted:

I will surely miss his friendly smile. Denny was always willing to help and give 100 per cent even when he wasn't feeling that well.##imported-begin## Lion Barbara A. Pellerin##imported-end##

November 22 at 5:34 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Audrey and children, We will always remember the good times we had with Denny and your family. Your family is in our prayers. Love, Tim, Tamara, and Theresa Kadrovich-Jezeski

November 22 at 1:56 AM



Anonymous posted:

We will miss seeing Dennis out in the yard and waving to us. We pray for you and your family at this time. May he be at Peace.

November 21 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

You we be sadly missed Denny. You were very special and kind and caring man and will be remember fondly. Our thoughts and prayers are with Audrey and your family. Rest in Peace and Heaven is your home now. With ll of our Love, Deb & Dale Roest (your friends and fellow Lions members.)

November 21 at 6:47 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our sympathy to Audrey and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

November 21 at 5:40 PM



Anonymous posted:

Audrey and family...keeping you and the family in my prayers for comfort and peace.

November 21 at 5:19 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Our sympathies to Audrey & family. We will remember You & Dennis and the Photography business.##imported-begin##Gene & Barbara Greenwood##imported-end##

November 21 at 4:22 PM



Anonymous posted:

All or our love and sympathy to Audry and family. Denny will be sorely missed by all his Lion Friends.##imported-begin##PDG John and Marie Emrich##imported-end##

November 21 at 3:56 PM



Anonymous posted:

We will miss your smiling face and your friendship. We pray for God to help Audrey and your family to get through this most difficult time.##imported-begin##Raymond & Linda Jasicki##imported-end##

November 21 at 3:06 PM



Anonymous posted:

All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Rita Wilson##imported-end##

November 21 at 9:11 AM



Anonymous posted:

Denny will be missed by many people, of this I have no doubt. I found Denny to be a gentle-man, and someone who was always willing to help.I pray for him and for peace for Audrey and the family.##imported-begin##Frank DiPiazza##imported-end##

November 21 at 8:29 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dennis and I send our deepest sympathy to Audrey and the family. Denny was such a kind and loving man. He was a devoted Lion and will be sorely missed by all that knew him. Rest in peace Denny.##imported-begin##Kathleen Cobler##imported-end##

November 21 at 4:39 AM



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Anonymous posted:

I will miss denny at the lions and in the gokarts and his fun emails.##imported-begin##larry pennington##imported-end##

November 20 at 8:09 PM



Anonymous posted:

We value the friendship we have had the honor to share with Lion Denny. This year was Audrey and his first year as host families. We were able to share a lot of activities with his student Hanna and with the two we had with us.Denny was such a giving and talented man. He will be missed.With deepest sympathy to Audrey and his family.Doug and Cheryl Schneider##imported-begin##Cheryl Schneider##imported-end##

November 20 at 6:58 PM



Anonymous posted:

The world has lost a great caring person.Our only solace is that he is no longer suffering and is now serving our Lord in other ways. Our prayers of support are with Audrey and the rest of Denny's family.Ed Weessies##imported-begin##Ed Weessies##imported-end##

November 20 at 5:34 PM



Anonymous posted:

Denny you will be missed dearly. You had the heart of a teacher and a great artistic talent. I am proud to be considered among your friends.##imported-begin##Scott Rogers##imported-end##

November 20 at 4:34 PM



Anonymous posted:

It was such an honor to be part of a family like Dennis'! He was always out going and had a smile on his face. Denny was a very fun guy to be around! In the fall Denny would sometime host a hay ride through his yard with Hot Cocoa and cidar! Denny will forever be missed and loved!##imported-begin##Bev Barber,Dawn Tice and Family##imported-end##

November 20 at 2:30 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Dennis R. "Denny" by
contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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