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Raymond Dennis Collins, known to everyone as Denny, passed away on Thursday, June 22, 2023, surrounded by family and friend at the age of 75.

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1947, Denny grew up just outside Mercersburg, Pennsylvania in what is known locally as Cove Gap. He graduated from James Buchanan High School in 1965 and Penn State University in State College, Pennsylvania in 1969, receiving a bachelor's degree in accounting. Denny was immediately recruited by General Motors in Michigan, and he worked for GM, or subsidiaries thereof, his entire career. His work took him many places in the United States, as well as extended assignments in England, France, and Mexico.

Denny loved to travel with his beloved wife of 46 years, Nancy, and together they explored destinations all over the world. He was an avid Penn State football and Baltimore Orioles baseball fan, and he volunteered his time and talents to several organizations including Junior Achievement, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Flint, Michigan, and Relay for Life of Fort Myers.

After his retirement, Denny and Nancy remained in Michigan, but also built a full and rich life in Fort Myers, Florida. Upon becoming grandparents, Denny and Nancy established a summer home in Lewes, Delaware and made Fort Myers their permanent home.

Denny was preceded in death by his mother Mabel V. Weller of Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, his grandparents Margaret and Raymond Weller, and his uncles Roy Weller and Bud Weller, and his aunt, Lois Weller. He is survived by his wife Nancy L. Collins, his daughter and son-in-law April and Dean Betts of Lewes, Delaware, his granddaughters Madeline Betts and Abigail Betts of Lewes, Delaware, his brother-in-law and sister-in-law Robert and Pam Pease of Goodrich, Michigan, and many loved nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends across the country and abroad.

Immediate arrangements will be private.



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For those who wish to make charitable donations in Denny's name, the family suggests the Florida Cancer Specialists & Research Institute, 8260 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers, Florida 33908, (www.flcancer.com/location/fort-myers-cancer-center/) and the First Baptist Church of Lewes Building Fund, 1001 Kings Highway, Lewes, Delaware, 19958 (<https://www.fbcoflewes.org/>).

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



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SM

Susan (Beatty) Mosher posted:

As a Cove Gap-ite I was one of many classmates Cove Gap elementary schools and the JBHS, graduating in 1965. Mabel would load up her car with local kids taking us to the Star Theater in Mercersburg My sympathy goes to his family and his friends. Susan (Beatty) Mosher

July 16 at 10:15 AM

HH

Helen Gardiner-Hill posted:

Dear Nancy and family Sending you all our love and thoughts at this sad time. You both made us so welcome on our visits to Lewes over the years. Denny always so full of fun and laughter, his big smile as he drove by in his jeep. He will be hugely missed. With our love Glen, Helen & Molly

July 2 at 8:22 AM

RB

Rick Baur lit a candle in honor of Raymond Dennis.

I was saddened to hear of Denny's passing. He was a great friend and my former brother-in-law. He will be sadly missed by all. My best memory with him is when he pinned my anchors on me during my chiefs ceremony in Great Lakes back in 1991. It was an honor to me for Denny being there for this special occasion. Rest in peace Denny Collins!



June 27 at 3:29 AM

SP

Sue Petroski posted:

Healing prayers for Nancy and the family as they face the loss of Denny. We grew up together and he was like another brother to me. He will be missed.

June 26 at 4:46 PM



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KW

Karen Wolfe posted:

Nancy & Family,I was so saddened to hear the news about Denny's passing.I so enjoyed working for Denny. He was not only smart he was a kind soul that really took an interest in his employees.I am glad you were able to enjoy retirement in both Florida and Delaware. His family was very important to him.Karen Dillon Wolfe

June 26 at 11:04 AM

GH

Gordon Halleck July 11 at 11:36 AM

Dear Nancy, I am sorry to hear about Denny's passing. I have so many fond memories of both of you. I always respected Denny as a man of integrity and a great mentor. He had such a strong work ethic and truly cared about people. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Gordon Halleck

JR

Janet Rockafellow June 27 at 7:16 AM

Dear Nancy, I didn't know Denny well but knew you had a wonderful marriage and he made you happy. My prayers are with you and the family as you go thru this hard time. May God comfort you and give you His peace.Janet Rockafellow

JR

Jessie Ray June 26 at 6:07 PM

Dear Nancy and Family,You are in my prayers as Denny was one great guy. You two seemed to be a perfect couple. When in Michigan, would love to see you.Love,Jessie and Larry Ray

CT

Cathy Tyler June 26 at 4:56 PM

Dear Nancy and Family - We're so saddened by the news of Denny's death. We've been friends and co-workers with both you and Denny for too many years to count. Denny was a good person with a kind heart and he will be missed by many.We have such great memories of times spent with the two of you. Hopefully you can find some comfort knowing that he is no longer suffering. You're in our thoughts and prayers. Love,Burt and Cathy Tyler



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Raymond Dennis by
contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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