



Dennis R. Ashby

April 15, 1948 - September 18, 2010

Ashby, Dennis R.

Age 62 September 18, 2010

Beloved son of Theresa and the late Robert

Dear Nephew of Shirley Czarniak

Also survived by many loving cousins

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date

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Tribute Wall

SA

“ I grew up in Utica on Harry Street.... I'm wondering if this is my childhood playmate ???

sandy - November 15, 2024 at 03:11 PM

BH

“ I only knew Dennis through Todd's, the bar where he worked but that was enough to know what a dear person he was,the world will miss him.

bill hawkins - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Dennis not a day goes by without me thinking of you and the friendship that you brought to countless individuals. You were and always will be a class act, your passing has left a void in the Detroit Area Community. Sleep well and in peace.

Craig Strauch - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AZ

“ Dennis was one of the finest person I've ever met. Working with him was an absolute pleasure. He always provided guidance and a touch of love for me whenever I was down. Dennis always made sure that everyone was doing well, and keeping out of trouble, a "den mother" of sorts. We will all miss your smiling face, but I know that there is a special place waiting for you on the other side... Until we meet again my friend...

Alex Zabohonski - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Dennis & Theresa were customers of our restaurant for many years.. i always looked forward to seeing you 2 of wednesdays and fridays.. you have been missed and will continue to be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

Chris - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

W.

“ Dennis will be truly missed. He was my favorite bartender for 25 years. From his "Pink Fucks," to "Sour Apples," Dennis served his cocktails with love.

W.D.MCDANIEL - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ I just heard the sad news of your passing. You were always a cheerful welcome whenever I saw you. Detroit won't be the same without you.

Dallas Keffer - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ My good friend from the early 80's, you were always there for me, and could always cheer anyone up when you sensed their need. I know you and our dear friend May, Maybie are catching up on all the things missed. Dennis was always there to make anyone feel appreciated and loved. We will all miss you dear friend! My sincere regrets to you Mrs. Ashby, and family

Rick Kain - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ A sad and lonely reality: Dennis gone. Truly one of a kind. The memorials here are a testament to his goodness. Thank you for your many, many kindnesses, Dennis. Have fun up there. Michael Toronto

Michael - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Rita, you will forever be missed. Shine on baby, shine on.

Jeff Akehurst - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BD

I knew Dennis from the Tot- Lot days and when he bartended at Eddie's and the Iron Hinge bars and later at Todd's Disco and the Gold Coast...He was an absolute icon, and I was lucky he called me his friend...I miss you and yes I'll always have cookies for Rita...R.I.P..

Bobby De - December 27, 2022 at 11:32 AM

KM

“ Dennis, From the first time I was introduced to you until the last time I saw you, you have always been a great friend. I remember grabbing you away from the bar for just a second to dish some dirt with you! I'm glad I came up with the term "Porcelana Porter" many years ago! You will be greatly missed amongst your friends, family and the community. You always made it just a little easier to get through the day! Rest in Peace!

Kevin a.k.a. Brittany McAllister - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ There is a new star in the heavens, you will shine upon the earth forever more, love from your first boss at the Club Gold Coast, Jerry Badalamento.

Jerry Badalamento - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ To the family of Dennis; we are so sorry for your loss. our thoughts & prayers are with you. We have known Dennis for over 20 years. Whenever we seen him he always made us feel so special. He was an angel on earth who was loved by many people, and will be missed by even more. Dennis, God speed until we meet again. Bill & Cherie

Bill & Cherie Price - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ The Tears are Lost as we look onto Heaven, One soul is lost but in Heaven a new Angel is Found. So as the sun sets, and the stars rise, a liberated angel joins the skies. So don't cry for I am free, Remember my days and Love my Memories. So as I lay my head to rest, remember my love and smile. And Lord may our loved one Dennis Rest.

Ron Brown - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ My friendship with Dennis began when I did work on his bar car and his Dad's Cutlass. He was a man among men, and no matter how long in between seeing each other, he always made you feel like it had only been a day. My sincere condolences to you Mrs. A...I will never forget our trips to Detroit to watch Denny perform at the Pink Flamingo. This is indeed a tragic loss.

Michael Weise - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Dear Dennis, You will shine like a star in eternity forever. Amen Goodbye my dear friend. Thanks be to God. Amen

Martin - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ I met Dennis and his friend Marla at Todd's Thursday nights, the good ole days in the late 80's. Within the first hour of meeting him, you could tell he was a special and caring person. A friend for Life. He will be missed by MANY! ... R.I.P. ...

Steve L. - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ Dennis is one of the best people I have ever known. It has been an honor to be his friend. I will miss him dearly and remember him always. I am a better person for having known him.

Tom - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FD

“ dennis i will miss ur smile when u served my drink.loved to come to the bar just because of you.Foeke donga

foeke donga - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ For the years that I knew Dennis, he was always up-beat, loved life and had the most unique sense of humor I ever knew. I will always remember his smiling face, and laughing eyes. He was one of my brothers. And I, as I'm sure many others, will miss him. Luv ya, Dennis.

Denise Duprey - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Rest in Peace

David L. Wellday - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ May God welcome you with open arms and may you find comfort and peace with him.

Debbie Wheeler - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I will truly miss all of the wonderful times I spent with Dennis over the last 35 years. Our quiet lunches, trips to Las Vegas with Becky, and many a night in the clubs laughing the night away. I always felt it was a privilege to be his friend. Nobody had a quicker wit than Dennis, but it was never mean-spirited. My dear friend, I'll miss you.

Jim McKervey aka Lee Sands - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Oh my anyone who knew Dennis has been touched he was one of those rare individuals whose heart was bigger than himself. He will be truly missed by many as well as myself. To all friends and family my condolences.... To Dennis: Love you friend, know your in a good place, til then miss you dearly.

Michael Champagne - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ "Anybody here seen my old friend Dennis? Can you tell me where he's gone? He freed a lot of people, But it seems the good they die young. I just looked around and he's gone"..... I miss you my friend - til we meet again!

Larry Sabo - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ I am very glad to have been a friend. You always knew when I had enough. Thank's you are missed. Dennis Welsh

Dennis L Welsh - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Dennis was a stalwart of our community. He was known to everyone as one of the "good guys" . He will be sorely missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Larry Coury - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Dennis was a great guy, friendly and funny..... My condolences to Dennis's family.

Jason Lecky - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ To my dear sweet friend....Thank you for being my friend! I will always remember your many good thoughts and gifts to me. I am homored to have known you for 18 years. My life will never be the same without you in it. I am a better man for have knowing you. Say hi to Mr. Sinatra for me... I LOVE YOU Dennis. David Arlow

David Arlow - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ I will miss Dennis.He always had a kind word and a smile on his face. Never cross or mean and never an ill word from him towards anyone. He was a lover of life. I will miss his cards at Christmas and on my birthday. Rest well friend!

John A Easterhouse - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Rita You were always the ****STAR**** Shine Bright!!! Just one foot in front of the other you use to tell me. And yes I was always the pretty one. Oh my I miss you all ready. Hugs Tara x0x0x0x

Tara Daniels - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ Dennis you will be greatly missed. The world has lost yet another wonderful, charming, funny, warm and kind hearted person.
xoxoxoxox Terry C.

Terry - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ dearest dennis not olny did we loose a close friend but a family member.marie and i will always have you in our hearts and prayers the world has truly lost a great person we love and miss you. tom and marie

tom - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ We still find it hard to believe that our dear, next door neighbor is gone. We will greatly miss your friendship, kindness and especially, those thoughtful handwritten 'thankyou'notes and phone messages. We were neighors ,helping each other . We appreciated hearing about your love for cars and those happier times spent in Vegas. We were blessed to have known you,Dennis and also the pleasure of knowing Theresa. Our deepest condolences, Pauline and Tom Sanderson

Pauline & Tom Sanderson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ One of the kindest people that I have ever met. He will be missed.
Brian

Brian Kastner - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ To all his family and friends I send out my deepest condolences ,Dennis was an outstanding,awesome,loving,caring guy theres not enough words to describe the person he was.I knew Dennis for just about 8 years worked side by side every weekend and in those 8 years of knowing him he gave me more memorys and love then I have had in my 30 years of life his memory will carry on through me and many others he will not be forgotten

Tim Ceresa - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Denny... How do I begin? Even though, I was a cousin by marriage, you made me feel sooo loved. I still cannot believe, or maybe I don't want to believe that you are gone. I have never, ever, in my life,met anyone as caring,unselfish & as special as you. I will forever hold dear to my heart, the many cards which you had so much fun making & sending to me & probably everyone else that you knew. Every time I would recieve one, it would put the biggest smile on my face. I will miss you, your cards, your sense of humor more than you could ever know. A final farewell to a truly wonderful, wonderful, human being. I will never forget you. Love, Chris To Aunt Theresa: My deepest, deepest sympathy goes out to you. You were so proud of him, & it showed. He was a wonderful Son to you & a wonderful friend to anyone who had the pleasure & the honor of knowing him. I loved him to pieces, as I love you. Love, Chris

Christine Sorrentino - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ dennis you will truly be missed you were a brother-in-law to me. you dated my brother dale and you were so much like family. when you and dale broke up i still considered you family ill miss you and always love you debbie

debbie - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ No words can express how saddened we are by the loss of Dennis. He was such a kind man, and a genuinely wonderful person. Part of the fun of going to the Coast was getting a chance to visit with him and "catching up" with each other. He always saved us our favorite table, and we were greeted by his outstanding smile everytime we arrived. The world won't be the same without him.... We miss you and love you, Dennis!

Kim and Ernest - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Dennis, You are truly one of the special ones. You'll be missed and loved always.

Phillip Schmehl - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ I am truly sorry for all of our loss. Dennis is a friend of many people and will always be in our hearts. I will & I hope that all of his friends will give their hearts to others as Dennis did. Will miss ya bud...see you in heaven

Doyle - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dear Becky and family, My thoughts are with you all during this sad, sad time. I worked with Dennis at Todd's through most of the 80's, but knew him back from the late 70's. He was such a sweet and loving person, and even though he had a truly strong moral fiber which even though I have never met you, Becky... I have to think it came from you, he was never judgmental and was always ready with his quick wit and a hug. Thank you for sharing him with all of us during his all too short stay on earth. He will be sorely missed, and always remembered with love.

Marla Metelski - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *The world lost a truly good person on the 18th., Michigan will not be the same. Dennis was and is a wonderful person, I will always remember the good times at Todds. Rest in Peace my Friend Steven Kennedy and Gregory Bogan*

Steven Kennedy - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *You will be missed*

Kevin Graczyk & Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ *am so sorry about Dennis, I.ve known Dennis for almost forty years and everytime i come to visit my family i always stop to see my best freind. he was so special to myself and everyone he knew.i will miss him alot and my players are with his mom. love you Dennis. Paul alias kitty.*

paul - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ *Dear Theresa, my sincerest condolences, I can't imagine the heartbreak of such a loss. He was such a loving son and a dear friend to many. He will be missed.*

Arthur Hansen - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ my dear son in law u went with my son dale for 10 years before u and he broke up, i always kept u in my heart as my son, u were kind,generous and made everyone u met smile. i will never forget u helping me when my husband died by opening up the bar on 7 mile and van dyke for the burial dinner and paid for someone to watch the cars outside. I was only charged half for the dinner and drinks, This man is an angel in heaven and on earth, i will miss u my son rest in peace. mom

marilynn Lawrie - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Dear sweet Dennis, you were such an asset to our neighborhood and now a huge loss. Everyone will miss you, you were our well respected friend & neighbor who touched the hearts of everyone here. I will miss your smile and friendship. Till we meet again my friend; Rest in peace in your new home with God.

Dianne Mitchell - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Dennis Ashby. I have known Dennis for 7 years and I'm a better person for knowing him. He always made me feel like I was the most important person in the world. Dennis meant so many different things to so many people. He was love and is loved! Words escape me because how do you say good-bye to someone that left too soon? The only comfort I find is knowing that I'll see you again. I'll be seeing you again soon Dennis. R.I.P. I love you!

Shawn Knight - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Dennis, I will truly miss you. You were a great and caring person and a good friend. My sympathy goes out to your family. Until we meet again, Tuesday Tom

Tom K. - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I first met Dennis 30 years ago at Todds sway lounge. I can still remember the look on his face when we met. He took an instant liking to me and from then on we became good friends. I am going to miss him so much. I like many others that knew Dennis will never forget him-godspeed old friend-till we meet again

Steven Casman - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AU

“ I've known Dennis the last 7 years. Although I only saw him once every few weeks or so, and we weren't very close...he always remembered my name and always took a genuine interest. He was the sweetest, most gentle soul I've had the pleasure of knowing. Last time I saw him, he handed me a picture of the two of us taken months before that he was waiting to give to me when he saw me again - I thought it was incredibly sweet and thoughtful. Dennis will be missed immensely when I come home to Michigan again - I always looked forward to seeing his smiling face. He really knew how to make people feel special and like they mattered. It was a pleasure knowing him and anyone that had the fortune of encountering Dennis in their life should feel equally as lucky.

Audra - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Sorry to hear of Denny's passing, I have not seen him in years, but truly thought of him often. We would hang out together with his cousin's who lived next door to me in our younger years. We all loved Denny!!! To all of his family and friends you are in my prayers.
Barb Kent Parlett

Barbara Kent/Parlett - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dennis Ashby, what can one say about a person that made everyone he met feel very special. But over all Dennis was the special one. He was the kindest most caring man we will ever know. We still can't believe he is gone. He will be missed by us for the rest of our lives, we love you Dennis and always will. Mary Sappington and Ken Lamparski

Mary Sappington - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ were so sorry to hear that he passed he was a nice guy and really down to earth....

john merlino jr & roger billett - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Family of Dennis, He was a great guy and such a character! Had so much fun and was just over all the most friendly person I have ever met, He will be Very Much Missed in the club scene, as well as the community!! God Bless you Dennis!

Roger Hill - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ I will always remember Dennis as a gentle spirit and a kind soul. I last saw Dennis in high school but will always remember him. Rest in Gods love Dennis.

Greg Perkins - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ I knew Dennis from my automotive literature business - he was always a great person to talk to and kept in touch even when we didn't have any business. I lost contact with him when we moved to Chicago but thought about him often. I even tried to contact him when we moved back to Sterling Heights but to no avail. Our condolences to the family.....

Russ Nardi - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Dear Momma A, Words cannot express the loss I feel with Dennis' passing. Know you're in my thoughts and prayers as is he. He was a beloved friend of many years and " a brother to me".I shall miss him more than words can convey. With my love and sympathy,
Ralph

Ralph - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Dear Becky and family, We have known Denny for many years and had so many wonderful times together, we love him and will always hold him dear in our hearts, we know what a wonderful relationship you and he had. We will pray for all of you. Ken & Doug

Ken Senical & Doug Adams - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ *Dennis, you truly were the definition and meaning of the word "Friend". I have never met a kinder, generous, giving person like you. You enriched the lives of so many. Lucky are the people who knew and loved you. Good bye for now, my dear friend. Rest in peace, you are loved. Until we meet again.*

Tom - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM