Dennis Buza

March 20, 1950 - February 8, 2023

Dennis Buza, age 72, resident of Sterling Heights, passed away on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, in Clinton Township, Michigan. Dennis was born on March 20, 1950, in Detroit, Michigan to the late Cecil and Betty (nee Smith) Buza. Beloved husband of Pamela Buza (nee Strong). Loving father of Dan (Sharla) Buza, and Jeff (Shannon) Buza. Proud grandfather of Kira, Braden, Rease, Nathan, and Caleb
Dear brother of Sandy (Bill) Elias, Carol (the late George) Farmer, David Buza, and the late Doris DeVoss
Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica on Friday, February 10 from 2-8 pm with a funeral service at 5 pm.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **10**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MP

I am a basketball friend of Mr. Buza's son, Dan. I've been privileged to play pick-up ball with Dan for over 25 years. In that time Mr. and Mrs. Buza have often stopped in at the gym perhaps to gather Dan's kids or just to visit a bit. As a father myself, I've always found this inspiring that (they) are very involved with their kids' and grandkids' lives. For those who don't know, their son Dan (mid 40's?) remains one of the most supremely talented ball players there is. Period. (Any level). But his best talent is how he makes others around him of all levels feel important (somehow, it even feels important being crushed by him when playing against him.). He's the alpha dog yet humble at the same time. Who were the parents who helped instill this balance? I've met and played ball with Dan's brother, Jeff, in the past and he, too, is all class. And it's been a pleasure to watch Kira, Braden, and Rease grow in their earlier years. (Recently, it's been a special treat to be schooled by a grown-up Braden, too.) I can only imagine how Mr. and Mrs. Buza helped shape their children's and grandkids' character. Indeed, those times they've shown up in the gym, I always smile thinking sage royalty has entered the room. I barely knew Mr. Buza, yet his legacy is indelible. My condolences to the entire Buza family and friends. -Mark Pfeiffer

Mark Pfeiffer - February 10, 2023 at 12:22 PM

Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Dennis Buza.

February 10, 2023 at 09:23 AM

Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Buza.

February 10, 2023 at 09:16 AM

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis Buza.

February 09, 2023 at 09:53 PM

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February 09, 2023 at 03:50 PM

One of the few activities my dad hadn't taken any interest in when we were younger was the game of golf. I remember him teasing me about the concept of hitting that little white ball and having to chase it down only to hit it and chase after it again. But later in life, he discovered golf himself and like everything else, he was not satisfied until he learned how to do it well. He made up for lost time and became a pretty good golfer who could hit the ball a long way. I'm grateful that golf allowed us to spend even more time together in my adult years. I'm also grateful for all the range sessions he spent teaching Braden how to play. He and Braden really enjoyed that time together and I enjoyed witnessing it. I look forward to experiencing the same father & son time on the course with Braden now that he knows all my dad's secrets.

Dan Buza - February 09, 2023 at 02:22 PM

I have so many great memories of my dad growing up playing catch in the yard, basketball in the driveway, bowling in the winter and boating in the summer. He was such a big part of everything I did in life. I will remember my dad for his passion for learning new things and teaching others every opportunity he had. He was a great man with a great sense of humor and incredibly supportive of me and my brother. I'm so grateful to him for shaping me into the man I am today.

Dan Buza - February 09, 2023 at 02:11 PM

Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dennis Buza.

February 09, 2023 at 11:07 AM

KW

I was fortunate to meet Mr. Buza after becoming friends with Dan. I was invited to join their annual golf trip and through the organization of foursomes and matches we play together several times. My first impression was I had never seen someone practice swing with the same intensity as a swing to hit the ball as far as you could. I thought to myself "well that can't continue... we are playing 27 holes the next 3 days...". On hole 81, his focus, passion and swing... were exactly the same as on hole 1.

I ended up becoming friends with both Dan and Jeff. There are many measures of men and in this case I look at Dan and Jeff. Simply put, both his sons are good men and it is clear Mr. Buza was a strong influence in their life.

Mr. Buza, I will take a practice swing for you this spring.

Kevin Woodward - February 09, 2023 at 10:52 AM

JB

Some of the best times I had with my dad was on the golf course. I'm not sure I ever met someone as passionate about the game of golf than him. While I could share a thousand stories of our time on the course, this particular memory always made us laugh. We were golfing in our annual golf weekend that my brother organized with family and friends. We were golfing at Eagle Eye in Lansing and we were on the 18th hole when a severe storm was approaching. Upon reaching the green, the storm was bearing down on us complete with thunder and lightning. I picked up my golf ball and told my dad we have to get in the clubhouse. My dad had no intention on picking up his ball. Anyone who golfed with my dad knew when he was putting, he always looked at the line from both sides of the hole. He had about a 15 footer and he walked to the opposite side of the hole to line it up even though this storm was almost on top of us. I asked him what he was doing and told him we gotta go. I remember him looking at me as serious as could be and said "Hey, this putt is for birdie!"

Jeff Buza - February 09, 2023 at 10:29 AM

JB

My dad was an avid chess player. Growing up, he made a deal with my brother and I that if either of us beat him in a game of chess, he would buy us anything we wanted within reason. After hundreds of attempts over the course of several years, I finally beat him. I remember saying "checkmate" and him staring at the board in disbelief. This is how the Buza family got their first computer in the late 1980's. A brand new "Amiga." I never beat him in chess again. As a matter of fact, I played him 2 weeks ago and he beat me in 10 moves.

Jeff Buza

Jeff Buza - February 09, 2023 at 09:50 AM

Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis Buza.

February 09, 2023 at 08:11 AM

BE

3 files added to the album Florida Memories

Bill Elias - February 09, 2023 at 12:15 AM

BE

As a future brother-in-law to be, I will never forget Dennis walking my future wife, Sandy, down the Church aisle on our wedding day on October 1, 1977. Sandy's father had passed away that year and Dennis stepped right in. Sandy held on to his arm, managing to make it all the way to the altar to greet her future husband. 45 years later, we're still together. Sandy's mother, at the time, gave us 6 months, at most. I always wondered how long Dennis gave us. I continue to do my best to take good care of his sister. My sincere condolences to the entire Buza family.
Bill Elias
Florida

Bill Elias - February 09, 2023 at 12:06 AM

JW

My prayers are with the Buza family during this sorrowful time. May God comfort you all with His Amazing Grace.

John Wesson - February 08, 2023 at 09:17 PM