



Dennis R. Heitman

April 24, 1952 - March 21, 2023

On March 21, 2023 Dennis Ray Heitman passed away peacefully after battling cancer for many months. He was 70 years old.

Born in Detroit, MI to Elizabeth (Betty) Riley and Lloyd Heitman on April 24, 1952, Dennis was the third of four children. He attended Dearborn High School, after which he served honorably in the U.S. Army doing a tour of duty in Vietnam.

After leaving the military, Dennis attended Eastern Michigan University. And in 1976 he met and married his former wife, Linda Gudiatis. They moved to San Diego, CA and a few years later welcomed their daughter Cara into the world.

Upon returning to Michigan, he worked for the family business, Heitman-Garand Printing leading their sales department, until its closing in 2008. Dennis pursued his passion for photography from that time on opening his own studio DeRay Photography.

Dennis' love of life propelled him continually to seek new experiences. Among the many pursuits that he excelled at skillfully was etching custom images on glass, creating stained glass windows, playing golf, skiing, biking, fishing, and scuba diving. He traveled often to visit friends out of state and never missed a stage performance of his daughter's, even if it was in Alaska.

He will be dearly missed by his family and friends including his daughter Cara and son-in-law David Wesch, Brothers Rick and Roger and Sister-in-law Sue Heitman, Brother-in-law Ken Schultz as well as niece Brenda Belongia & Family, Nephew Erik Schultz and his grandson, Whittaker Wesch. He is preceded in death by his parents and sister Caroline Schultz. Dennis will be remembered for his boundless energy and adventurous outlook.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church in Dearborn, MI on Friday May 19 at 11am. A lunch will be served after at the Church. In lieu of flowers, a donation to The Headstrong Project www.theheadstrongproject.org <<http://www.theheadstrongproject.org>> is greatly appreciated.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church
24110 Cherry Hill Street
Dearborn, MI 48124

Tribute Wall



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*Dennis and I served in Vietnam together 1971/72
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