



Dennis F. Kleiss

December 21, 1954 - August 5, 2013

Dennis F. Kleiss, age 58, a resident of Royal Oak, died August 5, 2013 at his home. He was born December 21, 1954 in Detroit. Mr. Kleiss grew up in Royal Oak and was a 1973 graduate of Bishop Foley High School. He was a U.S. Navy veteran 1973-77 who served on the USS Raleigh, LPD-1. He worked at the Detroit Newspaper Agency for 29 years. He also was a Boy Scout Leader and enjoyed playing golf. He is survived by his loving wife, Mary C. Miller Kleiss; whom he married June 24, 1978 at St. Dennis Catholic Church in Royal Oak; children, Cathy Kleiss and Regis Kleiss both of Royal Oak; granddaughter, Elizabeth Eubank; siblings, Beverly White of Orlando, FL, Edward Sandi Kleiss of Shelby Township and Francine Dave Schmidt of Hazel Park; six nieces and nephews; and four great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Canut and Julia Kleiss; and brother-in-law, Jim White. The visitation will be Thursday 2-8 p.m. and Friday 11 a.m. until the time of the service at 1 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W Eleven Mile Road 4 blocks E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Burial with military honors will be Monday 2:30 p.m. at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Angela Hospice are appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com .

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Kliess was always showed class with a sense of humor. His passing is a great loss to the community.*

Lawrence S. Paruch - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Fair Winds & Following Seas. Safe journey.-Brant Mitchell-NAVASEMI*

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Denny will be greatly missed. Sending strength, hugs and butterfly kisses to all..*

Michelle Jackson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary, Our prayers are with you to bless you and give you strength!*

Skip & Sharon Schmidt - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *My prayers go with Denny to the other side and at the same time, remain with Mary, Regis and Cathy to carry them on through life . Denny was probably the finest example of what a man could be in this life! He will surely be missed by all who knew him.*

Jane M. Maas - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Always a smile and a witty remark....and bore his illness with such dignity.

Corey Rigoni - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ 22 yrs ago, Louis & I moved in across the street over Thanksgiving weekend. We woke up to 6" of snow and met you & Denny for the first time - armed with shovels and a small snow thrower. This was just the first of countless generous, friendly experiences with your family. Denny had a wicked sense of humor and smoked a mean salmon - he shared both. We will miss him deeply and pray for you all. much love, Sandra & LouisP. S. We're still across the street.

Sandra & Louis - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Denny was as good a man, --father and husband and more--as anyone could ask for. I always enjoyed our conversations--both when his kids, Cathy and Regis, were in my choirs at Dondero H. S, and since their graduation and especially since my retirement when I had chances to visit the family at home. He will be sorely missed, but Mary and the kids all have a wonderful sense that his passing at this time and in this way was a good thing. Mary is such a strong woman--having shouldered the role of fulltime care-giver to Denny and Regis now for a very long time. Although she will miss him greatly she has already talked about the blessing of his passing--in terms that most of can't even approach. She will continue to be all that is necessary to see Regis thru his hard times ahead--and show us all what a real loving Mother is!! I stand in awe of this entire family. May God's richest blessings will continue!

Mr. Hartsoe - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CU

“ R I P I know Dennis from the Vets, we had fun, you are gone but not forgotten.

Christopher Brzozowski USMC - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I worked with Dennis at the Detroit Newspapers. He was a great guy. Buck Fife

Buck Fife - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Bev, Denny & I shared many a good time together back at Foley. He was a warm & gentle friend, and he will be missed. My deepest sympathies to his family & friends. Pat Laurain White

Pat White - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Mary, Denny will truly be missed. He had a great sense of humor and was a great man. Although we are not always on the "same page", we are truly sorry for your loss and he will be in our thoughts and prayers as will you and Cathy, Regis and Liz. Love, Mark, Carla, Sara & Lacie Doehring.

Carla Doehring - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ So sorry for the loss of this great man. He never lost his sense of humor. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Kleiss family.

Kelly Walsh - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ My condolences goes out to you and your family regis. So sorry for your loss. Your dad always made me smile and it was a pleasure to know him.

Toi LovesMe Pershard - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ I remember those days during track meets at Dondero. Denny had a fantastic sense of humor and was so proud of his family. Always admired how the two of you fit together so perfectly. May God keep you in His perfect peace. Love to all, Kevin and Liz Gardiner

Elizabeth Gardiner - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ Condolences from our family to yours. It was a pleasure working with Dennis when are sons were in Boy Scouts. He will be missed.

Steve and Debbie Oertle - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Mary, we sure wish we could be there, just know we will be thinking about you, Cathy, Regis and Liz during this time. Denny' s sense of humor and love for his family will always stay with me. He will be missed by many...xoxox From Lynette and John McKeaney, all the way from West Virginia!

Lynette McKeaney - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dearest Ed, Sandy and Jackie, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Ed's brother. Sincerest condolences and heartfelt sympathy to all of you. With love, Jill, Mitchell and Nicole Morano

Jill Morano - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary, may God bless you and your family* ”

Pam Warren - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM