



Dennis Bonfantini

January 30, 1951 - March 5, 2011

Dennis Dee Bonfantini 60, resident of Moses Lake, WA. passed away on March 05, 2011 from liver failure. With his favorite music playing and family by his side, Dennis passed peacefully. Please sign the online guestbook at www.kayserschapel.com

Dennis was born January 30, 1951 in Everett, WA. to Diego Bonfantini and Maxine Janet Moore. As the oldest child of five, Dennis lived up to his nickname 'Scooter', as he was always on the move. He spent his childhood, teasing his younger sibs, loving on the girls, making underground forts, he loved camping, was a 'Junior Deputy' of Snohomish County, a dock hand in Mukilteo.

Dennis was a generous and loving big brother to many other siblings including the children of Frank Koenig and Don Eney.

Dennis had an amazing love and talent for music. He broke in the accordion long before exploring his vocals and rocking his guitar. His first teen age band consisted of Everett Herald junior paper dealers.

They jammed in the family living room and named themselves 'Morning Mist.' They made their official debut at Olympic View Junior High in 1967.

Dennis graduated from Cascade High School, soon after married his first love Patty, and then years later, marrying Kathy. His greatest regret was moving on without making a home and family with either one of these wonderful women.

In his younger days, Dennis won the local battle of the bands, with several rock bands including ACE and Road Apple Roy.

Dennis shared his enthusiasm for 'good music' with his family and friends. As a lead singer and guitarist, his family soon learned Dennis was born to be a wanderer, seeking his dream of fame, he caught his first 'star' when in Colorado his band opened for the infamous 'Blue Oyster Cult.'

At whim and will, Dennis moved around the country, was equally at home in the city of Seattle and the beaches of Oahu, Ocean Shores, Twin Lakes, and Moses Lake, WA.

Dennis was a sheet rocker in construction with his brother David. Dennis often lived with and remodeled a home with his little sister Janet and her husband Mike.

His mentors included Bob Dylan, Neil Young, Jim/Van Morrison and Jesus Christ.

Dennis is survived by his brother David Bonfantini of Rock Island, WA, Randy Bonfantini (Charmaine) San Francisco, CA, Step brother David Eney and Sisters, Lora Eaton (Saron Wise) of Everett, WA. and Janet Rollins (Michael) of Moses Lake, WA.

He dearly loved and was proud of his nephews and nieces, and will be greatly missed.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents and Grandparents; especially our beloved Grandma Anna Moore.

Now for you honey, just know we LOVE you 'Big D,' and 'Uncle D.' This summer, your pals will celebrate your life with a gathering filled with love, laughter, good food, bad jokes and fun on the lake.

You have our blessing to go now and rock hard in heaven big brother.

Tribute Wall



“ I am very saddened. I just found out about Dennis's passing. I had the pleasure & privilege of his friendship. I was his keyboard player in ACE, along with Chris Brown on guitar, Bruce Lambson on bass, and Rob Wajtowick on drums. We were mostly a road band back then, and I have some lifetime memories and stories of that time that I recall often. We had a band house we all shared in Lynwood, and for us know-it-all-musicians it was the best of times. Dennis was very level headed, and he was the personality that held us all together in tough times. I have some wonderful stories of those days. If you would like, I would love to recount them. My number is (425) 985-6242.

Sincerely,

Robert Lovy

Woodinville, Wa.

www.4moreband.com##imported-begin##Robert Lovy##imported-end##

March 22, 2013 at 07:59 AM



“ I wish all the friends I've had would quit leaving this earth. It was just the other day I googled Dennis and wondered if he still had his old van. Had a lot of good times with him. He was missed by me before I heard. Probably in a good band in the sky with the only Afro. Love ya Dennis.

Pat##imported-begin##Patrick M. Dunham##imported-end##

April 21, 2012 at 09:35 PM



“ I played in a loose knit band called Road Apple Roy and the steaming noogies jugband in everett with Wade Boyd and Mark Sowell(?) around 1970. May have been the same group - I played at Sky River with them. Sorry to hear of a fellow musician passing. Peace and riches await!##imported-begin##Norm Arnett##imported-end##

October 27, 2011 at 02:06 PM



“ Janet andMike our hearts go out to you and your family. Sorry for your loss. Todd and Patty Voth##imported-begin##Patty Voth##imported-end##

March 10, 2011 at 09:17 PM



“ Our prayers are with the family at this time for their loss. Wishing peace for Dennis and know he is in good hands.##imported-begin##Tami Warrington##imported-end##

March 10, 2011 at 11:24 AM



“ Uncle D,
I am glad to have shared a very influential part of my life with you. You gave me love, friendship and your own style of guidance that an uncle could give his nephew. Thank you for always believing in me, I will do my best to make you proud. You will live on in our memories with love and happy hearts.##imported-begin##Benjamin Sellen##imported-end##

March 10, 2011 at 02:31 AM



“ To Janet and family,
I never knew Dennis, but if he is anything like his little sister,
Janet..he touched alot of hearts, made alot of people laugh, and so
I'm sure there are many many great memories that will be held
close to your hearts.
Take care...Tami##imported-begin##Tami Rucker##imported-end##

March 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We love you. You will be missed.##imported-begin##Sarah Sellen &
Craig Coker##imported-end##

March 09, 2011 at 11:40 PM



“ to my beloved brother dennis(denny) the pressious time we have
lost will always make me sad, just know that i have thought of you
often and the good times that we have shared as children and
young adults. god bless, i love you denny, tell mom hi, yours trully
little sis lori##imported-begin##Lora Leanne Eaton##imported-
end##

March 09, 2011 at 09:09 PM



“ Janet & Mike~

Big sigh...little tear...sharing the loss of your brother so dear. Dennis was a bright spectrum in your colorful family ;o)) What a special & sometimes misunderstood spirit; "rocking-out to the strum of his own guitar"...and his mind forever filled with melody.(not a bad place to hang- if you ask me ;o) Dennis was a real "Bee Charmer"; a near-permanent smile on his face & always a gentleman to me. His soul is finally at rest but his spirit soars- Dennis is lifted up on eagles wings..to now be in the presence of the One who so masterfully created him for a sound purpose, and will now see it fulfilled...Amen! ~If you need ANYthing...just throw a pebble at our window- we'll hear ya~

love & hugzzz...Becky & Bill##imported-begin##Becky Shay##imported-end##

March 09, 2011 at 07:27 PM



“ *Rest in peace Dennis, we wish we could have known you and shared your gift of music.##imported-begin##Rawni Russell / Alison Iliff##imported-end##*

March 09, 2011 at 07:13 PM