



Dennis Lee Ferguson

January 28, 1941 - December 28, 2008

Dennis Lee Ferguson, RMCS (SW), passed away on December 28, 2008. He is survived by his wife Judy Ferguson, son Jim Ferguson, daughter Jody Armstrong and her husband Kelly, son Daniel Ferguson and his wife Jeanette, daughter Nicole Ferguson, and his 7 grandchildren, Brianne, Bryden, Kent, Dylan, Owen, Angela, and Johnathan. He is also survived by his mother, Mildred Ferguson, of Romoland, California, his sister Carol Miesen, of Solon Springs, Wisconsin, Nancy Pierce, of Romoland, California, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, James Ferguson of Romoland California.

Dennis was born in Bassett, Nebraska on January 28, 1941. He graduated from Roseberg High School in 1960. He married Judy Kalin on February 24, 1968. They raised four children and lived in several cities across Washington State. Dennis and Judy have lived in Moses Lake for the last 13 years. Dennis was a land developer and a home builder for more than 40 years in Washington State and Guam. He was also a master electrician.

Dennis enlisted in the Navy on November 13, 1961. He proudly served as a Radioman on several Navy ships and traveled the world serving his country. He was then honorably discharged from active duty and later reenlisted as an active Reservist for many years until he was called back into active duty in January of 1991, to proudly serve aboard the USNS Comfort as a Senior

Chief Radioman during Operation Desert Storm. Upon his return from Desert Storm, he was involved in fleet training for several years. He received numerous awards and commendations throughout his Naval career. After 34 years of service, Dennis retired from the Navy with honors on January 28, 2001. Over the last several years, Dennis has enjoyed being involved with restoring Naval museum ships by collecting necessary equipment from the Moth Ball Fleet.

Dennis has been an active member of the local Home Builders Association since its inception, and has served for a time as its president. He was one of the founding members of Roseburg Oregon's car club, the Stray Angels, as well as an active member in Moses Lake's classic car club. He enjoyed collecting and restoring classic cars, and participating in area car shows.

Dennis was an honest, loyal, hard-working Christian man, who loved spending quality time laughing and enjoying life with his family and friends. He was dearly loved by many, and will be greatly missed.

Dennis' funeral will be held at Moses Lake Assembly of God on Saturday, January 3rd, at 1:30 PM. Graveside services with military honors will follow at the Ephrata City Cemetery.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 3. 1:30 PM (PT)

Assembly at Moses Lake
431 E. Brown Ave.
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall



“ Susan told me about Dennis today (1/14/09), and I just wanted to say how sorry I am. Having lost my wife to cancer while we were your next door neighbor ... Dennis talked to me many, many times and was a bright spot in those long days. He was a friend to me, we talked military, business, economics, whatever for long periods of time over/thru the fence. I only knew him a couple years while living there ... but it seemed much longer.

He was special.

Don###imported-begin##Don Mercer###imported-end##

January 14, 2009 at 01:49 PM



“ Judy, it was my pleasure to meet you and Dennis through our association with the Navy reserve, when I joined the FTG unit in February of 1989. Dennis was a wonderful shipmate and mentor for me from the moment we met, and I enjoy great memories of our trips to San Diego and other ports together. Dennis shared his wit, wisdom, humor and confidence with me during those times, and he was a great leader and trusted friend. The pain of his passing is for me tempered by the knowledge that he has passed on to a much better place, and I'm comforted knowing that we'll see each other again someday. Men of character and integrity like Dennis Ferguson are the inspiration for the rest of us, and he will be greatly missed. Fair winds and folling seas Buddy! Master Chief John Wright###imported-begin##John A. E. Wright###imported-end##

January 09, 2009 at 04:44 PM



“ Judy,

I am so sorry for your lose. Dennise was and will continue to be one of my favorit people - he always made me smile. He will be missed.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you.

Juliann##imported-begin##Juliann Dodds##imported-end##

January 08, 2009 at 01:44 PM



“ Judy, I am very sorry to hear about Dennis. I was out of town on Sat or I would have attended the service. If there is anything I can help with let me know. God Bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Carol Cruz##imported-end##

January 07, 2009 at 09:29 PM



“ Denny(as we all called him)lived with his Aunt Cora and Uncle Lefty up the hill from my family. He always seemed to have a big warm smile on his face and ready laugh! Camille and I loved "helping" him wash his Chevy and were always bugging him for a ride. That car had pipes on it that I can still hear!

I am sorry to hear of his passing but I know he is in a much better place and I bet there are no speed limits up there!##imported-begin##Kris (Engdahl) Nelson##imported-end##

January 03, 2009 at 08:16 PM



“ Dennis,
The Great Show and Shine.
You have just won "The Peoples Choice Award," you are going on
the Greatest Cruise, "Rod and Custom Show" ever. You don't to
worry about cloudy sky's or rain drops, only sunny and blue skys
forever, no rock chips to worry about, only highways paved of Gold.
I see you have a friend cruising with, Oh!. Its Larry K., and wouldn't
you know it, He has the biggest smile we have ever seen.
This coming July at Pete's Drive Inn, Don L., David L. and I will
raise a glass of Pepsi or Coke to you.
Dennis, cruise on, cruise on, my classmate and friend.
RHS1960###imported-begin##Steve Chitwood###imported-end##

January 03, 2009 at 12:54 PM



“ Dear Judy and Family,

We are so sorry to hear of your loss and we continue to keep you in
our prayers for God's comforting love to surround you.
We sorry we cannot make the funeral as Evie is recovering from
knee surgery. We will always treasure our memories of Dennis and
the encouragement he provided the past few years we have known
him. We thank God for your friendship. Bill & Evie Nordlund
1331 Judith St.
Moses Lake, WA###imported-begin##Bill & Evie
Nordlund###imported-end##

January 03, 2009 at 12:28 PM



“ It was very sad news to hear that Dennis had passed away and gone to Heaven. I will always remember seeing him when he lived with his family in Edgewood and my daughter, Karina and his daughter, Jody, were best friends. He was kind to all and his family meant the world to him. He will be missed by so many.
My prayers go to his wife, Judy and their entire family. Love,
vernell###imported-begin###Vernell Doyle###imported-end##

January 01, 2009 at 04:27 AM



“ I have such fond memories of Dennis when he lived in Roseburg. I remember such good times hanging out at Cora and Lefty's house with Dennis, his mom and dad and laughing at everything under the sun...Dennis was always full of fun and gracious to all.
Judy and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you.###imported-begin###Camille Follett Collins###imported-end##

December 31, 2008 at 10:55 PM



“ Judy,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you . Dennis will be truley missed on Saturday mornings,by the Drifters car guys. We will miss his colorful navy stories. He always had great advice on car restoration. Were sorry for your loss. Call us if there's anything you need. Doug & Vicky Skane###imported-begin###Doug & Vicky Skane###imported-end##

December 31, 2008 at 10:35 PM



“ It was my pleasure to know, work and have fun with Dennis for several years in the Naval Reserve. I have several great memories of his hard work and dedication to the mission while still having fun and always smiling. We will miss him.##imported-begin##John M. Lund##imported-end##

December 31, 2008 at 10:26 PM



“ I am sorry for your loss. Dennis was very kind and supportive. I am very proud to have known him. I feel very fortunate that he took the time to visit with me countless times over the years. I admired him and looked at him as a example of how I would like to be.##imported-begin##Bruce Preston##imported-end##

December 31, 2008 at 10:02 PM



“ May it comfort you to know that we were so very sorry to hear of your loss. You're in our thoughts now and in the days to come.
With Our Sympathy
to You and Your Family,
Rick and Lisa Cole##imported-begin##Rick and Lisa Cole
##imported-end##

December 31, 2008 at 08:47 PM



“ Twenty four years ago my family moved me from Kent, WA to Royal City, WA. I immediately became friends with Daniel, Dennis' son. Although I wasn't the best student and Daniel and I got in our fair share of trouble; Dennis and Judy never passed judgement and were always encouraging. Dennis would say things like, "Don't worry about it Clay. You are going to do just fine." As the years have gone by Dennis and Judy have never stopped encouraging and mentoring me in such a positive way. Both have had so much impact in my life and were the ones who ultimately inspired me to set off on my own business endeavors. Over the years when Dennis would see Daniel and I together he would always remark, "I sure wish those teachers could see you now." How could we go wrong? Dennis lead by example and set the standard of what a father, a friend, a mentor, and man should be. He is and always will be one of the greastest guys I will every know. Thank you Dennis and Judy for giving me the confidence and encouragement to succeed.##imported-begin##Clayton Powell##imported-end##

December 31, 2008 at 08:36 PM



“ My condolences for your loss. Dennis always treated me like part of the family and I will always think of him fondly. My prayers and thoughts are with your family as you go through this difficult time. I know he will be greatly missed.
Sincerely,
Karina and Lorin Morrell
Kaitlyn, Kelsey, Kirsten and Kelsey##imported-begin##Karina and Lorin Morrell##imported-end##

December 31, 2008 at 06:42 PM



“ Dan and family, I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. We lost our mom in June and it's very difficult; just remember all the wonderful memories & love to help you get through all the sorrow. Your friends, family and faith will be your pillar. You and your family will be in our prayers!
Sally & Kelvin###imported-begin##Sally and Kelvin
Korsmoe###imported-end##

December 31, 2008 at 05:52 PM



“ Judy and family, You're in my thoughts and prayer. It's so hard to find the right words, but I hope you'll know somehow, my sympathy and very warmest thoughts are with you all now. Hold on to his memories and the love he had for you,his family.###imported-begin##Janene Madewell###imported-end##

December 31, 2008 at 04:27 PM



“ to Judy and her Family
Please accept our sorrow for your loss###imported-begin##Bill & Marge Ollice###imported-end##

December 31, 2008 at 02:04 PM



“ Our thoughts are with you during your time of grief following the unexpected passing of Dennis. It was a pleasure knowing and working with Dennis over the past 20 years. Dale###imported-begin##Dale & Debbie Hellewell###imported-end##

December 31, 2008 at 01:07 PM



“ Thank you Judy for bringing the Light of JESUS to my life!
Thank you Dennis for the heart of JESUS to my life!
Thank you both of you for your gifts of love and blessings - more
than I can say.
You are the sunshine of my life!
Carole Prior

*If I could save time in a bottle
The first thing that I'd like to do
Is to save every day
Till eternity passes away
Just to spend them with you*

*If I could make days last forever
If words could make wishes come true
I'd save every day like a treasure and then,
Again, I would spend them with you*

*But there never seems to be enough time
To do the things you want to do
Once you find them
I've looked around enough to know
That you're the one I want to go
Through time with*

*If I had a box just for wishes
And dreams that had never come true
The box would be empty
Except for the memory
Of how they were answered by you*

*But there never seems to be enough time
To do the things you want to do
Once you find them
I've looked around enough to know*

*That you're the one I want to go
Through time with##imported-begin##Carole Prior##imported-
end##*

December 31, 2008 at 10:22 AM



“ *I have very fond memories of Denny's warm and fun personality; his laughter and stories. I cherished our family reunions each summer, at Blue Lake, with the Ferguson & Kalin families.*

*My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. He will be missed.
God bless.##imported-begin##Melinda (Mindy) Brown
(Killmer)##imported-end##*

December 31, 2008 at 01:17 AM



“ *It has been a pleasure knowing Dennis and being able to work with him and Dan over the past several years. We thank you for the friendship. Dennis will be missed by us all , but not forgotten. We are sorry for your loss and will continue to keep you in our prayers.##imported-begin##The Vanlandingham Family##imported-end##*

December 30, 2008 at 10:25 PM



“ *Dennis Sorry to hear that you have left us. You are in a better place now. My condolences to your family. God bless.##imported-begin##Art Thompson##imported-end##*

December 30, 2008 at 10:12 PM



“ Remembering my friend brings to mind “a purple pick-up truck” I grew to know as the “Dennis Ferguson trademark”. Driving around Moses Lake, I always knew if Dennis wasn’t in the pickup, he would be near; always willing to hang-out and talk.

Dennis oversaw his business with integrity. This I could see in the quality-constructed homes carrying his name. Dennis was a good businessman. He was willing to work with you to provide the “biggest bang for your buck”, yet tactfully ending negotiations where cost prohibitive! Through one such instance, Dennis received my highest regard for his workmanship and respect.

With his death, Dennis, (saved by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ), opened “his gift of eternity”. In exchange for poor health, death has given him rights to the “Tree of Life”.

Address change so noted: “earth to heaven”! We will miss you, dear friend until we meet again.##imported-begin##Arie & Kitty VanHeusden##imported-end##

December 30, 2008 at 08:30 PM



“ Dennis, you will be missed, shipmate. The years with FTG and then the many trips together to Calif to strip parts from as many ships as we could in the given time. Many good memories. Fair winds...##imported-begin##Len Barrett##imported-end##

December 30, 2008 at 05:47 PM



“ Dennis -- I had the opportunity to serve with you for many years in conjunction with the Naval Reserve unit -- Fleet Training Group. You were always always a person that I could count on and a proven leader. Your caring attitude and sense of humor will certainly be missed.

Fair Winds and Following Seas, Shipmate.

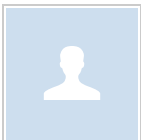
Commander Terry McCann##imported-begin##Terry McCann##imported-end##

December 30, 2008 at 01:51 PM



“ On behalf of the volunteer crew of the USS Joseph P Kennedy Jr DD850, we express our sincere sympathy in the passing of Dennis. We will miss his enthusiasm and positive attitude in obtaining ship parts and restoring ships. Dennis was a great person and we will miss him very much. My sincere condolences to his family.##imported-begin##Richard Angelini##imported-end##

December 30, 2008 at 12:32 PM



“ He was a good guy! A genuine nice man. Full of interesting navy brat stories. Our loss.##imported-begin##Ben and Bonnie Miller##imported-end##

December 30, 2008 at 02:38 AM



“ It was my pleasure to have Dennis and his two sons as part of the Ship-Stripping Crew for the Gyrodyne Foundation. We removed parts from old retired Navy ships for Museum-ships in the U.S. and Dennis was our Senior Radio Historian. He knew all the 1960 systems and was key in acquiring all the radios that completed the Radio room on the USS JOSEPH P. KENNEDY JR. (DD-850) a destroyer berthed at Fall River Massachuseets used as a Vietnam War memorial and identical to the same class of destroyer Dennis Sailed on. That ship's completeness today, is a testament to Dennis Ferguson and his self-lessness and sacrafice for Navy History. Thank you, Dennis - Our crew misses you terribly.##imported-begin##Peter P.Papadakos##imported-end##

December 30, 2008 at 12:44 AM