



Dennis Jeffrey

August 13, 1949 - April 12, 2014

Obituary of Dennis Jeffrey

Major Dennis Joseph Jeffrey, USA Ret. was born on August 13, 1949 and as a Christian began his dance with the angels on April 12, 2014 at the age of 64. He was preceded in death by his parents Herbert and Dorothy Jeffrey, his sons David Jeffrey and Daryl Jeffrey and his wife Joan Jeffrey.

Dennis spent his life in military service, first as the son of a US Air Force Command Sergeant Major and later as a US Army officer himself. Over the course of this service Dennis was stationed abroad in England, Germany and Italy as well as in many states all along the east coast. He was an Airborne Infantry officer at heart and loved to tell stories about his days in the Army. Retiring from the Army in 1991 after 20 years of service he started his second career as a high school teacher in Rockville, CT and later at South Lake HS in Claremont, FL.

Dennis's personality was one that touched countless lives and over his career in the Military, and later as a teacher, he affected more people in positive ways than he could have imagined. He was full of life and always passed a smile on to whoever he encountered. He was the king of jokes and had an

unbelievable ability to recall at a moments notice hundreds, if not thousands, of jokes to fit any situation. He always kept the people around him in good spirits and with smiles on their faces whether it was through one of the jokes he would tell or a story he had that could relate to the individual. He was constantly singing or whistling and the people he surrounded himself with could count on him for anything.

Since retiring in The Villages, Dennis became heavily involved in this community. He played softball regularly in the neighborhood league and was also an umpire for the Division 3 neighborhood league. He was an avid golfer, a member of the Parrot Heads, the Winers Golf Group, The Village View Community Church, SERTOMA (Service to Mankind), and the American Legion. Recently he had begun a third career counseling troubled youth with the group Guardian Ad Litem. He was very excited about this new chapter in his life and was passionate about their cause.

Dennis was full of life and enjoyed every minute of it. He was the type of person that would always try and put a smile on your face. It is hard to count how many lives Dennis touched and affected as he was loved by many and will be missed by all.

Dennis is survived by his son Christopher and his wife Jennifer, his four grandchildren Lauren, Lia, Skyler and Savannah, his brothers Donald and Paul and his much adored wife Suzanne Peek.

Dennis will be laid to rest at West Point Military Cemetery alongside his son David later this year with full military honors.

A memorial service will be held on Friday April 18th from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at the Eisenhower Recreation Center in The Villages, FL. In lieu of flowers memorial donations: make checks payable to GAL Foundation and mail to Guardian ad Litem, 110 N Magnolia Ave. Ocala, FL 34475.

Services

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Interment

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Memorial Donations

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dennis Jeffrey*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dennis you will be missed, you always made me laugh. You have a big place in heaven.*

Terry plisinski - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *To paul and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your brother Dennis. Prayers sent to all.*

Lisa Marshall - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Paul & Kathy. Donald and Pat and Christopher and Family, In your time of loss expressing heartfelt sympathy to you and your families. Dennis was a great guy who always made people laugh. He is with David, Daryl and Dot and Jeff and Nana Paulhus he will be met with lots of open arms. RIP Dennis.*

Kathy Conley - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Uncle Dennis I will miss you. You always made me smile and you your laugh was so contagious. I love you*

Dan Jeffrey - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ TO DONAL, PAUL, AND DENNIS MY PRAYER ARE WITH ALL OF YOU , SO SO , SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. LOVE COUSIN BEVRLY

BEVERLY A DESROCHES - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ I will miss Dennis witty charm & friendship. We met through playing & umpireing softball together. I always looked forward to seeing & hanging out with him. The softball community will really miss this one of a kind person. We discussed Kentucky fequently becasue his wife Suzanne & I are both from Western Kentucky. Rest in peace my friend.

Lemmie Killough - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Suzanne, We were so sorry to hear about Dennis. We thought a lot of him and enjoyed being with him. He was always so friendly, happy, easy going, and always had a smile on his face. His jokes made us laugh and his admiration for you was amazing. We couldn't believe it when we heard the news. I was just talking to him about his new endeavors that he was so excited about; working as an advocate in the courts for troubled kids. He would have been perfect for that kind of work. Losing him will be a huge loss for the program. Sorry we couldn't make the Celebration of Life you held for him. We had already returned to K.C.; otherwise, we would not have missed it. It sounded like he was doing what he loved doing the day before he passed, spending time with the kids in ROTC, the evening with his friends and brother doing what he enjoyed doing. I'm glad you were all able to spend that last day together. He will be greatly missed. We will get together when we get back to Florida. We hope you are doing okay. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Take care.

Ross and Marsha - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM