



Dennis W. Gerhartz

January 2, 2023

Dennis William Gerhartz was called home on Monday, January 2, 2023, at the age of 71. Dennis passed away peacefully with his children and other loved ones by his side after a sudden illness.

Dennis was born into a big family in October of 1951, in Brothertown, Wisconsin. Dennis was the 13th out of 16 children of his mother Theresa and father Walter. He was born at home on the family farm located in Charlesburg, Wisconsin. The family left the farm and moved to West Allis in 1956 where he attended Nathan Hale High School, graduating in 1969. Dennis was the distribution manager for the area Carriage House/Ethan Allen furniture stores for 33 years where he worked with his brother Wayne. Dennis also worked for some time at Arrow Companies in Elkhorn, WI, in warehouse management. Dennis had a very witty personality and loved to joke around. He had many hobbies and enjoyed collecting various items, notably cookie jars and bells. He was enjoying retirement by keeping active around the house, playing golf, and keeping up with current events – something he was especially passionate about.

His children and granddaughter meant the world to him, and he would do anything for them. He was the kids' biggest cheerleader; carting all four of them to sports practices, games, tournaments, being their assistant coach many times, and always rooting for them. As they've grown, he's been a supportive and reliable figure, ready to drop anything at a moment's notice to

help them out. His time with his granddaughter was also very special to him, spending many weekends playing with her at the house.

He loved getting together with his family for Christmas parties, the annual family picnic, and monthly sheephead games. Dennis was an exceptional pool player who shot pool leagues for over 50 years on various teams with many of his brothers and friends taking home first place trophies most of the time. He also was the pitcher for many years on various local softball teams with his brothers and friends. Over the last 15 years he became an avid golfer with a very love-hate relationship of the game. He was a member at Edgewood Golf Course in Big Bend where he enjoyed playing leagues with his golf "buddies," who were very dear to him. Dennis was a sportsman who loved to fish and bird hunt with the many English Springer Spaniels he owned over the years. Like most Wisconsinites, he enjoyed watching and supporting the Packers, Badgers, Brewers, and the Bucks.

We have all lost a caring husband, loving father, grandfather, and brother, and a good friend to many.

He is survived by his wife Denise; four children: Nicholas, Gabrielle Ellis (Tony), Angelene, and Zachary (Aza); and his beloved granddaughter Felicity; brothers: Walter, Frank (Sue), Robert, and Wayne (Jean); Sisters: Marie Hull, Ethel Malan (Lenny), and Sandra Meier, and many, many other nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Walter and Theresa (nee Mielke) Gerhartz; brothers: Donald, Lyle, Eugene, Kenneth, and James; sisters: Virginia, Dorothy, Theresa, other relatives, and close friends.

In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate it if you would share your favorite memory of Dennis by contributing a note, memory, story, and/or photos at <http://www.newlywords.com/in-memory-of-dennis-w-gerhartz>. The family will capture all the contributions into a memory book that they will print and have as a lasting keepsake of Dennis.

Visitation will be held Friday, January 20, 2023 at Rozga Funeral & Cremation Services – Lincoln Village Chapel (703 W. Lincoln Ave., Milwaukee 53215) from 9:00 - 10:40 AM with a Closing Prayer and Eulogy at 10:40 AM. Mass of Christian Burial will then be celebrated at 11:00 AM at the BASILICA OF ST. JOSAPHAT (601 W. Lincoln Ave.). Committal Service with Interment at Highland Memorial Park at 12:30 PM (Please meet at Cemetery Entrance).

Cemetery Details

Highland Memorial Park

14875 W. Greenfield Ave.
New Berlin, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 9:00 AM - 10:40 AM (CT)

Rozga Funeral & Cremation Services - Lincoln Village Chapel
703 W Lincoln Ave
Milwaukee, WI 53215
(414) 671-5200
<https://www.rozgafuneral.com/>

Closing Prayers

JAN 20. 10:40 AM - 10:50 AM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Basilica of St. Josaphat
601 W. Lincoln Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53215

Cemetery Committal Service

JAN 20. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Highland Memorial Park
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Tribute Wall



“ To Denise and family we are sending our condolences I am very glad that my dad and I and kids were able to come up there for family picnics lots of memories he will be very missed but will always live in our hearts ❤️

Walter gearhart's Jesse Jackie and Wally - January 18, 2023 at 04:34 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis W. Gerhartz.



January 17, 2023 at 04:41 PM



“ I met Dennis on the softball field many years ago. I remember him as a very good player. Over the years I saw him many times at his brother in law's house (Rick) in the summer, playing bags and enjoying life. I will remember him as a good man who loved his family very much.

David Moosreiner - January 16, 2023 at 08:01 PM



“ Edgewood Men's Club purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dennis W. Gerhartz.



Edgewood Men's Club - January 16, 2023 at 07:31 PM

JG

“ *Many memories many years But a recent one will be most cherished as we spent Wayne and I With Dennis and Denise At the property we shared in*

Jean GERHARTZ - January 15, 2023 at 01:01 PM

JG

A perfect day And the night Was spent under the moonlight Around the fire pit Down at the lake with fireworks and good company and laughs Dennis and Denise have shared their family doings with Wayne and I much appreciated For that gathering together He will be a presence That is missed To wayne and I And memories will overwhelm us at times

Jean GERHARTZ - January 15, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dennis W. Gerhartz.*



January 10, 2023 at 05:24 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis W. Gerhartz.*



January 09, 2023 at 02:39 PM

GK

“ *Dennis was a good friend and I enjoyed playing pool with him*

Glenn Krueger - January 08, 2023 at 10:42 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dennis W. Gerhartz.*



January 07, 2023 at 10:47 AM