



Dennis Eugene Edwards

July 20, 1949 - September 19, 2020

Dennis Eugene Edwards Obituary

It is with saddened hearts we announce the passing of Dennis Edwards on Saturday, September 19, 2020 at the age of 71.

Dennis was born on July 20, 1949 in Jackson, Tennessee. He attended Treadwell High School in Memphis, TN, Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ, and Front Range Community College in Fort Collins, studying Microsoft technology.

Dennis is a Vietnam veteran who served as a cook stateside and a door gunner on Huey helicopters in Vietnam. Dennis was awarded two Purple Hearts for injuries incurred fighting the war in Southeast Asia.

Dennis worked as a roadie for a rock band and hack (cab) driver in New York City, cable installer in Phoenix, AZ, and an over-the-road truck driver and owner operator of trucks with his business partner and brother-in-law, Guy Petroziello.

Dennis had a sense of adventure and traveled throughout the U.S. living with his wife in New York, California, Arizona, finally settling in Fort Collins in 1984. He enjoyed music, movies, big mugs of coffee, his cigarettes, his animals, The Big Bang Theory, and he cheered whole-heartedly for the Denver Broncos.

A man of few words, Dennis is known for his quick-wit, infectious smile, sense-of-humor, and strong will as well as his sweet potato pie and delicious fruit salad that he made from scratch during the holidays.

Dennis is survived by his wife of 48 yrs. Kathleen Edwards, daughter, Kayleen Allen, sisters, Julia Yobst, Dixie Arnall and Joyce Bodkin, son-in-law, Chad Allen, granddaughter, Bailey Allen, and extended family, Karl and Lucille Sokol, Jon, Kim, Tanner and Noah Sokol, Leo and Alice Sabatino, Leonardo and Christina Sabatino as well as cousins and relatives in Dupont, PA, and areas in the South.

A funeral service to commemorate Dennis' life will be held Saturday, September 26, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St, Ft. Collins, Colorado.

Dennis' wish was to be cremated and his ashes set free from the highest point at Rocky Mountain National Park. An additional memorial service will be held with his New York family in the near future.

The Edwards family would like to thank the staff and the friends he made at the Fort Collins Healthcare Center where he resided for the last 5 years of his life.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP **26.** 10:00 AM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive St.
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Tribute Wall



“ *Bohlender Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Dennis Eugene Edwards*



Bohlender Funeral Chapel - September 26, 2020 at 06:53 PM

MA

Thank you so much for sharing this. We showed it at Fort Collins Healthcare for his friends here. He is already so very missed.

Marcie - September 27, 2020 at 12:55 PM

JE

“ *Hi Kathleen it's Jeanne from life USA. Sorry to hear about Dennis. I hope that he had a good life. He always had a great sense of humor. I'm sure that he's making someone laugh somewhere in fine and I hope that you are too*

Jeanne - October 03, 2020 at 02:01 PM

 Lisa
Lindstadt

“ *Dennis was the kindest and most gentleman I will ever know , funny and wittiest. He will be missed and always Loved!!*

Lisa Lindstadt - October 01, 2020 at 10:20 PM

JY

“ *Julia Yobst lit a candle in memory of Dennis Eugene Edwards*



Julia Yobst - September 29, 2020 at 02:22 PM

JY

“ *My brother! My thoughts are scattered into a million pieces, my heart hurts. I was so honored to have the time we had together to get to know and love each other. Your quick wit, your genuine laughter and thoughtfulness. We were cheated out of so much in life and you endured so much. I look forward to the day we will meet again, it will be a joyous reunion. You will be missed!!
With much love for you my brother.
Much Love from your baby sister Julia.*

Julia Yobst - September 29, 2020 at 02:18 PM

AS

“ *3260 four numbers which were Dennis' bit of "heaven on earth". Sitting on the front porch or looking out the sliding glass doors - smokes and coffee at hand, his soul mate at his side, the Rockies surrounding him, Horsetooth below, deer, birds, bees ..nature ..this was home sweet home. We had many wonderful family times at 3260 and learned to love the "wild west" just as he did. We thank you brother-in-law for enriching our family in so many ways (including the Bronco's and fruit salad)...we'll never forget you and lastly YEEHAW you did it your way! Love You BIG, Alice and Leo*

alice j sabatino - September 28, 2020 at 03:08 PM

LS

“ A beautiful ceremony for a beautiful soul. So thankful for all the memories we made together. We love you Uncle Dennis! All our love, Leonardo Christina and Harpo :)



Leonardo and Christina Sabatino - September 27, 2020 at 12:34 AM

EB

“ We shared many laughs and good memories together and I will always remember Dennis' warm smile and willingness to be of service. He was an honored and distinguished Vietnam veteran who put himself in harms way for the American values of Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.



For his unselfish sacrifice during his military service and our almost 50 year friendship, my family and I will be forever grateful.

Dennis and his family are in our hearts, thoughts and prayers.

Evita Belmonte and Family.

Evita Belmonte - September 26, 2020 at 12:46 PM

LS

“ We have many happy memories of our brother-in-law Dennis. One time he came in his tractor trailer and couldn't fit in our drive way so he parked it at the Gun Club. Dennis drove the cab to our house and took Jon who was around 10 for a ride to his friends house and both of them rode with Dennis in this huge cab blowing the horn the kids were so excited and so was Dennis, We love you and you are forever in our hearts, Love Karl and Lucille Sokol

Lucille Sokol - September 26, 2020 at 12:37 PM

KS

“ *Sending love from NY! We
Will miss you Uncle Dennis. Your stories and humor will be in our
hearts forever. ❤️❤️*

Kim, Jon, Tanner & Noah Sokol - September 25, 2020 at 07:48 PM

SR

“ *Susie, Lonnie, Tammy, Sue, Frank, Renee.
purchased the America the Beautiful for the
family of Dennis Eugene Edwards.*



Susie, Lonnie, Tammy, Sue, Frank, Renee. - September 25,
2020 at 03:42 PM

EK

“ *I am so very sorry to hear of Dennis' passing. I was so fortunate to
care for him and will always remember his quiet humor and
kindness! ~ Erin Kessinger, RN*

ERIN E KESSINGER - September 25, 2020 at 11:30 AM