



## Dennis P. Guard

December 5, 1943 - February 16, 2022

KOONTZ LAKE – Dennis P. Guard of Koontz Lake passed away on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth Hospital following an illness. He was born on December 5, 1943 in LaPorte to the late Paul and Viola (Baker) Guard, and was 78 years-old at the time of his death.

He lived in the area most of his life. Dennis was a proud Veteran of the US Navy serving out of Norfolk, Virginia and belonging to the Walkerton American Legion Post #189. He also served the community for many years as the owner of the Koontz Lake Supermarket and worked also as a realtor for Pat & Associates in Koontz Lake.

Dennis is survived by: relatives from the Guard, Daube, and Baker families; God daughters Danielle (Bobby, Emma, Zane) Egger, Chanon (David, Kaylan, Madeline, Sophie, Kaiden, Shawn, Zoe) Peacock; and lifelong friends Chuck and Donna Wagers. He was preceded in death by his parents.

It was Dennis' wishes to be cremated, which is taking place. A Celebration of Life Ceremony will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

DD

“Denny was my best friend. We had so many good times. He had such a kind heart and would do anything for anybody and I will miss him so much. May he rest in peace.

Denny Dittrick - March 05, 2022 at 08:04 PM

CW

“Dennis was a part of our family for 50 years. We shared so many good times together and sad times but the good outweighs the bad. We shared many vacations together. I think the time Dennis really loved was when we went to Hawaii, he couldn't stop talking about that. He will be missed terribly we will always remember how he laughed and made us laugh.

Chuck & Donna Wagers - February 20, 2022 at 07:20 PM

BS

I worked at the Koontz Lake Supermarket when I was 18! Dennis was a fun boss and a good person! He will be missed!❤️

Bonnie Smith - February 20, 2022 at 09:26 PM

PW

I had the pleasure of having Dennis working with me at Pat & Associates and have known him since we were young kids. He had a compassionate personality and will be missed.

Pat Whitaker - February 21, 2022 at 10:14 AM

DO

*I was fortunate to have Dennis as a neighbor, friend and CARE Person for the past 3 years. There aren't enough words to express my gratitude for Dennis and his help and assistance getting me to Cancer treatment in Plymouth or Radiation in Mishawaka, & (during the Covid-19 period). He was the Care Person, and during his own medical challenges.*

*During our many trips, he would explain the various farming areas, including the cattle, and the Day Lilies along the road.*

*We also reminisced about water skiing and fishing on Koontz Lake.*

*And our tours in the US Navy, I was also stationed in Norfolk, Virginia a couple years before Dennis. We visited some of the same beaches, parks and places like Kitty Hawk.*

*Dennis, you will be missed.*

*Don O'Barski*

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**Donald O'Barski** - February 21, 2022 at 09:34 PM

PA

*We rented a house from Dennis and he also was our realtor when we bought a house in the area, he was a kind and good neighbor and we will remember his wonderful smile and laugh and seeing him at the store always so friendly*

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**peggy awald** - February 22, 2022 at 10:10 AM

GE

*There are not enough words to say how much I love you and will miss you. You were the brother I never had, and I was your sister. We had so much fun growing up together. So many memories. I am so grateful that these several years we had gotten closer again. I love you Cuz till we meet again.*

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**Gail Baker Engle** - February 22, 2022 at 10:31 PM

RS

*Dennis was always a friendly face with a good word in our Koontz Lake neighborhood. He really enjoyed supporting Emma at her High School Golf Matches the past 4 years. Prayers & thoughts to the family.*

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**Randy Schmeltz** - February 26, 2022 at 10:57 AM



*Rest In Peace Dennis*

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**theresa. myers** - March 08, 2022 at 03:12 PM