



John "Jud" Dennis

March 14, 1931 - March 23, 2011

John R. "Jud" Dennis, 80, of Randville, died Wed. March 23, 2011 due to an accidental injury in his garage. He was born on March 14, 1931 in Kingsford, the son of the late John E. and Mae (Fish) Dennis.

John graduated from Kingsford High School in 1949. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. On Dec. 29, 1951, he married Edna "Putsen" Freeman whom he absolutely loved and cherished.

Jud held various roles with Kimberly-Clark starting in Niagara, WI, became a millwright with Kimtech in Neenah, WI and then transferred to Fullerton, CA where he retired as a maintenance supervisor. He was a very dedicated employee. After his retirement in 1986, Jud and Putsen moved back to this area, settling in Randville.

John lived his dream of having his very own junkyard out back. Devoted to his family, he never hesitated to tell them how proud he was of them. His passions were helping people fix their vehicles and being nice to everyone. Jud cherished his many friendships. He had a strong faith, enjoying his daily visits with the Lord and being an active member of American Martyrs Catholic Church, where he served as an usher. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus-Bishop Baraga Council, the American Legion of Neenah, WI, and the 40 et 8 of Jefferson, WI.

He is survived by his wife Edna "Putsen", eight children: Sheryl (Lee) Twist of Janesville, WI, Diane (Don) Hildebrandt of Menasha, WI, Mark (Sharen) Dennis of Kaukauna, WI, Donna Dennis (Addie DiManno), Stanton, CA, Mary Dennis of Menasha, WI, Joanne Dennis (Janie Champeau) of Menasha, WI, Kathy (David) Jakopovich of Green Bay, WI and Lisa (Jim) Johnson of Iron Mountain, MI; twenty grandchildren: Beth (Mike) Figi, Laura (Darren) Lynd, Robert (Krista) Twist, Brett & Jason Hildebrandt, Samantha, John (Jess) & Stephanie Dennis, Matt & Scott Preimesberger, Holly, Justin, Emily Slomski & Alexandra Olk, Angelica (Jorge) Suarez, Adrienne Buenrostro, Alissa & Madeline Jakopovich, Nathan & Amanda Johnson; nine great grandchildren; three sisters-in-law: Donna (Don) Legault of Iron Mountain, Josephine Freeman of Kingsford, and Karen Hixon of Aurora, many other relatives and special friends.

Jud was preceded in death by an infant son John Carl Dennis, two brothers-in-law Robert and Carl Freeman, and two sisters-in-law Lois (Steve) Podgornik and Inez (Tom) Grierson.

Visitation will be Sunday from 3-6 pm at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Monday at 11 am at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Father Joseph Gouin will celebrate the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Cemetery Park. Graveside military rites will be accorded by the Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post #50.

Condolences to the family of John "Jud" Dennis may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the funeral arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Funeral Mass

MAR 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Catholic Church
908 W. Sagola Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall

EF

“ *My Dear Mrs Dennis (Edna) and the WHOLE Family,
There are truly No Words to comfort you all. Although it is difficult
today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory help
comfort you tomorrow.
Hold tight to memories for comfort, lean on your friends for strength
and always remember how much you are loved and cared for.*

*Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us everyday
Unseen, unheard, but always near
Still loved, still missed and very dear.*

*We pray that the love of GOD enfolds you during this very difficult
time. We pray for your strength, well being and understanding that
Our LORD is most merciful.
Remember that we will all meet again, when we are least expecting
it. One day in some far off place, I will recognize your face, we will
be home and together again.*

*GOD BLESS YOU ALL
Love, Ellen & Kristi*

Ellen Walbrun/Kristi Krueger - Family friend - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Dear Putsen and Family*

The Lord is the strength for all of us in our times of sorrow. Jud was a good friend to all who knew him. His obit told the whole story of his life and so well written. Reading the other memories by others, he was so loved by all.

Our heart aches for you and your family. You all will be remembered in prayers.

Barb sends her love too.

Wish we could be there to give you a hug.

Love and Blessings. Joyce and Dean

Joyce and Dean Condos - Federal Way, WA 98023, WA - classmates and friends
- March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Dear Putsen and Family,*

We are sending you our deepest sympathy, love, and prayers to you and all your family. We have so many happy memories of you and Jud.

Dick and Lois Hughes

Dick and Lois Hughes - Sun Lakes, AZ - Old Friends and Classmates - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Beanie, (And Family)*

Our prayers and thoughts are with you on this solemn day. Sounds like he was quite the man. Dad's been telling me stories all afternoon.

Dave & Diane Oliver - Friend - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear Putzen and family, I am so sorry to hear about your husband and father,grandfather..I have so many wonderful memories from him from family gatherings from so many many years with the family..i pray that your heart heals every day and know that he is with the LORD now.,and with his family in HEAVEN.GOD BLESS YOU ALL, I MISS YOU ALL SO MUCH,MY LOVE GOES OUT TO YOU ,MAUREEN JULIAN PASTEN ,AND CRYSTAL PODGORNIK

maureen anne pasten - woodbury, MN - friend of family - March 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ sending thoughts and prayers for the family

Bob Miller - friend - March 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Dear Mark & Sharon and the rest of the Dennis Family-

We were very shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of Mark's dad. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Troy & Patti Poquette

Troy & Patti Poquette - Kaukauna, WI - Neighbors of Mark & Sharon - March 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Dear Enda and Family
I am so sorry for the sudden loss of John anyone whoever met John
new he
was a man of good morale character.the world will be less without
him,but I
know he has left a imprint on everyone that knew him.
GOD BLESS JOHN AND FAMILY

CHRISTOPHER PARKER

christopher parker - menasha, WI - friend neighbor - March 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Dear Mark, Sharon, family & extended family,
You have our deepest sympathy in the loss of your dad, and
grandpa. What a tragedy you have all had to endure. Please know
we are thinking of you and praying for comfort & strength during this
difficult time. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to
help you. I will put your father on our church's prayer relay for the
repose of his soul and strength and comfort for your mom and
family. Take care and be comforted by prayer...

Sincerely,
Lloyd & Patti DeGroot & Family

Lloyd & Patti DeGroot & Family - Kaukauna, WI - Neighbor of Mark & Sharon
Dennis - March 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Dear Mrs.Dennis and family, I am so sorry for the sudden loss of Mr. Dennis.What a blessing to have such a wonderful husband,father and grandfather.He will be missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.As I think back I have so many good memories.As much time as I spent at your home on Wright Ave.,I often felt like I could of been daughter #8.God bless all of you as you begin to heal.All my love always, Laurie Tremillo(Parker)

Laurie Tremillo - neighbor-friend - March 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Putsen and Families, John and I and the girl's will NEVER forget Judd, my daughters also have the greatest memories of you both and we will forever hold Judd close to out hearts and always have the BEST memories of him. Gods Peace be with you all, now Judd can be with my Mom and laugh all over again! Our very Deepest Sympathy is in our hearts and our Love is sent your way. Love Bonnie and John Bruce and Girls, Niki and Annie

Bonnie and John Bruce - Friends - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ such a great loss my thought and prayers are with the family at this time !

courtney Dal Santo - friend of family - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Jim, Lisa., Nathen and Amanda, Sorry your full of sadness but i"m thinking about you all. I wish I could be there with you. Love you all.

Justine - Laughlin, NV - Jims sister - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *The Dennis Family was a big part of my life when I was a teenager. Jud was like a second father to me. Always blunt and honest, he knicknamed me "raccoon" and Lisa "clown" because he thought we wore too much makeup. I will always remember how welcoming they made me feel in their home. My deepest sympathy goes to your family. God bless you!!*

Laura Kelly - Placentia, , CA - Friend - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *such a great loss our thought and prayers are with the family at this time*

the martin family - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *It gave me great pleasure to know someone as great as Judd he sure will be missed*

Ray Hoffman & sharon Barck - Tipler, WI - friend - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *I remembered all the times Dad and I would come and visit when you lived in Neenah and he and Jud would work on vehicles forever. I am so glad that we have stayed in touch even after dad's passing throughout the years and always catching up at christmas. I just wished we would have stopped and said hello when we came through Iron Mountain all those christmas's. Love to you Putz and the family.*

Pam (Major) Davis - friend - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Mark and Sharen please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss....our thoughts are with you and your family.

Bret & Gail Saathoff Family - Kaukauna, WI - Neighbor & Friends - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ May god be with you and the family at this terrible time. It has been a great loss. He will be greatly missed by all! The whole family is in our prayers and thoughts.

Louie and Rubie Lamprecht - Milw Wi, WI - Friend and summer neighbor - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Dear Mark and Sharon,

So sorry for your loss, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God be with you and your family.

Rob and Mary Radlinger

Rob and Mary Radlinger - Kaukauna, WI, WI - neighbors of Sharon and Mark - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

IF

“ To Jud family ,
*Jud was a very caring man that helped anyone he could out , I will miss him and the work he has done on my cars. He is and all way be a great man in my heart and will miss him, prays are with the Family and friends of his family.
God bless you Jud I know you are looking over your family and friends now .*

Ida Scott - friend - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ To the Dennis Family...

I was so sad and shocked to hear the news of your incredible loss. Few words can explain the influence he had on all those who were fortunate enough to know him. My sisters (Mary and Kathy) can still recall the many nights spent with Jud and my father standing in a garage trying to earn a dime by performing a silly stunt or seeing who could be quietest the longest...I don't recall ever winning. But just the time spent with such a wonderful man, and a wonderful family, was reward enough for all of us.

To the entire Dennis family, please know that all who knew him will miss him dearly, and you are all in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you all during this difficult time.

Dave Kiesling and Family

David Kiesling - Appleton, WI - Family friend - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to your family. I am honored and glad I got to know John. He was a great man and I respected him alot. John " Jud "was always willing to help anyone he could. He will be in our hearts forever.*

Sean Carollo - Iron Mountain, MI - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *My deepest condolences to John's family. I worked with John in the seventies at Kimtech, He was a wonderful man and had my respect. I am very lucky to have known john.*

*Sincerely
Tony Golla*

Tony Golla - Winneconne Wi., WI - friend and co-worker - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Dear Mary and family, We are so sorry to hear of the tragic accident that claimed the life of your dad and grandfather. Please accept our deepest sympathy and know that we will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you and give you peace that surpasses all understanding,*

Love,

Larry and Sharon Olsen

Larry and Sharon Olsen - Manawa , WI - friend - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Diane, Don and boys,*

My thoughts are with you in this tough time. I will keep you all in my prayers. Let the rest of your extended family know that we (Amy, Nate, Dennis, Mary and myself) are thinking of them all. We remember what a great man Jud was and sorry he had to leave this earth so soon. Let us know if there is anything we can do for you.

*Love,
Jennifer*

Jennifer Hildebrandt - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ A great man who will be sorely missed by all who know him. Welcomed me to the family 6 years ago and made me feel like I had been a part of his family since birth.

We love you very much and won't ever forget you as you live on in our hearts.

Jorge Suarez - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Words can't express the loss of my dearest friend Jud..Will miss him the rest of my life.Deepest Sympathy to his wife & wonderful family..

Rowdy Richer & Susie Piatti - Very ckose friends - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Diane, •I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family. Please let me know if there is anything at all that you need. My phone is 920-574-1396.

Paula

Paula Metoxen - friend of Diane - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Brett this is for you and your family. I am sorry for your loss battle but just so you know i am here if you need anything and I will pray for you and your family love your battle battle SPC Justin Elkins

Justin Elkins - served in iraq with brett - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ It gives me great pleasure to know that I met such an amazing man. I have known John and Edna Dennis for the past 26 years. One of John's daughters was married to my brother and they had two amazing daughters (Angelica & Adrienne) who live in Wisconsin; eventhough they are no longer together, John & Edna have always welcomed our family with open arms. The love you feel from John & Edna is so genuine, immediatly you feel as you as part of their family. I had the pleasure of visting my nieces two years ago , where we went to visit John & Edna and spent Thanksgiving weekend at their home, had an amazing time and I will cherish those memories forever...

**Edna plase know that I am thinking of you and sending prayers and hugs your way. you have such an incredible support system and loved by so many family and friends, including me. :)*

Love you,

Rosita Buenrostro

Rosita Buenrostro - family friend - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Dear Edna, Sheryl, Diane and everyone,

We all so sorry to hear about Junior and the accident. My mom (Marge) was especially heartbroken. Please know that we are keeping you in our prayers as you go through this difficult time. Junior was loved by everyone and we all have wonderful memories of him.

Much love, Rita (Shinn) Lucy

Rita (Shinn) Lucy - Winthrop Harbor, IL - 1st cousin - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Dear Grandpa,
I am so happy I got to see you two weekends in a row and got to cherish your presence. You were the best grandpa ever and I am so happy you were part of my life and that I was part of yours. We all miss you so much it doesn't even seem real that you are gone.

Adrienne - Green Bay, WI - Granddaughter - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ You can shed tears that he is gone,
Or you can smile because he lived,
You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back,
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him
Or you can be full of the love that you shared,
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember him and only that he is gone
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on,
You can cry and close your mind be empty and
turn your back,
Or you can do what he would want:
smile, open your eyes, love and go on

i love you grandpa so very much!!!

Amanda - My Grandpa - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Dear Grampa,
I will remember you loving us unconditionally. You were always so giving to everyone. I will miss your smile with or without your teeth.:) I love the way you and Grama danced across the dance floor - it was so beautiful! I will miss your stories of how you dated and "picked up" Grama. Thank you for being such a good example of a husband, father, and grandfather! I love you and I will miss you! Sending you a great big hug and kiss up to heaven! Love, Beth

Beth Figi - Monroe, WI - Granddaughter - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ We want to express our deepest sympathies to Darren, Laura, Austin, Natalee, Lee, Sheryl and all of the extended family. We are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. We are so sorry for your loss.

*Don, Jennifer, Will & Anna Slagle
Ron Smith*

The Slagles' - Johnston, IA - Friends of Darren & Laura Lynd - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Words cannot express how sad we are by the loss of John. We are praying for your family's comfort and sending our Love to you all!

Jamie Johnson Varner - Lisa's Sister n Law - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Grandpa...you know we all love you. This doesn't even seem real. I thought it was all a nightmare...but I woke up with red puffy eyes, and a stuffy nose this morning, and knew it wasn't. At the ceremony it'll be so weird...you won't be there holding my hand in church, like you were just the weekend before last. Can you please, just do me a favor...? Watch over our family...I can't wait to see you again.
Forever in my heart,
Your little "Arlene"

Alissa - Green Bay, WI - Granddaughter - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Words cannot express the pain in our hearts, but knowing he is in a better place, still watching over us as he did while he was here on Earth is the only comfort I can find. It is all so surreal, I can't describe how PROUD I am to have known a man so great. He was such a role model and joyful spirit. Love you Grandpa, we'll miss you forever.

Angelica - Green Bay, WI, WI - Granddaughter - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Our Deepest Sympathy to you and your family. Jud holds a special place in my heart and will be remembered always.If i can help you in any way,please call-774-0067. Craig Russett & Ann Tinsley

craig russett &ann tinsley - friend - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ word cannot express they sorrow that i feel for you all at this time . once you meet judd your life changed forever . he was a very warm ,caring ,loveing ,funny talented peron . he welcomed you into his home and life as if you always belong there . watching him drive off to get a part for someones car that he was working on with his"hair blowing in the wind" the little blue ford truck going down the road . spending the night at the house as a teenage and him comming in at 7am threating to throw a cold picture of water on ya. his motor home that he was so proud of. the frasscadameeche express. watching the twinkle in his eye when he looked at edna .having him and edna fly out to cali for my wedding just made the day even more special. watching judd in his garage woring was a site to see.he was allways willing to help anyone anytime . now he can be everyones gaurding angle if there car ever give them trouble . he was the best husband,dad ,grandpa and friend anyone could ever have . .i love and miss you very much judd"pops". prayers to all my dennis family .
love to all jenny ,joey and randy fenwick .

jennifer fenwick - good family friend - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ IM SO SORRY TO HERE ABOUT YOUR LOSS,HE WAS A GREAT MAN AND HE HAD SUCH A BIG HEART, EVERYBODY THAT NEEDED A CAR PART I WOULD SEND THEM TO JUDD AND ALL I HEARD FROM THEM IS THAT HE WAS SUCH A NICE GUY,, HE HAS MADE MANY FRIENDS WITH HIS KINDNESS

DAVID GREEN - FRIEND - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM