



Dennis J. Cunningham

June 13, 1955 - January 6, 2022

Dateline: Alton

Dennis J. Cunningham, 66, died at 6:15 a.m. Thursday, January 6, 2022 at OSF St. Anthony's Health Center. Born June 13, 1955 in Alton, he was the son of Howard and Myrl (Mathis) Cunningham. On February 10, 2007 he married the former Deborah Wells in Alton. She survives. He was a member of the North Alton Southern Baptist Church where he served as associate pastor. Dennis retired as a truck driver for Airgas and served as a volunteer for the Godfrey Fire Department. He was a member of the Serenity Sound duet with his wife, Deborah. Along with his wife he is survived by a son, Mark Cunningham of Brighton, a daughter, Susan Shipman (Derrick) of Rosewood Heights, and two step-sons, Dathan Brooks of Edwardsville, and Travis Brooks of Springfield, MO, five grandchildren, and one great granddaughter. He is also survived by three sisters, Jeannine Sackmann (Matt) of Jerseyville, Valeria Goodall (Pat) of Carrollton, IL, and Lesa Lee (Scot) of Wrights, IL, his mother and father-in-law, David and Mary Wells of Godfrey and three brothers-in-law, David Wells (Iris) of Godfrey, Terry Wells (Julie) of Alton, and Kevin Wells (Penny) of Meadowbrook. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Gerald Cunningham. Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 1:00 p.m. Monday, January 10, 2022 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Reverend Sonny Renken will officiate. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to the North Alton Southern Baptist Church. Online guestbook and information may

be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memorial Park

Godfrey, IL 62035

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 466-5544
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Funeral

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dennis J. Cunningham*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Dennis J. Cunningham*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss...*

Karen L Pleasant - January 14, 2022 at 04:27 PM



“ *DON & MARY ROSS lit a candle in memory of Dennis J. Cunningham*



DON & MARY ROSS - January 11, 2022 at 01:08 PM



In our thoughts & prayers.

DON - January 11, 2022 at 01:09 PM

TM

“ Dee, I am still in shock to hear of Denny's home going. I always enjoyed getting to sing with him on our praise team or at one of your concerts. His office visits could last for quite awhile but I always looked forward to them. He had such a giving heart and helped so many groups and churches with sound equipment. I'm sure the Father has said, "well done. Good and faithful servant " You are in our prayers. I believe the time will come when all God's children will worship together again. Dennis just has a head start.

Terry McKinzie - January 08, 2022 at 11:52 AM

LG

“ Such a great loss! Our families go back many years, many memories. This is so sad. Our sincere condolences to DeeDee and to all family members and many friends. We share our tears and offer our prayers, but words are not easy at this time. May God's blessings come to all - to the Cunninghams and to the Wells families especially. We are proud to have known Dennis and really appreciate all he did for our family. Thank you Dennis and DeeDee for your service to so many members of the Family of God.
Larry and Velma Gillingham

Larry Gillingham - January 08, 2022 at 09:59 AM

GD

“ Dee, this is my third attempt at writing this. I don't know where to begin. I learned of Denny's passing earlier this (Thursday) evening when my daughter called Sue and told her. We have the boy's tonight as both Mom and Dad are working. When Sue told me, I just sat there in disbelief. You and anyone who knew Dennis knew of him as a person who would help anyone at anytime, as he and you did for me a few months ago. The questions we are asking will not be answered until our "graduation day"! And when we find out the answer to our question we will understand. You are a strong woman and I'm telling you to lean on God now! He's got the answers and will always guide you through this and other troubled times. Should you need someone and anytime to talk to, please don't hesitate to get a hold of me. Sue and I have a prior commitment that will not allow us to attend the visitation and service as we will be out of town. But I will tell you I'll visit him at the cemetery and have a talk with him when I get back. He's being missed by a lot of people. Denny was a good man, one that I'm proud to say I knew. God speed Denny and now go get that record buck!

George & Sue Depper - January 06, 2022 at 11:04 PM

BL

“ Dee and family,
My heart aches for what you are going through. Know that we are sending prayers for peace for each of you. Dennis never met a stranger and always was willing to lend a hand when needed. He will be sadly missed.

Barb Langston - January 06, 2022 at 08:06 PM

TR

“ *Dee and Family,
So sorry for your loss. It was a shock for Tim and I to hear. You are
in our thoughts and prayers.
With Sympathy Tim and Tammy Reese*

tammy reese - January 06, 2022 at 06:45 PM

JS

*Dee,
I am so sorry and shocked. I just don't know what to say. I still haven't
recovered from Jerry's passing and now Dennis ? You are in my
thoughts and prayers.*

joey dean smith - January 06, 2022 at 08:20 PM

JO

*Dee,
I am so sorry! The world was always brighter when he was around. I
pray for you and your family. We have all lost such a wonderful friend!..*

Judith Orrill - January 07, 2022 at 06:51 AM