



Dennis Eugene Cox

September 30, 2020

Dennis Cox passed peacefully on Sept 30, 2020 with his wife, Kay, and stepdaughters, Susan, Tracy, and Robyn by his side. Dennis was a loving, kind, and gentle man whose arms were always open to his five (step)grandchildren, Natalie, Hailey, Cadence, Torren and Kenley.

He was born in Knoxville, Tennessee on Oct 28, 1946, the oldest of three children. Dennis attended Berea College in Kentucky and, after graduation, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. He spent time in California, Guam, where he was an aerial photographer and Lowry Air Force Base, CO as a photography instructor.

In 1971 Dennis married his first wife, Sandra, and they celebrated the birth of their son, Brian, in 1973. They both preceded him in death.

Dennis' employment at the Bureau of Reclamation began in 1974 until he retired in 1995. When not working Dennis enjoyed biking, country dancing and genealogy research of his Cox ancestors.

Dennis and Kay Anderson married in 2003 and recently celebrated their 17th anniversary. After living in Highlands Ranch, CO they moved to Windsor, CO in 2009 to enjoy retirement in a smaller, quieter community and to be closer to their grandchildren. In the past ten years, "grandpa" has been his favorite name. Time spent with the little ones whether it was at the park, swimming

pool or snuggling on the couch were the highlights of his day. He would read books, color, play hide and seek, or tickle "Little Miss Kenley" whenever asked.

Dennis fought a hard battle against advancing Alzheimer's Disease over the past five years, with his last month's spent at Columbine West Health and Rehab Center. His family will forever be grateful for the comfort and care they provided him during this time.

Dennis is survived by his wife, Kay, stepdaughters: Susan, (Todd), Tracy, (Jason), Robyn (Mike), and grandchildren: Natalie (16), Hailey (14), Cadence (13), Torren (10), and Kenley (6). In addition, his brother, David (Frances, Ray, Jimmy) of Illinois and his niece, Michelle and nephew, Johnny of Tennessee. His sister, Sharon, predeceased him.

A private Celebration of Life to share special memories of Dennis will be held at a later time. A military service honoring Dennis' time in the Air Force will also be held at Ft Logan National Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dennis Eugene Cox*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *I just learned of Dennis' death. My condolences.*
-Marilyn

Marilyn Ruybal - October 06, 2022 at 11:29 PM

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“ It is difficult to know where and how to begin. I'll try. Dennis and I were teammates on a basketball team at the Bureau of Reclamation. I did not know him well. When my wife died I was an emotional wreck. Someone told me that Dennis had recently lost his wife. I took a chance and sent him a message. He offered to help anyway he could. That began a 38 year friendship. We formed a mutual support group to help each other deal with our loss. We also helped start a support group for young widows and widowers. That group was part of our lives for 3 or 4 years. Members would share their stories, cry, laugh, and be there for each other. Dennis and I had many "happy" hours to work through our issues. Gradually, we were able to move on, albeit with a changed perspective on life. And then the second tragedy struck when his 14 year old son died. Our two man support group was resurrected. Many glasses of wine were consumed to deal with his loss.

Eventually, we were able to move on and find some meaning in life. Even after he retired and moved to Tennessee, we stayed in touch. When he returned to Colorado, we often got together. He was best man at my wedding, and I was best man at his. I was very happy for him when he found Kay. She and her family gave him many years of happiness that he richly deserved. My wife, Robbie, and I spent many happy occasions with Kay and Dennis. Plus, he and I shared a few guy luncheons over the years. I will always cherish my long friendship with Dennis - the best friend I ever had.

Jimmie Thomas - October 12, 2020 at 12:53 PM

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“ *Dennis was (still is) my brother-in-law. But more than that, we worked on projects around their houses over the years, patios, basements, yards, and fences. His helping hand, wit, and beaming personality were his hallmark of love and life. Yes, he is my brother-in-law, but more than that he is the Big Brother I always wanted and in a big way still have.*
Thanks Dennis. Rick

Rick - October 09, 2020 at 12:01 PM