



Dennis Carl "Denny" Becker

February 6, 1951 - March 6, 2021

Dennis Carl "Denny" Becker, 70, passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday, March 6, 2021. Dennis was born on February 6, 1951 in New Haven, Indiana. He was the fourth child of the late Carl and Charlotte (Wiese) Becker. Dennis graduated from New Haven High School, where he excelled in academics and athletics and where, most importantly, he began dating his future wife, Nancy (Netherland), whom he married in 1973. They loved each other and were each other's best friends and steadfast companions for the 55+ years they were together. Dennis graduated from Indiana University and went on to receive his Juris Doctorate from the Georgetown University Law Center. He excelled in his over 40 years of practicing law in Fort Wayne, receiving numerous Best Lawyer in America and Super Lawyer awards. He was also a tireless volunteer, committee member, and supporter of the various communities in which he was involved. Denny served on numerous community and corporate boards of directors. He served as Chairman of Matthew 25 Health and Care, The Lutheran Foundation, and Lutheran Social Services boards, and as a board member for Ohio Art, Concordia Plan Services, LCMS Board of Directors, Lutheran Federal Credit Union, and a special IPFW committee that commissioned the campus' Mastodon statue. He treasured the years he spent working with Concordia Theological Seminary and the many relationships he fostered there. He was a member at St. Paul's Lutheran in Fort Wayne, IN and Lake George Lutheran Chapel in Fremont, IN, and he took great comfort and strength from his faith. He was also an avid reader of books and print newspapers, and a collector of historical flasks, Indiana Beer bottles, and ephemera. He enjoyed most of all simply spending time with his wonderful group of friends and loving family. He was an incredibly loving and supportive father-he loved talking to his sons about their lives, their children, their jobs, and IU Basketball and Football several times each week-a beloved grandfather, and a caring husband. He will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife Nancy; sons, Devin (Kristin) and Tyson (Kady); grandchildren, Jack, Josie, Nolan, Agnes, and Wallace; siblings, Larry (Karen), Bill (Linda), Jeff (Marie), and Becky Lynch; and sisters-in-law, Sally Swihart (Thomas D.) and Kim Netherland. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Ron; brother-in-law, Terry Lynch; and niece, Beth. Funeral service is 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1126 S Barr St, Fort Wayne with visitation one hour prior. Visitation

is also 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Harper's Community Funeral Home, 740 St. Rd. 930 E., New Haven. Burial in Emanuel Lutheran Cemetery, New Haven. Preferred memorials are to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lake George Lutheran Chapel, Matthew 25 Health and Care, Concordia Theological Seminary for Student Aid or the Fort Wayne Commission for African American Males Inc. To share online condolences please visit <http://www.harperfuneralhome.com>

Cemetery

Events

- Emanuel Lutheran Cemetery** **MAR 12** **Public Viewing** 02:00PM - 04:00PM
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- Harper's Community Funeral Home
740 State Road 930 E, New Haven, IN, US, 46774
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- MAR 12** **Public Viewing** 06:00PM - 08:00PM
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740 State Road 930 E, New Haven, IN, US, 46774
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- MAR 13** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM
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- St. Paul Lutheran Church
1126 S Barr St, Fort Wayne, IN, US, 46802

Comments



“ Nancy, I am very sorry to learn about Denny. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Lael West

Lael West - March 19 at 04:25 PM



“ Dear Nancy, Devin, and Tyson:
Like so many, I was shocked and so very saddened by the news of Denny's passing. Denny and I go back to being baptized together by his Grandfather at the old Emanuel Lutheran Church in New Haven. We grew up in same neighborhood, schooled together, delivered morning papers, played bloody murder in their basement, shared in some harmless mischief, etc. Denny's intellect, compassion, service, humor, and friendship have touched countless. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. John and Annette

john stemmler - March 13 at 06:57 AM



“ Nancy and family...my deepest sympathy to and yours. Denny is the kind of guy that will be remembered for generations. It is special to have known both of you. God bless.

Brad Loar



Brad Loar - March 12 at 04:24 PM



“ What Denny did for the Lutheran Church at his own congregation, in the Missouri Synod and Concordia Theological Seminary will be a lasting tribute and memorial of his faith in Christ which was the mark of the man. Here at the seminary his work, friendship and wise counsel are and will remain part of this institution. We are pleased that he chose to share his abilities and talents with us. We will miss him, but he has gained his great reward.

David P. Scaer
Professor

David Scaer - March 12 at 02:31 PM



“ Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Dennis Carl "Denny" Becker.



March 12 at 01:29 PM



“ Denny, Denny, Denny
Bennett Clothes, Friday Night BBall, 1964 Malibu, Ricardos Pizza, The Baaement
Denny, Denny, Denny

Nancy
While there is no way we can feel your pain, we do feel your loss.
Our Prayers are with you and your Family during this sorrowful time.

Jay and Retta

Jay Melcher - March 12 at 09:57 AM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Dennis Carl "Denny" Becker.



March 11 at 09:06 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Dennis Carl "Denny" Becker.



March 11 at 12:59 PM



“ I was so saddened to learn of Denny's passing. I was introduced to him by Vic Martin (who passed away Sunday). We played basketball together as members of the "Southwood Park Basketball Association" in Vic's driveway several decades ago. I always enjoyed playing and talking with Denny. Lake George will miss him.

Denny Mahuren
Lake George

Denny Mahuren - March 11 at 11:59 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis Carl "Denny" Becker.



March 10 at 09:45 PM



“ Becky Huffman lit a candle in memory of Dennis Carl "Denny" Becker



Becky Huffman - March 10 at 06:22 PM



“ Nancy,

We are so sorry to learn of Denny's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God grant you comfort at this time.

Greg and Colleen

Gregory A Peters - March 10 at 03:30 PM



“ Ken Young purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Dennis Carl "Denny" Becker.



Ken Young - March 10 at 11:38 AM



“ Dear Nancy, I am so sorry about Denny - he was always so nice to me and I respected his kindness and commitment to the community. What a wonderful man. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. Melanie Hall

MELANIE T HALL - March 10 at 10:40 AM



“ Dear Nancy and family, We are so lucky that we have shared happy time with you and have great memories of Denny’s humor, warm spirit and love for his family. Faith, memories and your love for Denny will continue to bring you along during this tough time. Our family prays for you all! Heidi and Joe Perry

heidi perry - March 10 at 01:57 AM



“ Gary Trowbridge lit a candle in memory of Dennis Carl "Denny" Becker



Gary Trowbridge - March 09 at 05:44 PM



“ Dear Nancy and family,
What joy Denny brought to our group of friends throughout the years! I always knew when Denny was with us, we would laugh. My heart aches for you and the kids and for all of us who will miss him so. I know what a strong faith Denny had and that will provide you with peace. What a blessing that the two of you had so many years together. I will treasure my memories of Denny, a dear friend.~love to you all, Deb

Deborah Neumeyer - March 09 at 05:12 PM



“ Dear Nancy and family, So very sorry to learn of the loss of Denny. Such a great example to others in the legal profession, his family, and the community. May his memory be a blessing. Jean Joley

Jean Joley - March 09 at 02:47 PM



“ Thinking of you all during this difficult time. Denny was such a great person. Always friendly with a great smile. He will be missed.

Larry Wardlaw - March 09 at 10:51 AM



“ To the Becker Family,,
We were saddened and shocked by Denny's passing. Our hearts go out to his family and friends in this time of deep sorrow. He left a positive mark on everything he did and every person he met. He was quietly passionate about the things that meant the most to him - his wife and family, his faith, the many clients he advised and IU athletics. He was always generous and charitable with his time and talents. I was so happy and proud when Denny joined our firm. He made us all better lawyers. He will be missed in ways we haven't even imagined. May his memories be a blessing to his family and friends. Rest in Peace, Denny.
John and Mary Brandt

John H. Brandt - March 09 at 09:30 AM



“ Nancy and the Becker family,
We were stunned and saddened to hear of Denny's passing. We hope the deep sadness you now feel is soon replaced by the innumerable memories of all the loving, wonderful times you all shared together with Denny. I so enjoyed working with Denny throughout our careers. He was always smiling and brought great cheer to our office. As a colleague and dear friend, he will be sorely missed.

Tuck and Nancy Hopkins - March 09 at 07:10 AM



“ Nancy,
It is with great sadness for you when I learned of Denny's passing. You have my prayers and sympathy in your loss.



Donna Moran - March 09 at 07:01 AM



“ Dear Nancy, the whole Becker family, and Denny's multitude of friends: We are shocked and so saddened by the sudden loss of Denny. Denny stood out to high school classmates as a leader and friend to all. He will be missed by many.
Lou and Sharon Ehinger

Louis Ehinger - March 08 at 11:58 PM



“ Jerry, Shirlee, Joe, Gina, Jon, Cassie and children purchased the Sympathy Standing Spray in Christmas Colors for the family of Dennis Carl "Denny" Becker.



Jerry, Shirlee, Joe, Gina, Jon, Cassie and children - March 08 at 10:33 PM



“ Dear Nancy and all the family. We are stunned and overwhelmed by the news of Denny's passing and we grieve along with you. But we don't grieve as those who have no hope, knowing that God made Denny His own through the merits of Christ. What a delightful man he was--and is!--and we look forward to a happy reunion with our dear Dennis. God's peace be with you all.

Lawrence Rast - March 08 at 09:35 PM



“ I was privileged to know Denny since 1st grade, and loved his kindness, sense of humor, and intellect. He always had a sly smile and engaging personality. Prayers for God's peace for Nancy and his family during this difficult time. Dance with Jesus, Denny! See you on the other side!

Kevin Tolliver - March 08 at 08:19 PM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Dennis Carl "Denny" Becker.



March 08 at 08:06 PM



“ Dear Becker Family: Denny was such a joy to work with and such a deeply faithful servant of the church. His faith just oozed out of him. He trusted His Lord Jesus! He will be much missed, but we will all be reunited in God's good time!

Rev. Dr. Scott R. Murray
Houston, Texas

Scott Murray - March 08 at 05:29 PM



“ I remember working with Denny at McCormack Chevrolet. He worked after school doing various chores. He was a very nice and smart guy. My sympathy to the family. God give you strength.
Jane (Peters) Helton

Jane Helton - March 08 at 02:37 PM



“ Dear Nancy and Family, Stan and Karen Hostetler send you our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy. It was my pleasure to have been Denny's Teacher and Wrestling coach. Although I have not seen or spoken with Denny in 20 years , my fondness for Denny and for you Nancy have not diminished over the years. GOD'S Blessings to you all until we meet again in Heaven.

Stan and Karen Hostetler - March 08 at 02:25 PM



“ Steve Bradtmiller lit a candle in memory of Dennis Carl "Denny" Becker



Steve Bradtmiller - March 08 at 02:12 PM



“ Denny was our next door neighbor and I remember him having a 63 (I believe) white Chevy. Then we moved to another town and I would hear from others about his accomplishments, tax attorney etc! I saw him being interviewed on the local news one night and he looked really good. His family will have a lot of memories of him as do I.

Steve - March 11 at 04:07 PM



“ Memories of Denny always make me smile. Denny will light up the Heavens. Much love to you and your boys, Nancy. I know your faith will help you navigate the most difficult time of your life.

sonja scholl - March 08 at 01:42 PM