



Dennis Ray Liford "Denny"

November 15, 1955 - March 4, 2023

Dennis Ray Liford "Denny", 67, of Lily, Kentucky passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on Saturday, March 4th, 2023 at the University of Kentucky Hospice Care Center.

Denny was born on November 15th, 1955 in Corbin, Kentucky. He was born into a large family, with seven older siblings and enjoyed a childhood filled with love, family and music. Denny loved cars and ultimately enjoyed a successful career as an award-winning mechanic. In 1978, he placed third in a national competition held in Detroit, Michigan, which included auto technicians from every region of the United States. Later in life, Denny obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Broadcasting and Communications from Eastern Kentucky University, where he graduated number one in his class. He then enjoyed a career at Union College, in the Information Technology Department. Denny was also a proud Kentucky Colonel. Though his multifaceted intelligence resulted in two successful careers, his true talent and passion revolved around music.

Growing up in a music centered family, Denny began playing the guitar around age nine. In high school, he started a band called "The Day After Tonight". As a young adult, he performed in various gospel groups, including "The Melody Makers" and "The Ambassadors for Christ". He later had two Classic Rock bands, "The Lyford Band" and "Flashback". His passion and knowledge of

music was beyond impressive and it seemed to pump through his veins. He literally had a song for every occasion. His music brought joy to so many people through the years. To know and love music, was to know and love Denny.

Denny was preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin and Clara (Garland) Liford and siblings Harry Liford, Burl Lee Liford, Racheal Faye Liford, Clyde Liford, Bobby Liford and Odra Liford. He is survived by his wife and soul mate, Nora Liford, one son, Dennis Todd Liford of Lexington, two daughters, Regina Beth Rotkvich of Chicago and Pamela Darlene May of Lexington, one grandson (his "sidekick") Hayden Rotkvich of Chicago and sisters Janice (Ron) Manning, Bitha Liford and Brenda Liford, all of Corbin. He also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews and countless friends. He was always saying "car show people and classmates are the most loyal people around". He cherished two very special nephews, Harry Liford and Donnie Liford, a special niece Kaye Helton and a special friend Edward "Buster" Palette.

A memorial service for Dennis Ray Liford will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. in the chapel of House-Rawlings Funeral Home with Roger Wolfe officiating. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 beginning at 6:00 p.m. also at the funeral home. Denny wholeheartedly supported St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Donations to St. Jude's in his name would be greatly appreciated. The family has entrusted House-Rawlings Funeral Home with the arrangements.

The family has requested that the service be livestreamed:

Click here to view Livestream of Funeral Service (<https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTY3ODEzMDM2NzIzOTQ1NiZvbmVyb29tLWFKbWluJmNvcHlfbGI>)

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 6:00 PM (ET)

House-Rawlings Funeral Home
510 East 4th Street
London, KY 40741
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ House-Rawlings Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dennis Ray Liford "Denny" ”



House-Rawlings Funeral Home - March 06, 2023 at 11:16 PM

MM

Heaven gained another musical genius. My condolences to all the family.

Maridon Moore - March 10, 2023 at 03:33 AM

AF

“ I remember Denny and his band rocking at the Lily Jr High School gym back
In the mid seventies.They had a sound like the big time groups.He sang Proud Mary and others great. ”

A friend. - June 05, 2023 at 07:13 PM

JH

“ Prayers for the family ”



Janet Henderson - March 08, 2023 at 09:50 AM

BC

“ Bonnie Carnes lit a candle in memory of
Dennis Ray Liford "Denny"



Bonnie Carnes - March 07, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ 254 files added to the album LifeTributes



House-Rawlings Funeral Home - March 06, 2023 at 10:53 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Dennis Ray Liford "Denny".



March 06, 2023 at 10:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis Ray Liford "Denny".*



March 06, 2023 at 09:18 PM



“ *Graduated with Denny. My sincere condolences to Denny's family, friends, and loved ones. He will be greatly missed.*



Cathy Moore - March 06, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ *David Ruth Ann Caldwell lit a candle in memory of Dennis Ray Liford "Denny"*



David and Ruth Ann Caldwell - March 06, 2023 at 01:47 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis Ray Liford "Denny".*



March 06, 2023 at 01:21 PM

BL

“ Singing with the angels 🙏🎵🎵❤️❤️
We love you Uncle Denny . Thank you for always being the coolest,
most humble person ever. Your sweet demeanor will never be
replaced. Gonna miss ya man

Beck Liford - March 06, 2023 at 10:01 AM



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the family of Dennis Ray Liford "Denny".



March 06, 2023 at 06:58 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the
family of Dennis Ray Liford "Denny".



March 06, 2023 at 03:37 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of
Dennis Ray Liford "Denny".



March 06, 2023 at 12:36 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis Ray Liford "Denny".*



March 05, 2023 at 11:24 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Ray Liford "Denny".*



March 05, 2023 at 10:17 PM



“ *God bless Denny's sweet family. My grandma thought the world of him and when she worked in the Union post office she would always look forward to his excitement at receiving his packages, which led to his stories about the projects he worked on involving his cars. When she died in 2019, he was so kind to us and such a comfort despite us only knowing him through Facebook. Prayers to Nora and your precious children and grandchildren.*

hannah bell - March 05, 2023 at 09:53 PM



“ *Denny has always been a friend. We may have went years without seeing or talking to each other.... But we were always able to greet each other with smiles and we were able to talk like we were not miles and miles apart. Thank you for being my friend and the memories we shared at church*

Vivian Lambert - March 05, 2023 at 09:13 PM

JC

“ I am so sorry for your loss!



Justin Caldwell - March 05, 2023 at 07:14 PM



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March 05, 2023 at 06:45 PM

HW

“ Unca Denny you will be missed. R. I. P



Holly Liford Wyatt - March 05, 2023 at 05:44 PM

DT

“ Dr. Simon and the entire CS and SU team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dennis Ray Liford "Denny".



Dr. Simon and the entire CS and SU team - March 05, 2023 at 05:42 PM

RM

“ Denny was always there to help me with technology to prepare for presentations at Union. I will never forget his laughter and joy. My husband Bruce and Denny went to school together and always enjoyed remembering their high school. Nora and kids, I will be praying for you in the next several weeks for strength and comfort.

Rita and Bruce Miracle - March 05, 2023 at 04:29 PM

DW

“ Loved him so much. I will always think of him when I hear certain songs and see loaves of bread. Hope he's eating a lot of it in heaven and drinking his coffee. ❤️😭😭

Darlene White - March 05, 2023 at 03:37 PM

RW

“ A precious friend, fellow brother in Christ who filled my life with life long memories.

Rev Roger Wolfe - March 05, 2023 at 02:26 PM