



Dennis D. Howard

July 12, 1942 - September 1, 2025

In Loving Memory of
Dennis Dale “Denny” Howard
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Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your
ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3: 5-6

Dennis Dale Howard, affectionately known as Denny, of Vancouver,
Washington,
passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on September 1, 2025.
Born on July
12, 1942 in Spokane, WA and raised in Portland, OR, Denny lived a life
marked by
service, dedication to God and country, and deep community involvement.
Denny grew up the younger of two siblings with his sister, Judy (Elwess),
under his
mother’s guidance in the Lutheran Church and the example of his father’s
military
service. He was active in youth groups at church and the Boy Scouts. In high
school, he
was one of a group of bright young students who regularly wreaked havoc in

science

labs--all in the spirit of fun. His sense of humor and playful nature balanced his sense of responsibility well.

After high school, Denny attended Pacific Lutheran University where he graduated with a degree in mathematics and won the heart of his wife, Linda (Stolee). His shenanigans and banter in the cafeteria line drew Linda, ancestor of men of humor, to him.

After graduation, Denny proudly served his country for 21 years in the United States Air

Force. In Vietnam he guided attack, rescue, and mid-air refueling missions. He and his

U.S. crew monitored aircraft in the skies above Southeast Asia alongside their South

Vietnamese counterparts, and his love for people and cultures flourished.

Back

stateside, he rose through the ranks of air command, missile control, and data processing to earn the rank of Lieutenant Colonel at his retirement. His military service

took he and his family to posts in Kansas, Illinois, Hawaii, and Alaska.

Throughout the

years, Denny could be seen at Boy Scout events, church activities, and refereeing

sporting events for his children.

Following his military career, he continued to serve others through education, teaching

for 20 years at the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) in Computer Information

Systems. His passion for learning and mentorship was also exemplified in his

work with

career advising at UAA, where he left a lasting impact on countless students and

colleagues. In his last few years of teaching, he taught basic math classes and

delighted in seeing the “lightbulb go on” for people who had struggled with mathematics

their whole lives.

Beyond his professional life, Denny was a devoted Christian with years of service in the

Lutheran and Covenant churches. With every move for his work, an integral goal was to

find a new church home. His children recall arriving at church early for greeting and

usher, then staying late after church for council meetings or while Dad did his

treasury duties. Since 2014, Denny and Linda have been members of Cascade View

Covenant Church, where they gave generously of their time and spirits. He and Linda

were the primary stewards of Repairers of the Breach for several years, helping to serve

people experiencing financial instability and homelessness through weekly meals and

fellowship. They also shared their faith regularly with others through bible study and

prayer group, as well as in their membership with the Gideons, including sharing Bibles

at schools and events.

Denny spent 32 wonderful years in Alaska, where he found great joy in the

outdoors. He was an avid fisherman and hunter, and deeply cherished the natural beauty and serenity of the Alaskan wilderness. Whether casting a line in a quiet stream, tracking game through the forest, or simply taking in the rugged landscape, Denny felt most at peace surrounded by nature. He enjoyed sharing God's creation with his friends and family, and countless fishing and hunting companions. Denny's faith and commitment to service were evident in all he did, and he was a source of strength and kindness to many. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. His legacy of integrity, compassion, and service will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

He is survived by his beloved wife of nearly 60 years, Linda Howard (Stolee); his children, Randall Howard (Margaret Mulderry), and Pamella Howard (Rolf Bloomquist); his grandchildren, Rory and Shelby Howard; and his sister, Judy Elwess. His Celebration of Life service will be held at Cascade View Covenant Church (<https://www.cascadeview.org/>) at 221 NE Chklalov Drive, Vancouver, WA on October 4, 2025 at 1:00 PM. Participants are invited to wear Aloha Wear or flannels to celebrate to of the places he loved best. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to One Life Food Pantry in Vancouver, WA (<https://welcometoonelife.com/donate.html>).

Previous Events

Graveside

OCT 3. 2:30 PM (PT)

Willamette National Cemetery
11800 SE Mt. Scott Boulevard Portland, OR US 97086
Portland, OR 97086

Tribute Wall



“ *Please join us today for the Celebration of Life for Dennis Howard at 1:00 PM at Cascade View Covenant Church at 221 NE Chkalov Drive, Vancouver, WA 98684.*

Pam Howaes - October 04, 2025 at 12:53 PM



“ *Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Dennis D. Howard.*



October 01, 2025 at 01:28 PM

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“ I've known Denny for almost ten years. He and Linda welcomed my wife Kathy and I before we actually moved in. I'll miss his humor and quick wit. He was better at dad jokes and I'm sure he made his kids laugh and groan over the years. I miss those long walks that he and Linda and I used to take on the Burnt Bridge trail. The halfway point was Starbucks on Andresen where we would drink coffee, enjoy each other's company and then reverse the trail home. We called it the "Starbuck's shuffle". Denny once told me that he lost his sense of taste and he could only taste hot sauce, he put that on everything. I made it my personal mission to find the hottest hot sauce wherever I went. I was bound and determined to see smoke blow out his ears. It didn't matter how hot, he could take it. We didn't agree on politics but we didn't let it affect our friendship. We agreed to disagree. I'll miss those salmon filets that he would bring home from his Alaskan fishing trips. That was the best salmon I've ever tasted. Denny I know you are probably fishing right now, save some for Kathy and I we'll see you on the other side.

Scott and Kathy Milner

Scott Milner - September 30, 2025 at 07:28 PM

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“ Jack & Ann Pauli purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dennis D. Howard.



Jack & Ann Pauli - September 27, 2025 at 04:18 PM