



Dennis Bernhardt Voeller

July 11, 1934 - December 4, 2017

Dennis Voeller July 11, 1934 - December 4, 2017 Although Denny will be greatly missed, he has left a legacy of honesty, faith, strong sense of family, and an ever-present sense of humor. Dennis Voeller, 83, died December 4, 2017, in Vancouver, Washington. Denny was born in Rugby, North Dakota, the oldest child of Joseph and Catherine (Axtman) Voeller. At the age of seven, his family moved to Portland, Oregon, where Denny attended Holy Redeemer Catholic School. Later, the family moved to Vancouver, Washington, and Denny completed junior and senior high school at Vancouver Public Schools. Upon graduation from high school, Denny enlisted in the United States Air Force. He served his country during the Korean War, stationed in Labrador, Canada. After military service, Denny returned to Vancouver and completed his AA degree at Clark College and went on to earn his bachelor's degree from the University of Portland. Denny met the love of his life, Kathleen, and married in 1959. They enjoyed many wonderful adventures together, including 16 cruises around the world. Sadly, Denny passed just three weeks shy of their 58th wedding anniversary. Denny worked for the State of Oregon first at the Employment Division and later at the Adult and Family Services Division. Most of his public service was in Portland, but he spent the latter part of his career as the Adult and Family Services field office manager in La Grande. Denny was proud to be a member of IAPES, the International Association of Personnel in Employment Services (known today as the International Association of Workforce Professionals). He was elected president of the

Oregon Chapter and served as the international representative for the states of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana. Denny was an avid golfer who achieved 20 holes in one. When telling people about his significant number of holes in one, Denny was always sure to mention that only 19 were witnessed. He also enjoyed traveling, gardening, and playing bridge. Recently, he was pleased to have attended his 65th high school reunion. First and foremost, Denny was a family man who delighted in attending family reunions and learning as much as possible about his family history. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen; sister, Doreen Irwin of Elverta, California; daughter and son-in-law, Denise and Jason Yohannan of La Grande, Oregon, and their children Alexa Yohannan and Derek Yohannan; daughter, Diane Voeller of Vancouver and her children Jordan (Alix) Guinn and Andrea Guinn; and daughter-in-law, Charlotte (Alan) Nibler of Vancouver and her children Greg Voeller and Kayla Voeller. Denny's two great-grandchildren are Jackson and Mya, the children of Jordan and Alix. In addition, Denny was adored by his many nieces and nephews. Denny was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Jeff; his brother, Don; and his grandson, Sean. Services will be at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, December 11, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 6600 Highland Drive in Vancouver. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Joseph Parish, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, or the Salvation Army.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 09:38 PM

JE

“ no one can prepare you for a loss, it comes like a swift wind, Denny was a beautiful soul full Of love and faith. We can but treasure our memories and times together. We can remember our cruise's with a smile, our road trips were always filled with knowledge that you loved to bestow upon us, Prayers and fond memories are ever lasting Our love and sincere condolences to my Sister Kathleen and her family Denise Jason, Alexa, Derek, Diane Jordan, Alix, Jackson, Mia, Andrea, Greg and Kayla Good Night God Bless dear brother in law,

Joan and Austin Tomkins England - December 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ I remember the good times we had in Germany, sitting on the balcony sipping schnapps and sorting out the problems of the world. I remember the good times in America but you hated it when I took money off you playing golf.I remember the good times in Australia cruising around Sydney Harbour. I remember you fondly and you shall never be forgotten goodbye uncle Denny .

Geoffrey Taylor and family Australia - December 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ Those we love do not go away, They walk beside us every day, Unseen,unheard,but always near, Still loved,still missed and very dear. All our love Aunty Kath and family you are in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

Fred,Dot and Mike - December 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ Denny was a wonderful, caring, fun-loving, man. We really enjoyed the time we spent together over the years and always looked forward to our Voeller reunions, knowing he would be there. He will be missed by all who knew him and loved him but his love for life will live on in each of us as we make the world around us a better place, just like he did. Sending love to all the family.

Ray and Judy Voeller - December 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ No one can prepare you for a loss, it comes like a swift wind. Please take comfort in knowing that Uncle Denny is now resting in the arms of our Lord, He will be truly missed. Our Deepest condolences to you Aunty Kath, Denise Diane and families .xx we love you xx

Catherine, Michael, Alisha Rhian and families - December 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Do not let your hearts be troubled. You trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father's house there are many places to live in; otherwise I would have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you to myself, so that you may be with me where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going. Please remember you are in our prayers and our thoughts at this time Aunty Kathleen and Family.

John & Napat Taylor - December 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM