



Derwin "Dennis" Joseph Lopez

March 14, 1948 - February 17, 2021

Jennings: It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that the family of Derwin "Dennis" Joseph Lopez announces his passing from his earthly home into his heavenly home on February 17th, 2021. Dennis was born in Jennings, LA on March 14th, 1948 to Roy Joseph Lopez, Sr. and Edna LaVergne Lopez.

A true patriot, Dennis proudly served our country by voluntarily enlisting in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam war. He served for four years, with two of those years overseas in Vietnam and Thailand as a weather systems technician.

Dennis worked in the oil and gas industry for 36 years. He retired from BP Production in 2006 as a lead production operator. His greatest joys in life came from the times he spent making great memories with his family and friends – the many motorcycle trips which he and Carolyn took with their buddies on his beloved Honda Goldwing, camper camping, crabbing, outdoor BBQs, tooling around on his tractor, feeding the ducks in his pond, and winding down many an evening from his front porch rocking chair. And although he wasn't an avid fisherman himself, he always maintained a boat to be able to take his wife and sons fishing whenever and wherever they wanted to go.

Dennis had a grandfatherly relationship with five special little girls in his life. His great-niece Kadence Abel of Lake Charles who was always delighted to visit with her "Uncle Denny". Also, Gracee, Madison, Kirsten and Audree LaVergne of Hathaway who affectionally called him "Big D." He loved doing

things for “his girls” that would bring them joy, from building them a she-shed, riding them on his “mule”, or taking them fishing, to the movies, or out to eat. With a warrior’s heart, Dennis courageously endured a seven month-long battle following the aftermath of a Covid-19 diagnosis. He spent two months in the Jennings American Legion Hospital and five months at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital in Baton Rouge. Carolyn was able to stay with him 24/7 for the last five months of his life, which brought great comfort to them both.

Those that are left behind to cherish his memory are his wife of 44 years, Carolyn “Bobo” Lopez of Jennings. His two sons, Brent Derwin Lopez and Justin Roy Lopez of Jennings. His sister Donna Presley and her husband Buck of Jennings, his two brothers Roy J. Lopez, Jr (Joey) and his wife Kathy of Sugarland, Texas and George G. Bertrand and his wife Sue of Marietta, Georgia. He is also survived by a very special aunt, Eldie “Boone” Foreman of Jennings and a host of nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews who all held a special place in his heart.

Dennis is preceded in death by his father, Roy Joseph Lopez, Sr., his mother and stepfather Edna and George T. Bertrand , his paternal grandparents, J.D. (Joe) and Mary R. Lopez of Hathaway; his maternal grandparents, Homer and Philoman M. LaVergne of Jennings and his aunt, Mabel (Pete) Gary of Hathaway.

Carolyn and her sons would like to extend special thanks and gratefulness to Reggie and Deborah Lockhart, and Ricky and Vikki Wallace, who so unselfishly gave of their time and effort in our time of need. Also, many thanks to Cole Lafargue, Joshua LaVergne, and Pastor Joey Dugas for their kind and loving support and assistance to our family.

A gathering of family and friends will be held at Matthews & Son Funeral Home in Jennings, LA on Monday, March 1st, 2021 at 5:00 PM continuing until 9:00 PM.

Private funeral services for Derwin “Dennis” Lopez , 72 of Jennings, La will be held at Matthews & Son Funeral Home in Jennings, LA on Tuesday, March 2nd , 2021. Burial will follow at the Southwest Louisiana War Veterans

Cemetery with full military honors. Pallbearers for Mr. Lopez will be Reggie Lockhart, Christopher Lynn Guidry, Ryan Joseph Guidry, Joshua LaVergne, Aaron Rasberry, and Cliff Gillespie.

In Lieu of flowers and to honor his memory, the family requests that donations in-kind be made to the Jesus Worship Center Building Fund, 208 Cadillac St. Lafayette, LA 70501. Building Fund donations can also be made via Zelle to 337-852-3658. Please indicate your name and address upon donation.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

MAR 1. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Matthews Funeral Home - JENNINGS

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Tribute Wall



“ *Derwin "Dennis" Joseph Lopez*

January 28, 2023 at 04:12 PM

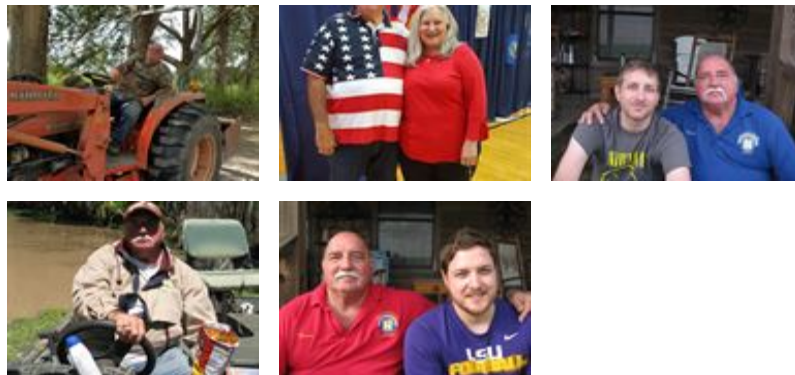


“ *My condolences. Denny and I were good friends in high school and spent a lot of time riding around Jennings talking big and doing little. Ha. Good memories of his mother, step father, brothers, and grandmother Mrs. Lopez. We went our separate ways, Denny into the AF, I into the Marine Corps. One last time together maybe in 71. Good to see he had a good life, good family and good friends. Ken Roy. 3/9/21*

Ken Roy - March 10, 2021 at 12:25 AM



“ *61 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Matthews Funeral Home - March 01, 2021 at 11:08 AM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Derwin "Dennis" Joseph Lopez.*



March 01, 2021 at 08:50 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Derwin "Dennis" Joseph Lopez.*



February 26, 2021 at 11:38 PM



“ *I always remembered Denny while growing up in Hathaway and visiting with Uncle Joe and Aunt Mary. He always remembered his cousins who lived down the road from his Grandpa and Grandma Lopez. He always took time to visit us. May he rest in peace. Our deepest condolences to Carolyn and sons. Janet (Clement) & Preston Doucet*

Janet C Doucet - February 21, 2021 at 07:43 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



LINDA SUIR - February 20, 2021 at 08:28 PM

KT

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your sons. He rests with our Lord and has attained what we also strive for. Eternal peace! I'm here for you anytime you need. Love you sweet friend!!*

Karen Touchet - February 20, 2021 at 07:45 AM

BD

“ *Oh Carolyn, I'm so very sorry . I pray he has joined Nanan Edna and he is now free of suffering .He had such a long hard fight . My prayers are with you also , it's been a hard road and still rough one forward but it's true time does help and heal . Take all the time you need for that healing*



Barbara DeRouen - February 19, 2021 at 08:20 PM

LS

“ *CAROLYN, I WILL FOREVER REMEMBER DENNY. HE DIDN'T FISH, BUT HE ENJOYED WATCHING US FISH. IT BOUGHT HIM A LOT OF JOY. I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HIM, ESPECIALLY AT THE POND. HE WANTED US TO CATCH SOME BASS, HE KNEW WE LOVED TO FISH. HE WILL BE SO MISSED BY US. KEEP IN TOUCH, AND IF YOU NEED, WE'LL BE THERE FOR YOU AND THE BOYS. LOVE YA"LL. LINDA & BURT*

Linda Suir - February 19, 2021 at 06:43 PM

HS

“ Going way back as my memory will t!e me we were all family and many family get together. I went away in the military and missed many family functions. Denny and I grew up together. A shame we could not have that opportunity. I will pray that after this virus is under control.

L that we will be able to get together again. My condolences to his immediate family and his many exte ded fami,y. P,ease excuse the typing. My tablet goes crazy. Love to all.

Hank Strickler - February 19, 2021 at 03:30 PM



“ Hey Mrs. Carolyn and Brent and Justin the O'CONNOR family is keeping yall in our prayers. It was awesome to get to have yall as our neighbors for over 30 years. Def have alot of great memories of those times. We will be praying for yall esp during these next couple of days. Much love to yall

Eddie Oconnor - February 19, 2021 at 08:41 AM

SS

“ Carolyn so sorry to hear of Denny's passing. I was very close to all of Uncle George and Aunt Edna's children when I was a kid and loved Denny dearly. I will be praying for you and your children that the Lord comfort you. Much love to you ❤️🙏❤️

Stephanie Strickler - February 18, 2021 at 07:25 PM

BH

“ Carolyn im so sorry to see Denny has lost his fight. Prayers for you and your family.

Bernadine Hardy - February 18, 2021 at 12:31 PM



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Thomas McCall - February 18, 2021 at 11:40 AM



“ Carolyn & sons - I'm so sorry to learn about Dennis' passing. He was a true friend and always ready to help. I remember him bringing his tractor down after Hurricane Rita to help me get temporary stairs back up to my house in Grand Chenier and later spending a couple of days with me cleaning up. We had many good rides together and Sandra and I will treasure the memories of our trips with him and Carolyn. You will all be in our prayers.

Tom & Sandra McCall



Thomas McCall - February 18, 2021 at 10:38 AM



“ Carolyn and boys....I am so deeply sorry to hear of Denny's passing...He had a hard fight....I feel in my green heart of hearts he is visiting with Mom Mom A and probably eating something she fixed...NOT THE LOW FAT VERSION EITHER!!!....My thoughts and especially prayers are with you all and for Denny now and in the future....Love Cecil Hernandez

C Hernandez - February 18, 2021 at 10:26 AM

FM

Carolyn & boys, so very sorry to hear about Denny's passing. Although we lost touch, we never forgot our family. Always loved y'all dearly. Will keep. Denny and y'all in our prayers. May our Father bless y'all and give the strength you need. He'll be remembered as a loving cousin. I know France S is heartbroken too. Love you.. Frieda, Larry & Brother (Larry)

Frieda Bertrand Melancon - February 18, 2021 at 05:11 PM

CL

Carolyn and sons,
Please accept our sympathies on the loss of your beloved Husband and Father, Denny. I know that Denny fought hard to remain with his family but God had another "plan" and like the faithful man that Denny was, he followed God's "plan". I pray that God grant Denny's soul gentle repose and that he grant you, his family divine solace to accept His decision. We shall include Denny in our daily prayers along with you, dear Carolyn and boys.
Love you,
Sandy, David and Eric Lagrange

Cassandra Vincent Lagrange - February 25, 2021 at 10:51 PM

SV

Dearest Carolyn and Sons,
Please accept my sympathy on the loss of Denny. He fought this horrible Covid as long as he could but God called him Home. I will pray for his soul and for God's help with your sorrow.
I love you,
Aunt Shirley

Shirley Arceneaux Vincent - February 25, 2021 at 10:56 PM