



Mr. Earl Harold Dennison

March 13, 1944 - December 23, 2010

Mr. Earl Harold Dennison, age 66, of Utica, passed away on Thursday, December 23, 2010 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center, in the presence of his loving and devoted family.

He was born in Utica on March 13, 1944, the son of the late Earl Harold and Sarah "Sally" (Scully) Dennison. Earl, also known as Harold, was raised in Oriskany and graduated from Oriskany Central High School.

On June 11, 1966, he married the former Patricia "Patty" DeStante, with whom he shared a devoted 44-year partnership and together they raised their two children. As a couple, they were always supportive of each other's needs and desires.

From the time he was a young man, Harold faced health and mobility challenges, but he refused to accept limits and always lived life to the fullest. After working in Jones' Soda Shop in high school, he moved on to the American Optical Company after graduation. He was head teller at the downtown branch of the Oneida National Bank. In 1968, he began a distinguished career with the U.S. Postal Service, ultimately being promoted to Supervisory Examinations Specialist in the personnel department. In 1980, he was named Outstanding Handicapped Employee of the Year, U.S.P.S. Eastern Region, an award conferred by the Postmaster General at a

ceremony in Washington, DC. He retired in 1987.

Harold liked to read and to engage in conversation on matters ranging from the personal to the profound. He interested himself in what was going on in his community and in the world generally. Participating in family activities was an important part of his life. He was sentimental and kind-hearted, as well as quick-witted and fun-loving.

Inquisitive and outgoing by nature, Harold enjoyed exploring and loved to travel, both locally and far from home. He was inclined to take long Sunday drives and was known for his great sense of direction and his passion for spending time in the sunshine. When his mobility became impaired, he traversed Utica on his electric scooter and had many adventures. At home, television was his window on the world, keeping up with current events as well as an avid viewer of his favorite programs.

At the core of Harold's heart and key to his strength was his commitment to his Catholic faith. A faithful parishioner of St. Anthony and St. Agnes Church, he served on the parish council, sang in the choir, as was treasurer of St. Anthony of Padua School. He valued his former membership in the Knights of St. John Commandery #385.

In addition to his devoted wife, Patty, Harold is survived by his son, Joseph Dennison and daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Docteur, of Alexandria, VA; and by his daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Wade Karam of Utica. Other surviving family members include his brothers and sisters-in-law, William and June Dennison of Albuquerque, NM, Fred and Kay Dennison of Oriskany, and Raymond and Sandra Booth of Sarasota, FL; his brother-in-law, Dr. Richard Isele of New Hartford; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins, including Bob and Mary Scully, and Sandra and Al Geer. Harold was close to many members of his wife's extended family,

including Alfred and Jennie Belmont; Nikki, Anthony, and Nicole Fraccola; John V. and Marie Lucarelli; Esther Ann and Alfredo Mazzei; John, Jeanna, John and Lauren Marraffa; Michael and Debbie Belmont; and Angela and Fred Dziezynski. He leaves behind many family friends, including Marie and Jerry Bruno, the Laria family, Donna and Don Kratzenberg, Ondrea, Steve and Carmine “his little buddy” Getz; and Art England. He was predeceased by a sister, Margaret “Peggy” Isele, and by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Joseph J. “Joe the Barber” and Mary (Belmont) DeStante.

Harold’s personal caregiver, confidante and dear friend, Joe Salmon, meant very much to him, greatly increasing his confidence and his comfort in his last years. His primary physician, Dr. William Ryan, regularly went beyond the requirements of duty and saw Harold through many medical challenges. Harold benefited from the spiritual guidance of Fr. Anthony LaFache and Deacon Billy Dischiavo. Harold’s family would like to extend their appreciation to the doctors and staff of the Intensive Care Unit at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center for their compassion and kindness.

Visitation will be held Monday (today) from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. The family will remain until all visitors have been seen. Harold’s funeral service and celebration of life will commence on Tuesday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church, where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Anthony P. LaFache. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

601 Arthur Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-8588

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **27**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
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Service

DEC **28**. 9:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Earl Harold Dennison



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - December 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Jennie Schnell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Earl Harold Dennison



Jennie Schnell - May 24, 2020 at 03:02 AM



I just heard of Harold's passing, and I was shocked. He's my cousin , my name is Jenniema Patterson Schnell and we lived next door for 17 years. Harold and I were more like brother and sister as kids, we played together all them time! My older brother and his older brother didn't want us pestering them so, he came to my apartment and we played ! When I got sick, I couldn't run or jump so he stayed with me on the front porch aaand we played word games ! I loved him like a brother . I'm so sorry for your loss, he was a kind young mane! Last time I saw him was when my folks moved my Senior year and he was working and then I graduated and moved to N J. I knew he got married and someone told me he became a funeral director, his dream career

Jennie Schnell - May 24, 2020 at 03:14 AM

DL

“ Jen, I was so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. I truly understand the hole such a loss leaves in your heart. Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of monumental sorrow. Sending much love....deb leblanc



deb leblanc - January 04, 2011 at 11:13 AM

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“ Patti, Jen and Joey,
Harry was a wonderful man and he will be greatly missed. Our hearts and prayers go out to all of you in your time of sorrow. With all our love, Ed , Anne Marie and Francesca Romano



Anne Romano - January 02, 2011 at 03:52 PM



“ Patti & Family
Our deepest condolences in the loss of your Husband and Father. My God open his arms as he enters into the Kingdom Of Heaven. May he rest in Peace.
Donna & Frank Merhib



donna Merhib - December 30, 2010 at 02:10 AM

KH

“ I was so sad to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family. May your wonderful memories and prayers that are around you bring you comfort at this difficult time.

Kelly, and Matthew Hudson - December 27, 2010 at 06:03 PM

JG

“ We all loved and will miss Harold,

The Oriskany Class of 1962.



Jim Gahan - December 26, 2010 at 11:54 PM



“ Patti, Joe, and Jennifer,
I am so sorry for your loss. My memories of your husband, and dad will live for a lifetime. I had so many great times with your family, I will cherish them forever. My prayers are with you and your family during this sad time.

*Debbie Barbero
Jacksonville Florida*

Debbie Barbero - December 26, 2010 at 10:51 AM



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“ What a wonderful man who always had a smile and a great story to share over a cup of coffee. Harry, you will be missed by all, rest in peace.



The Family - December 25, 2010 at 06:07 PM