



Dennis Ray Rader

August 6, 1946 - February 14, 2013

Dennis Ray Rader, Ed.D, age 66, passed away Thursday, February 14, 2013, at Frankfort Regional Medical Center.

A native of Knoxville, TN, he was born August 6, 1946, to the late Ray Andrew Rader and Ruby Elizabeth Tipton McNish.

He was a retired professor and writer.

Mr. Rader is survived by his sister, Judy Paxton of Knoxville, TN.

Cremation was chosen and memorial services may be held at a later time.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dennis Ray Rader*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *My personal tribute to my friend, Dennis, is on my website at <http://omnidoc.org/Dennis/>. It includes quotes from his friends, a video from the live memorial tribute, and more.*

Steven P. Cohen - April 12, 2017 at 05:40 PM



“ *So Sorry! I feel we have lost a genius. A Great loss. Never can be replaced. Dennis was about to blossom out to heights unknown with his genius revolutionary approach to learning would have changed forever the way students learn for the best. Dennis was a member of the Philosophy Club at Solaris Gallery in Versailles where we all try to think of ways to solve problems and continuously learn knowledge. Our age needed Dennis in a age of problems that need answers. We will always miss Dr. Dennis and his stories and stunning insights into problems that seemed unsolvable. We will always miss Dr. Dennis. I feel that the world has a huge hole in it now and a huge loss. So Sorry! What a Shock!*

Theresa Williams - February 21, 2013 at 04:57 PM

SA

“ I met Dennis when he gave a “talk” at the Coffeetree Cafe. My husband still has the printout and uses it to start conversations at parties! When he was writing “Learning Redefined” he asked us to take a look at his draft and let him know of any typos or issues we saw. I ended up researching the artwork he used, contacting the artists and getting their permissions for him. I dream of the day when American’s education system is based on that book! Dennis was the most amazing person! So brilliant! So nice! We’ll miss him! He came here to spread the LOVE and LIGHT and did his job VERY well! I carry your LOVE and LIGHT with me Dennis!

Sheila Anderson - February 21, 2013 at 11:46 AM

CB

“ Dennis, I'm going to miss seeing you at the courts my friend. R.I.P. and I'll see you on the other side.

Clay baxter - February 19, 2013 at 03:03 PM

CF

“ Dennis was a brilliant scholar and educator that held the best interest of all children at the heart of his work. He had gumption :)

Cindy Fadel - February 18, 2013 at 11:48 PM

CB

“ Dennis and I had many common interests. We both loved tennis as well as we both were educators. I had the privilege to have him come into my classroom last year. We just talked last Monday of him returning to my classroom this year. He was a super positive person on the tennis court as well. His "well done" and "scoundrels" are classic Dennis. Even my children know Dennis from my conversations as well as at Frankfort High School. He will be missed greatly!

Cindy Bramble - February 18, 2013 at 11:07 PM

DB

“ Dennis & I crossed paths on many planes, but the most memorable - and fun - was our shared experience, as two bright, successful but underemployed academics, collecting data for the 2010 US Census; what challenges we had to meet! What fun we had! A fixture at PSPL, can't imagine not seeing him holding down a spot at the computer banks.

Debbie Bramlage - February 18, 2013 at 09:10 PM

AV

“ Truly a gifted author, a tremendous friend, and a unique backhander ~ rest in peace!

Anne W. Vansant - February 18, 2013 at 09:00 AM

CB

“ Rader was a creative, divergent, and resplendent character. He was a mentor to me both academically and characteristically. He will continue to inspire me for as long as I live.

Cory Banta - February 18, 2013 at 12:37 AM

TH

“ *Dennis was a wonderful person whose was kind and friendly to all. He will be greatly missed.*

Toni Halley - February 17, 2013 at 06:58 PM

SC

“ *I was devastated to hear that my best friend in Kentucky, Dr. Dennis R. Rader, passed away.*

He was an educator who advocated that kids be taught using both their right and left brain (<http://innovativebrainproject.com/>).

He was easy-going, a great talker and listener, an avid tennis player, and just a great, all around, individual.

If a man is known by the company he keeps, then he was chairman of a huge company.

I don't know what Dennis thought of Mark Twain, but, in my mind, the two are virtually inseparable: Educators, writers, explorers, curmudgeons. And, like Twain and Halley's Comet, the day after Dennis passed, a meteor fell from the sky. A shining light that will not be extinguished.

Steven P. Cohen - February 16, 2013 at 02:13 PM

LK

“ Dennis was a dear friend, he loved people, tennis and books....not necessarily in tht order. I had the opportunity to watch him play on Sunday mornings with a great group of guys. He always invited them to come on out in the afternoon, very sweet of him. I work at the Library, so saw him on a daily basises "mostly". His's "Story of Story" was excellent. I'm very proud to say he ask for and listened to my comments. The book very definitely needs to be published. I hope one day it will be. Know that Dennis was not only loved, he was very well liked! much fun and caring person. The world needs more like him. I don't know your beliefs, whether God wanted him home or maybe he will be back again to fulfill more promises. We here and now that knew him will greatly miss him each and everyday. love to the family, Libby

LIBBY KADLER - February 16, 2013 at 10:53 AM

DS

“ Despite challenges he may have faced, Dennis always kept his sense of humor.

Don Stosberg - February 16, 2013 at 09:07 AM

MH

“ Our deepest sympathy of youe loss. Dennis was a fine mans and a great friend. Together we loved his time with us and the fellowship we developed over the years. Jeanne especially loved the writting and the ability to discuss writting styles. Merle on the other hand, loved his weekly calls to play tennis. He will always be listening for that, "Oh well" when the ball went our of bounds. You have a great brothers. We will will praying for you and thinking of you both . God bless.

Merle and Jeanne Hansen - February 16, 2013 at 08:26 AM

MS

“ *Dennis is a great tennis opponent and an even better opponent. You could lose against him while being competitive and not feel bad about it. He is a gracious winner.* ”

Mark Sullivan - February 16, 2013 at 08:11 AM

JA

“ *A lot of us will miss Dennis. He was unfailingly cheerful and very outgoing. He was a good friend.* ”

John Arnett - February 16, 2013 at 07:51 AM

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