



Dennis Franklin Rust

January 19, 1955 - February 24, 2023

Dennis Franklin Rust, 68, born in Arlington, VA on January 19, 1955, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Friday, February 24 2023 after a six-month battle with a complex illness. Dennis is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Barbara; son Andrew Rust; daughter Christine McClelland and husband Michael; grandson Landon McClelland; mother Kathryn Whitestone; aunt Lena Judy; and many other family members.

Dennis started volunteering with the Navy-Vale Fire Department as a teenager and went on to be one of the first EMT's hired for the Prince William County Rescue Team in 1973, subsequently becoming one of the first Cardiac Care Technicians in the state. During his public service career, he took on additional roles as a firefighter in Prince William County, and moved to the City of Fairfax in 1978 as a paramedic and firefighter. After leaving the fire service in the late 1980s, Dennis transitioned to Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority where he was promoted through multiple leadership positions, retiring in 2014 from his role as the Maintenance Superintendent for the NVRPA.

Dennis was devoted to his family and everything he did was for them. He was very proud of his children and their accomplishments in life. He was a lifelong baseball and hockey fan which he passed along to his son and daughter.

Dennis was a self-taught computer whiz who became the family expert for all things related to technology. He loved vacationing with his family on the Outer Banks, fishing with his son, taking trips to the mountains, and sitting on the front porch rocking chair, with a glass of lemonade in hand, watching his

grandson run around the front yard.

Dennis was the rock of our family, and he will be forever missed, remembered and celebrated for the amazing man, husband, father, grandfather and person he was.

Dennis' life will be celebrated on Friday, March 3 during the following times:

- Family Visitation: 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
- Public Visitation: 6:30 pm – 9 pm
- Short prayer service to be held at 7:30 pm during the public visitation.

The interment will be private for the immediate family only.

In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial donations in Dennis' honor to Tunnel To Towers Foundation (www.t2t.org).

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Prayer service

MAR 3. 7:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

ES

“ I am sorry to hear that Dennis has passed. He was a bit younger than me I recall. He and I manned one of the early county rescue teams together.

Ed Schuler - April 10, 2023 at 08:43 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Franklin Rust.



March 03, 2023 at 07:54 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis Franklin Rust.



March 03, 2023 at 06:59 AM

LR

“ My sincerest condolences you you and your family. Dennis was a co-worker at NOVA Parks that I always enjoyed running into. He was kind, considerate and always helpful with advise when I would ask his opinion about projects I was working on. May he rest in peace.

Sincerely,
Laurelyn Rawson

Laurelyn Rawson - March 02, 2023 at 11:05 AM

AM

“ I worked as the IT Technician at NOVA Parks while Dennis was working there. I always looked forward to and enjoyed our conversations about technology and was amazed at how vast his knowledge was in an area he didn't regularly work in. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and loved ones. Sincerely, Adam Melton

Adam Melton - March 02, 2023 at 08:21 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis Franklin Rust.



March 02, 2023 at 07:45 AM

LJ

“ Will always remember Dennis he was like one of my own .

Lena Judy - March 01, 2023 at 11:12 AM

BR

“ I worked with Dennis Rust at NOVA Parks and appreciated his dedication and hard work. I will keep his family and friends in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Blythe Russian

Blythe Britton Russian - February 28, 2023 at 01:41 PM

LM

“ *Loretta McClelland purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dennis Franklin Rust.*



Loretta McClelland - February 28, 2023 at 01:38 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dennis Franklin Rust.*



February 27, 2023 at 09:15 PM

DL

“ *While I did not know Dennis, I had the good fortune of working with his intelligent, dedicated, and highly motivated son for several years. If he is at all like his father, he serves as a testament to Dennis' character and service to his community and family. My deepest sympathies and condolences to his friends and family during this difficult time. May he rest in peace and live on through you and the memories you have of him.*

Dan Lapihuska - February 27, 2023 at 10:19 AM

TY

“ *"I will always remember the wonderful memories I have of growing up with Dennis. He will be forever missed."*

Teresa Yamber - February 27, 2023 at 09:57 AM

BK

“ So sorry for your loss. Keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Brian Kimble - February 27, 2023 at 09:18 AM

LM

“ Wishing you peace in your hearts and courage to face the days ahead, with loving memories to forever hold in your heart! May he rest in God's loving arms. So very sorry.

Loretta McClelland - February 26, 2023 at 07:01 PM