



Dennis R. Garner

July 3, 1970 - September 25, 2023

Dennis R. Garner 53, of Bonita Springs died on Monday, September 25, 2023, at Joanne's House at Hope Hospice after a valiant battle with kidney failure. Dennis was born on July 3, 1970, in Indianapolis, IN a son of the late Steve L. and Brenda S. (Siefert) Garner. He had been a resident of Bonita Springs since 2008 coming from Noblesville, IN.

In 1992, he graduated from Purdue University with his Bachelor's degree in Public Health. While at Purdue, he was a member of the Purdue football team where he was the team's center and long snapper. He was an avid NASCAR fan and loved watching sports on TV. He also enjoyed playing Texas Hold'em poker.

Twenty-seven years ago, Dennis was diagnosed with a rare kidney disease. In 2010, he was lucky enough to receive a kidney from a living donor, Elisa Sundstrom. His family is forever grateful to her for this unselfish act of kindness that prolonged his life for thirteen years.

Dennis spent most of his career with the Steak 'n Shake restaurant chain. He worked many positions for the company including working at their corporate headquarters in downtown Indianapolis. He was an amazing leader and a great inspiration for many who had the pleasure of working with him.

He is survived by his five daughters, Anna M. Westerfield (Steven) of Shelbyville, IN, Kirby K. Garner of Pendleton, IN, Marley E. Mech (Michael) of Fort Myers, FL, Eden R. Garner of Cape Coral, FL and Reagan S. Garner of Boca Raton, FL; four grandchildren, Isabella R. Marimon, Samuel M. Noll, Stark A. Westerfeld and Claire M. Westerfeld and his loving companion for the last 9 years, Mary Peppers and her son Sean Peppers of Bonita Springs, FL. He is also survived by his sister, Nancy Jones of Roachdale, IN.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Marci M. Garner who died on June 2, 2014, and his brother, Cliff Garner who died in June of 2020.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Friday, September 29, 2023, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Bonita Springs Moose Lodge #1454, 251 Old 41 Rd., Bonita Springs, FL 34135.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **29**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bonita Springs Moose Lodge # 1454

25101 Old 41 Road

Bonita Springs, FL 34135

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dennis R. Garner*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *My deepest condolences go out to all of you on the passing of Dennis. You are all in my thoughts and prayers! May he Rest In Heavenly Peace!*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day, to laugh,
To love, to work or play.
Tasks undone must stay that way
I've found that peace at the close of the day.
If parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah, yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savoured much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and share with me,
God wants me now, He set me free.*

Dawn Munson - September 28, 2023 at 08:50 PM