



## Dennis Scott Killian

January 18, 1947 - September 25, 2024

Dennis Scott Killian, 77 of Estero, FL, passed away Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at

Lee Health- Coconut Point. Formerly of Wayzata, MN he had been a part time Estero resident since 2004, full time since 2019. He was born January 18, 1947 in St. Paul, MN a son of the late Dennis and Frances (Zettel) Killian.

Dennis graduated from Hamlin University before earning his Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree at the University of Minnesota Dental School. Dr. Killian and his partner Dr. Milnar established Killian and Milnar Associates, serving the St. Paul MN area for many years before he retired in 2019.

Dennis was an athlete throughout his life that enjoyed playing all sports, especially competitive tennis through college. He became an avid golfer and former member of Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, MN and current member of Shadow Wood Country Club in Estero, FL.

Survivors include his wife and best friend, Diane Delaney Killian; sister, Diane (Richard) Ryan of Mount Pleasant, SC; sister-in-law, Peggy Killian of Lakeland, MN; and many other family members. In Addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings Patrick Killian, Kay Killian and beloved Granny, Alice Killian.

Funeral services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Dennis' name may be made to any animal shelter or donor's choice.

Online condolences may be offered by visiting [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

# Tribute Wall

TL

“ We were sorry to hear of Dr Killian’s passing. He was our family dentist for many years until he moved. We appreciated his calm competence and honesty—always trusted we were getting great care when we sat in his dental chair. We and our kids also enjoyed talking hockey with him. Our sympathy to his family. May he rest in peace.

Theresa Lauber - October 28, 2024 at 02:01 PM

JT

“ Dr Killian was my Dentist for many years in Saint Paul. He was a wonderful and skilled Dentist and a kind soul. I always enjoyed our golf talks as he worked on my teeth. I was sad when he retired a few years ago but I’m saddened more that he didn’t have a long retirement enjoying his family.

Jay Tegeder - October 22, 2024 at 07:12 PM

LS

“ We are saddened to have just learned of Dennis’ passing. We will always remember his gentlemanly and soft spoken manner, as well as the good times of socializing at SW and our shared love of golf and our dogs. Our thoughts and prayers are with Diane and all of Dennis’ family and friends.  
Lee & Janet Shelley

Lee Shelley - October 12, 2024 at 08:25 AM

JB

“ Dennis, my good friend from our carefree younger days, when our daring adventures took place boating all night on Lake Minnetonka and exploring many other fun activities. Dennis, with a playful sparkle in his eyes, confidently once told me that the unfamiliar should be embraced rather than feared, and that we did, whether on adventures in Mexico, Hawaii, Lake Tahoe, California, Florida, or spur of the moment outings. There was also the power and experiences of genuine friendship sharing wine, Moody Blues music, golf, skiing, and friends. Dennis approached everything with an infectious enthusiasm, whether it was exploring new destinations, indulging in unique cuisines, immersing himself in novel adventures, and a special love for his wife Diane. We welcomed life's uncertainties with open arms and happiness and I know I'll see him again in heaven. Brownie

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**Jeffry Brown** - October 05, 2024 at 04:24 PM

JB

“ I have many memories of my friend Dennis, from our carefree days of our younger years, boating all night on Minnetonka to daring adventures in Mexico, Hawaii, California, and numerous golfing and skiing trips. With a playful sparkle in his eye, Dennis confidently told me that the unfamiliar should be embraced rather than feared. I'm grateful for the power of genuine friendship we experienced, whether it be drinking wine and listening to the Moody Blues or exploring new golf destinations. Dennis approached everything with infectious enthusiasm, loved life, and had a special love for his wife, Diane. Dennis and I shared many of life's uncertainties with open arms and happiness. I know I'll see him again in heaven.

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**JEFFRY BROWN** - October 05, 2024 at 12:07 PM

TK

“ I was one of his first patients when he replaced Dr. Dols, so he was my dentist for many years, plus my children’s dentist for some time. Dr. Killian was an excellent dentist. He was professional and very kind, plus he had a good sense of humor. I was sorry to lose him as my dentist when he moved, but happy that he moved to a place he loved, where he could enjoy golfing. He was a good man and he will be missed. Condolences to his wife.

*Teddy Kohrt*

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**Teddy Kohrt** - October 02, 2024 at 02:43 PM

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“ *Deb Lynch lit a candle in memory of Dennis Killian*



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**Deb Lynch** - October 02, 2024 at 01:33 PM