



Dennis James Grenewich

April 27, 1961 - October 20, 2015

DENNIS JAMES GRENEWICH

"A Benton Original, gone too soon"

Dennis James Grenewich, 54, passed from this life on Tuesday, October 20th, 2015. He spent the final year of his life at 124 Buck Hill Road, Shickshinny, finding love and faith as he lost his life to cancer.

Dennis was born in Benton in 1961. He graduated from Benton High School in 1980, immediately joining the U. S. Army, stationed in Germany and returning to Benton in 1986. Upon his return he started working at the Benton Foundry, where he was employed for 17 years.

He was married for 13 years and was devastated when it ended in divorce. He gave up hope and lost control of his life. His drug use and drinking took over his life. He lost his job, and went "off the grid". He lived "homeless" for three years in Benton, sleeping in the park, bumming rooms or food by trading his labor. All of those people are appreciated.

He was preceded in death by a brother. He has three surviving brothers and is survived by his mother. Though they knew of his illness they made no effort to contact him. Dennis had cut his family ties a long time ago, hurt cut both ways.

He enjoyed fishing, camping out, and drinking beer around camp fires. He read the Press Enterprise everyday to read about Benton. He was interested in the school sports and the Hess Hotel, where he lived mostly. He was an avid Sudoku puzzler. He enjoyed the outdoors as a whole, bird watching and eagle sightings. He was thankful for warm days.

His last year, he found love, hope and faith. He met a woman who saw his potential. He started working at Benton Sewing (yes, Benton does have a sewing factory). He quit using drugs and started to believe in himself again. He never aspired to be great, but to those who really knew him, he was the LIFE of our life.

Memorial Services with Military Honors will be held Saturday, October 24, 2015 at 11 AM at the McMichael Funeral Home, Inc., 4394 Red Rock Road, Benton with Pastor Scott Lyons, Stillwater Christian Church, officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to the Funeral Home to assist with his final expenses or better yet, go meet a homeless person. For online condolences, please visit our website: www.mcmichaelfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service with Military Honors

OCT **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

McMichael Funeral Home, Inc.

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Tribute Wall

DJ

“ So sorry to hear of Dennis's passing. I knew him when we were much younger, in Elementary and High School. I'm glad to hear of his finding faith and happiness. May he rest in peace.

Dean Kriner, Jr. - October 25, 2015 at 06:22 PM

YB

“ RIP , Sorry we lost touch . last time I saw you ,you were about 5 or 6 years old .

Yvonne Balliet - October 24, 2015 at 03:43 PM

AU

“ RIP Cousin no more pain



Autumn - October 23, 2015 at 10:46 AM

MY

“ When I was in school at BHS Dennis sat behind me in homeroom, always had a smile on his face. Years go by & life takes us in all directions & brings twists & turns we cannot control, I am so glad that he found love, hope & faith to keep the smiling face that we all remember from our school years. Please accept our condolences



MaryAnn Young - October 22, 2015 at 02:47 PM

JC

“ *Jim Cardennis lit a candle in memory of
Dennis James Grenewich*



Jim Cardennis - October 22, 2015 at 12:22 PM

JC

Many fond memories of Dennis from our days at BHS... Your journey ended all too soon and you will be missed by those who loved you and had taken the time to care....RIP young man...Cheers

Jim Cardennis - October 22, 2015 at 12:29 PM

MG

“ *Meg Geffken lit a candle in memory of Dennis
James Grenewich*



Meg Geffken - October 22, 2015 at 07:36 AM

MG

“ *How wonderful to learn that Dennis found peace and contentment in his final days. His obituary is inspiring - meeting a friend who realized his potential, finding his Faith. I remember Dennis as a carefree young boy with an infectious grin sitting in English class at Benton High School while I tried to communicate the joy of reading Hamlet.*
Neither of us realized the "life journey" before us. Rest in Peace Dennis. Blessings to his rescuer and friends.

Meg Geffken - October 22, 2015 at 07:35 AM