



Dennis Lee Patrick

September 22, 1958 - November 9, 2020

Dennis L. Patrick, a beloved husband, dad, mentor and friend, died on November 9th, 2020 at his home in Dallas, Texas. Born on September 22nd, 1958 to Gloria and Phillip Patrick. Dennis was a Texan by birth and by choice. He attended Sweeny High School, before going off to Texas A&M for his bachelor's degree (1981) and for his Master of Architecture (1983).

Over his 37-year career he put his heart and soul into building, designing and overseeing the creation of buildings that inspire. From hospitals, airports, laboratories, data centers, universities and prisons, to working on NASA's Johnson Space Center. He was a renaissance man—a highly-skilled architect, a music and film aficionado, a historian, a story-teller, a man of faith, a dedicated volunteer—who treasured knowledge not simply to collect it, but to share it with others.

In 1987 he married Anne, an IT specialist and artist, who was the love of his life and his partner for 33 years. Together they had, Elizabeth, his pride and joy. This was his most cherished role, that of a family man, a strong pillar of unconditional love and support. He is preceded in death by his parents, Gloria and Phillip. He is survived by his wife, Anne, his daughter, Elizabeth, and his sister, Kim Joost.

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Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Restland Funeral Home and Cemetery - November 16, 2020 at 02:57 PM



“ What a lovely and touching tribute, he will surely be missed. You are and always will be a beautiful family. Love you - Kathy Vanfossen

kathy vanfossen - January 05 at 08:48 PM



“ Dennis was my best Friend, and I am very saddened by his passing. I am glad to see that he had many other friends, and that they valued their time with him. I met Dennis in Architecture School, probably in 1979, but it wasn't until Graduate School that I got to spend some time with him and to get to know him. I am writing this memory of Dennis late because I found out he had passed after an unusually long period of silence from him. No phone calls or text messages for a about two weeks made we wonder, and after a month of no replies to my calls and texts, caused me to inquire with Anne. When we were young, with few family responsibilities, Dennis and I would take day road trips to search for records, and our other interest (blues records, different ethnic foods, books, architecture, etc). I looked for Classical records and he looked for almost everything else. He helped me find Classical records once I showed him what I was hunting. We hadn't done that together in decades, but we still shared our independent finds vicariously and sometimes in person. We often met at the main Half Price Books and Records, by accident and on purpose to discuss new finds. We also discussed movies, sports, architecture, photography, books, sometimes politics, you name it. Dennis was a quirky guy - I would not change that for anything. He was also a concerned, thoughtful and kindhearted guy, and he had a great sense of humor. He had many virtues. I felt that we were Brothers in Arms. Dennis recently informed me that the slowdown caused by the pandemic was frustrating him, because he lived for the hunt. But we know Dennis lived for more than just the hunt; Dennis loved life and loved his many friends and family. He was a great friend - we will all miss him and remember the love he shared.

John Forasiepi, December 9, 2020.

John Forasiepi - December 09, 2020 at 01:43 AM



“ For the Love of the Lake purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Dennis Lee Patrick.



For the Love of the Lake - November 18, 2020 at 05:48 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Team HDR



Eric Vongunden - November 17, 2020 at 09:38 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Eric Vongunden - November 17, 2020 at 09:28 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Eric Vongunden - November 17, 2020 at 09:26 AM



“ At NASA Johnson Space Center, we truly loved working with Dennis. He was incredibly proud to be associated with the space program. He volunteered a Saturday every year for many years to represent NASA's sustainable energy program and education outreach at Houston Energy Day, and at the Texas Earth Day event. He enriched the lives of hundreds of STEM students. Maybe someday, a future teacher, astronaut, engineer or scientist will remember that day when Dennis encouraged them to follow their dreams...

Kevin McCue - NASA JSC Energy Manager - November 16, 2020 at 04:24 PM



“ 23 files added to the album NASA Energy and Earth Day



Kevin McCue - NASA JSC Energy Manager - November 16, 2020 at 04:15 PM



“ I, as many others of his friends, colleagues, and family, was stunned at the passing of Dennis. His was such a memorable personality. I worked with Dennis many years at HDR. He had a very strong work ethic and you could always trust the quality of his work. His technical knowledge was superior and a huge benefit to a project. It was a pleasure to have him working on a team with you. He was also such a good natured, kind, generous person with a great sense of humor. I was always amazed at his memory. He would entertain us with his knowledge of the most esoteric details of art, music, architecture, and many other subjects. In an office of over 100 employees it is sometimes hard to recall some of them. Not Dennis. He stands out in my memory.

I am very saddened at his passing. It was far too soon.

Edward Brooks

Edward Brooks - November 16, 2020 at 02:09 PM



“ It was an honor to work together my friend. I will miss you.
Vaya con Dios Amigo,
Apolo Gonzalez Cinco

Apolo Gonzalez - November 16, 2020 at 12:34 PM



“ Thank you Apolo

Elizabeth - November 25, 2020 at 10:31 AM



“ Dennis was always a plethora of information. No matter what subject we were talking about he always brought his quirky kind of knowledge. He had so much movie knowledge. I always enjoyed our talks. He was a great person, a fantastic leader and a mentor. One of my favorite memories was when my daughter and I were at the lake cleanup. He had found a dead snake and ran over to me and spelled out s.n.a.k.e. in front of myself and daughter to warn us. My daughter laughed at him and said, papi, why is he spelling snake and where is it?? He does know I can spell right? And Dennis was flabbergasted that she caught on to that so quickly and she actually wanted to go see the dead snake. He will be missed.

Eric Vongunden - November 16, 2020 at 12:22 PM



“ My name is James Giacomoni and I am Laura's father-in-law, Dennis Patrick's niece. Maria Eunice and I had the pleasure of meeting Dennis, Anne and Elizabeth at the wedding of our son Marcio and Laura, in Houston, in July 2012. On that occasion, everything happened very quickly and I believe that we were just introduced and exchanged greetings with Dennis. At Christmas 2013 celebrations, we met Dennis and his family at Marcio and Laura's house in San Antonio. That happy meeting also included Kim and Larry, Patrick and Hannelore and our always remembered Gloria, Dennis's mother. I am 77 years old and, look at the coincidence, like Dennis, I was born on September 22nd. With so many years older it is difficult for me to accept that such a dear man, so much younger and active, can leave us. Nonetheless, I have great memories of Dennis. My limitations in speaking English did not prevent us from finding a subject for the exchange of ideas understood by both of us: movies. Dennis was a great connoisseur of cinema, not just American movies; I remember well the references he made about nouvelle vague films. Much of our conversation was about western, a genre that we both appreciated a lot. He recommended me a Western Films Guide, which I later acquired on Amazon and always reads (there are more than 2,000 films) when I watch any western movie. As I opened the book, I remember Dennis and his generous willingness to exchange ideas with me. I am sure that God will welcome Dennis with joy and will comfort Anne, Elizabeth, Kim and other family members.

James Giacomoni - November 16, 2020 at 12:09 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dennis Lee Patrick.



November 16, 2020 at 10:26 AM



“ Dennis will be missed by me and my siblings. I have fond memories of the family gatherings at our Patrick grandparents usually around Memorial Day. Their large garden was producing succulent strawberries that we kids were sent out to gather. I think we ate as many gathering them as grandmother ended up with for the strawberry shortcake. There always seemed to be a litter of kittens we were happy to catch.

My best memories of Dennis are as adults. We would still have some family gatherings although they were more infrequent as life sent family in various directions. What I remember most fondly is the love Dennis held for you Anne and Elizabeth. You were the loves of his life. Rarely did a conversation not turn to what was going on in your lives. Dennis was so proud of both of you! He would light up when conversation was focused on you. Our prayers continue to be with you both.

Ann Melton - November 16, 2020 at 08:53 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis Lee Patrick.



November 16, 2020 at 12:37 AM



“ Ella Feng purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dennis Lee Patrick.



Ella Feng - November 15, 2020 at 05:57 PM



“ Dennis and I were colleagues at HDR for decades and while I revered the fact he performed at a level of excellence in his craft that was second to none, it was our love of music that bonded us for life. As avid collectors of records and shows we shared our catalogues, vinyl store experiences and hi-fi equipment purchases. Dennis knew esoteric information about artists and their lives that was truly fascinating! He would send me packages with CD's, thumb drives and sometimes albums too, along with narratives on the history of songs, recordings and accompanying musicians. His collection is as eclectic as himself, in a great way. I considered him an historian of sorts who was honest, passionate and sincere. My deepest sympathies are with his family. I am grateful for our years of camaraderie and will miss Dennis dearly. Your trusted friend, Mike Doiel

Mike Doiel - November 15, 2020 at 12:57 PM



“ Karen and Jonah Hoffmann purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dennis Lee Patrick.



Karen and Jonah Hoffmann - November 15, 2020 at 12:23 PM



“ Dennis will be sorely missed. He was a dear friend and colleague that I sat next to and for 15 years. I was blessed to have known him and have experienced his friendship, stories and humor. He was a true original, there will never be another Dennis!

I offer my heartfelt condolences and sorrow for the loss of such a wonderful man. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

Sincerely, Karen and Jonah Hoffmann

Karen Hoffmann - November 15, 2020 at 12:18 PM



“ Dennis was a very special friend who exhibited godly qualities and kindness. Being 25 years his senior made no difference to him. He was always respectful. We shared the same love for reading, especially about our related experiences working with NASA and engineering. Most Sunday mornings at church we would share books. I was no match for his speed reading. He was one of those rare persons you could never forget. May God richly bless Dennis, Anne, and their precious daughter, the love of his life.

We plan to see you soon.

Chet & Janet Moyers

Chet Moyers - November 14, 2020 at 11:35 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Lee Patrick.



November 14, 2020 at 04:20 PM



“ RIP dear man. May God comfort his family. God bless them all. Peggy Akin

Peggy Akin - November 13, 2020 at 09:43 PM



“ Dennis was a very kind, warm and pleasant guy that I met over 20 yrs ago. Through the yrs he has always made me feel welcomed and a part of the family. Dennis, I truly miss you!

Xiping



Xiping Murphy - November 13, 2020 at 08:12 PM



“ I'm sorry to hear of Dennis's passing. In the short time that I knew him, he found out that I liked Asian action flicks. So, for the next several months he would ship me movies from his vast collection. Part of that is he really loved those movies and wanted to share that joy with others, but part of it was that he was just a very generous man who would go that extra mile to share what he had. My thoughts are with his family.

Peter Bradley - November 13, 2020 at 06:33 PM



“ Kau Lim, Connie Chan, and Family purchased the Heavenly and Harmony for the family of Dennis Lee Patrick.



Kau Lim, Connie Chan, and Family - November 13, 2020 at 05:35 PM



“ - Justin & Jennifer Schamberger purchased the Thoughts & Prayers for the family of Dennis Lee Patrick.



- Justin & Jennifer Schamberger - November 13, 2020 at 04:47 PM



“ I believe everyone who knew Dennis knew him as a person of great character, integrity and high moral values. I am thankful for so many great memories growing up with Dennis, Kim, Uncle Pat and Aunt Gloria. The most cherished memories are the many times as adults Dennis and I spent reminiscing of times spent with Grandpa Crain. Dennis had an unrivaled passion for life and life's encounters that will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him.

Prayers and condolences to Anne , Elizabeth , family and friends.
Darrell Crain

Darrell Crain - November 13, 2020 at 04:26 PM



“ Your friends at NASA, Johnson Space Center purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dennis Lee Patrick.



Your friends at NASA, Johnson Space Center - November 13, 2020 at 03:18 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis Lee Patrick.



November 13, 2020 at 01:17 PM



“ Cheng Jia purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dennis Lee Patrick.



Cheng Jia - November 13, 2020 at 12:38 PM



“ Bob and Roxann HAley purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dennis Lee Patrick.



Bob and Roxann HAley - November 13, 2020 at 10:48 AM



“ During my time as a student at the University of Houston, I remember driving to Sweeny for the weekend at Uncle Phil and Aunt Gloria's home. I did enjoy Aunt Gloria's home cooked meals. It was a home away from home. When I arrived, Dennis would always show me his latest hot rod drawings, and then we proceeded to the back yard basketball court for many hotly contested one-on-one games. Dennis would say to me " Johnny, you are shrinking". I quickly lost my height advantage during those years. I consider myself privileged and blessed to have had Dennis as my first cousin and my friend. Dennis, I do miss you. Johnny

john murphy - November 13, 2020 at 09:45 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Lee Patrick.



November 13, 2020 at 06:49 AM



“ Red Poinsettia (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Dennis Lee Patrick.



November 12, 2020 at 09:52 PM