



GENE DENNIS

May 11, 1936 - December 22, 2025

DENNIS, Gene (Delmas Eugene), age 89 of Middletown, Ohio, went to be with his Lord on Monday, December 22, 2025 at Atrium Medical Center where he had been a patient for two weeks, after an extended illness. Gene was born May 11, 1936 in Hitchens, Carter County, Kentucky, but moved to Ohio as a child. He graduated from Lemon-Monroe High School Class of 1954, having participated in numerous musicals, talent competitions, accompanying various groups etc. Gene was employed in Sales Service at the General Office of Armco for 42 years, retiring in 1996. During that time he also played piano with the Del Hodshire Band. He then collaborated in the office at Contech (early 2000's) and with Helping Hands Caregivers (in the 2010's); both were located in West Chester. In addition, from 1986 through 2000 Gene and wife Connie served as Co-Directors for a Youth Recognition and National Scholarship Program called "America's Sweetheart." He was a member of the Spring Hill Church of Christ where he was the pianist at the church for 65 years; Gene even played at downtown movie theatres for "The Mickey Mouse Club," which was basically a talent show. At one point, his presence was requested on-stage at the Cincinnati Coliseum where he followed Billy Joel on the piano. He was a Kentucky Colonel and an avid bicyclist, putting in 5,000 miles a year on his wheels; One year he rode to Gatlinburg over a span of 5 days. He would ride to and from work every day (weather permitting, down to 13 degrees). What a sight to see him walk into our home after work with icicles hanging down off his beard! And it was never too hot to ride in the

summer! He enjoyed planting flowers, landscaping his yard, eating out and was a true animal lover. TV sports, especially golf and football - The Bengals and The Kansas City Chiefs - captured his interest; he even played on an Armco Golf team with sons Greg and Jeff.....and managed to hit a hole-in-one at Armco Park. He was so proud of that trophy! Preceding him in death were his parents, Clara Belle (Jackson) and William Connor Dennis; and one son from a previous marriage, Jeff Dennis. He is survived by his beloved wife of 45 years, Connie Heinkel Dennis; three children from a previous marriage, Greg Dennis (Melinda), Cyndi Fannin (Don), and Jill Dennis (Shawn); one son with Connie, Michael Brett Dennis (Marisa); also, daughter-in-law Marda Dennis, Jeff's widow; seven grandchildren, Andrew, Zachary, Lucas, Noah, Brooklyn, Mason and Gabriella; eleven great grandchildren; and many extended family and friends. VISITATION will be Wednesday, January 7, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Spring Hill Church of Christ, 2021 Brell Dr., Middletown, Ohio 45042, followed by SERVICES at 12:00 noon (also at the church), with Bob Stacy and Steve Reeves officiating. INTERMENT will immediately follow at Mound Cemetery, 560 South Main St., Monroe, Ohio. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to the family to help with Gene's final expenses at the GoFundMe Link: <https://gofund.me/8cc96317c> here or on Brett's Dennis's Facebook Page..... or at Herr-Riggs Funeral Home, 210 S. Main St., Middletown, Ohio 45044 Phone: 513-422-4545. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.herr-riggs.com To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of GENE DENNIS please visit our Sympathy Store.

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“ *Worked with him at Armco when I was temp there. He was always so nice*

Deborah CHANDLER - January 16 at 11:25 AM

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“ *Connie - You and your family are in my Prayers at this difficult time. May Gene Rest in Peace.*

Corky Cordray - January 05 at 11:43 PM