



Dennis Douglass

Bend, Oregon Denny was raised in Bend along with his sister Joyce and brothers Phillip and Martin. He graduated from Bend High School in 1958, and received both Bachelors and Masters Degrees in English from the University of Oregon. He served four years in the Air Force before settling back in Bend, where he taught high school English and worked in various capacities as a teacher and education administrator before retiring in 2005. Denny met Ruthie as a teenager, and reconnected by chance in Amsterdam in 1965. They began dating in Bend when both returned from their travels, and were married one year later. They made their home in Bend at a house on NW Roanoke Ave, where sons Mark (1969), Matthew (1971 73), and Noah (1974) shared their lives and their love for one another. Denny and Ruthie spent 7 years in Roseburg but later returned to Bend in 2003, where they have lived to the present day. Denny was an avid traveler, chef, nature and music lover, and spiritual seeker. He spent time on every continent except Australia and Antarctica, and was loved and cherished by friends and family from around the world. Preceding him in death are his parents, Howell William Douglass and Alice Mae (Penhollow) Douglass, and son Matthew Robert Douglass. He is survived by his wife Ruthie, sons Mark and Noah, sister Joyce, brothers Phil and Marty, grandsons Kanyon and Scotty, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. He will be greatly missed. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, July 25, 2:00 pm, at First Presbyterian Church in Bend, where Denny was a member. Memorial contributions can be made to First

Presbyterian Church, St. Charles Cancer Center, Partners In Care Hospice House, or a charity of your choice.

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home New

105 NW Irving Ave

Bend, OR

US 97701

Tribute Wall



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Niswonger Reynolds Funeral Home & Greenwood Cemetery - May 18, 2023 at 02:17 PM

FO

“ *Dennis Douglass*

Funeral Home Owner - August 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Dear Ruth, Mark, and Noah, Dennis was such a good man, always positive and giving, and we will miss him and remember him, and you will also be in our hearts.*

Jeremy Lewis and Family - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *One of my fondest memories as an English teacher at North Eugene High School in the 1960s was time with Denny when he was assigned as one of my student teachers. Im sure I learned as much from him as he learned from me! In the years since, Ive enjoyed seeing him on occasion during visits to Bend and since moving back to Central Oregon. His big smile was always welcome!*

Linda Pearson Shaw - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ I am writing this on behalf of my husband, Ron Settlemyer, who had to great pleasure of living next door to the Douglas family on Roanoke. Ron says he was a good man and a great family to have next door. He has talked often about whether or not you all were still around. Ron would like to offer his condolences to the family. Know that you all are remembered.

Ron Settlemyer - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Over the years when i spoke of Mr. Douglass, the sentence followed with, my favorite teacher. He was a wonderful teacher whose classes were entertaining and informative. He was the star of the class of 71s 40th reunion and was always a shining example of wit and gracious behavior. I know he has been a blessing in many ways to many people and we will miss him.

Lorelei Dacus - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I will always have fond memories of Denny being my big brother as he guided me, as a freshman, into Bend Senior High School. He saved me a seat on the bus most mornings and always had something funny to say. He left the world a better place and he will be missed by many. Condolences to the Douglass family.

Joyce Williams Peters - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ I had the good fortune to have Mr. Douglass as an English teacher at Bend High in 1970. He instilled in students a love of deeper thought and intellectual curiosity. I am forever in his debt for the lessons I learned from him. He taught with grace and humor. My condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Douglass. Their loss is great.

Greg McMillan - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Ruthie, My condolences to you and the family. Ive lost touch with you but always have had a spot in my heart for you and Dennis. He will surely be missed. love you Sondra

Sondra Reese Boorman - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I was deeply sadden to hear about Mr. Douglas passing. When my classmate and I would visit Bend and look him up, he always wanted us to call him Denny. Since we knew him as our English teacher, it was hard to think of him as anything else, but we were wrong. He was much much more and he was a good friend. Ill miss our chats with him and hearing about all his travels. Such an inspirational life. He was also a giver, and when I was ill in the hospital in Portland, he came by to see me! He had been driving people to the VA center each week and took the time to come by. I never had a lot of love for school, but he made it fun, and was one of the few that Ill always remember with great fondness.

Debbie Beeby - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM