



Mr. Dennis Ronald Albers

April 25, 1953 - February 2, 2011

DENNIS RONALD ALBERS

Dennis Ronald Albers beloved father and husband was called home on February 2, 2011 and God said “well done good and faithful servant”. Dennis was born April 25, 1953 in Hays, Kansas the son of Roy and Marie (Tiny) Albers. He graduated from Palco High School and left to see the world with just a smile and a backpack. He traveled Europe for 3 months visiting 17 countries where he developed a genuine love of other cultures. After serving his country in the United States Air Force as a Sergeant he went on to receive a Bachelor’s degree at the University Of Kansas in 1987.

Dennis had a devoted career to Douglas County, Kansas for 24 years, where he gave his time and talents in the area of mapping and GIS (geographic information systems). Dennis worked as a GIS Coordinator in the Douglas County Appraiser’s office for over twenty years before being recently promoted to the GIS Director for Douglas County. Throughout Dennis’ career he was a member of professional organizations, including KAM (Kansas Association of Mappers) and IAAO (International Association of Assessing Officers) where he earned a prestigious CMS (Cadastral Mapping Specialist) designation. Dennis served on many IAAO committees and gave back to the mapping industry by becoming an IAAO Senior Instructor teaching various mapping courses. Dennis will be remembered as a well- respected individual in the society of professional mappers. Dennis was a founding member of JumpStart Sudan, a Christian nonprofit organization which provides

humanitarian aid to Akon, Sudan. He served on the board from 2002 to 2010 with six years as Treasurer. The members of that board held a deep respect and affection for Dennis and his wit, dry sense of humor and passion for helping the people of Sudan. He accompanied JSS Executive Director Akot Arech to Sudan on a mission trip in 2005 and wanted to return someday to do more. He is survived by wife Christine and sons Mark Paonessa (Elisa) of Moore, OK and Michael, his mother Marie Albers, sister Marie Albers, brother Dr. Robert Albers (Lynne) of Albuquerque, NM and niece Jennifer (Dan) Kysar and nephew Wade Albers.

Services will be held at Indian Creek Community Church, 12480 Blackbob Rd., Olathe, Ks 66062. Visitation Thursday evening, 02/10/2011 from 6:00-8:00 pm and funeral service Friday, 02/11/2011 10:00 am. Burial follows at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made in his memory to Jumpstart, P.O. Box 4471, Olathe, Ks 66063-4471 and please visit www.jumpstartsudan.org/help.

Cemetery Details

Oak Lawn Cemetery

13901 Black Bob Road
Olathe, KS

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Indian Creek Community Church
12480 S. Black Bob Road
Olathe, KS

Church Service

FEB 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

Indian Creek Community Church
12480 S. Black Bob Road
Olathe, KS

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Dennis Ronald Albers*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Mr. Dennis Ronald Albers*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *Danny & I first met Dennis and Christine at Indian Creek. I remember Pastor Gary told us to look for the smallest couple at church and that would be them! Dennis & I performed many dramas together and he was always so easy-going and fun to work with. I loved his sweet smile and we will both miss him so much. Danny and his brothers will miss his company on Friday nights at the football games, but he will always be remembered for his kindness and gentle ways. We were both blessed to had have him touch our lives. Our love and prayers go to all the family and friends who will also miss him.*

Danny Kerry Turner - February 12, 2011 at 05:52 PM

MM

“ A few words come to my mind when I think of my great friend Dennis: integrity, love and kindness with a bit of humor and wit, of course. Aside from my own dad I have never known a nicer more admirable and loving man. He took a chance on me when I didn't know what to do with my life and lead me in the right direction. He truly cared about me and others more than himself. I look up to him in so many ways and always wanted to make him proud but he only cared if I tried my best.

He was so much fun to be around and we so enjoyed each others company that I was amazed we ever got any work done.

*He was a great mentor to me, a wonderful friend and role model. I hope I will be half the man he was. I am saddened to know I can't call to hang out anymore, but he still remains in my heart and the memories I will take forever. I love you man, thanks for teaching me about what a real man should be like, thanks for everything! ~
Matthew McCune*



Matthew McCune - February 11, 2011 at 04:45 PM

BG

“ *Dennis will be missed by so many! It was a delight to call him a friend and coworker. He and I shared so many laughs, usually at his expense. He was such a good steward to god, his family, and friends. It was an honor to call him my friend. I am so glad I got to know him. Chris and family my thoughts and prayers are with you. Dennis is gone but will never be forgotten. I will miss him daily.*



Barb Goff - February 10, 2011 at 10:12 PM

KS

“ My husband Kirk and I have had such a good time getting to know Dennis and Christine, especially over the last two years. Dennis was always jumping in with both feet to help anyone, anywhere. Such a fun-loving, Godly, humble, gentleman. I loved the way he treated Christine. She was the apple of his eye! There was such a tenderness and care they showed each other. I also witnessed the playful side of Dennis. They both knew how to make each other laugh at just the right time. Everyone who ever knew Dennis in any capacity can't help but miss him. His life on this earth was short but he lived every day with purpose and passion...always thinking of others before himself. To our dear friend Dennis, so long for now...

Friends Are Friends Forever Lyrics by Michael W. Smith

*Packing up the dreams God planted
In the fertile soil of you
I can't believe the hopes He's granted
Means a chapter of your life is through*

*But we'll keep you close as always
It won't even seem you've gone
'Cause our hearts in big and small ways
Will keep the love that keeps us strong*

*And friends are friends forever
If the Lord's the Lord of them
And a friend will not say never
'Cause the welcome will not end
Though it's hard to let you go
In the Father's hands we know
That a lifetime's not too long
To live as friends*

*And with the faith and love God's given
Springing from the hope we know
We will pray the joy you live in*

Is the strength that now you show

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CB

“ We all grew up together in a small town in Kansas. Enjoyed the simple things together, especially the holidays when four families would gather at someones house for the celebration. Those were very special times! So Many memories of Dennis- a couple of my favorites. When I was in grade school (I'm 7 years older than Dennis) my teacher gave us colored baby chicks for Easter. Holiday gathering, right, whenever we would notice that Dennis was missing it was time for a search! We found him in the bathroom with the chick dipping it up and down in the toilet. When ask what happened and what was he doing, he calmly stated"well, I took the gun (back then the guns were not plastic)and hit it over the head and now I'm trying to wake him up. Needless to say the chick was gone. One of Dennis' favorite things to do at my house was to place himself on the floor in front of the kitchen cupboard and proceed to pour ALL of the cereal out on the floor-he was looking for the prize inside the box. My understanding is that he has had some payback-with Michael, only wish I could have seen it! If Dennis were here listening to me tell these stories, I would look over at him and see those big brown eyes and that half smile looking back at me not saying a word. Until we all meet again cuz
Cecilia Coddington Benson

Cecilia Benson - February 09, 2011 at 02:18 PM

MG

“ Coming to work each morning has been sad - Dennis you would always greet me and we would talk about KU basketball. I always enjoyed starting my day chatting with you before we would have to start working. Rest in peace! Malinda Grier

Malinda Grier - February 08, 2011 at 11:55 AM

JR

“ My deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Dennis. I have fond memories of him; always a source of a gentle smile and kind conversation at the Douglas County Appraiser's office.

Jim Regan - February 08, 2011 at 11:51 AM

DO

“ Dennis, we here in the Register of Deeds will miss your wonderful smile and sense of humor. We miss you coming in with your coffee cup getting your water during the day. You will truly be missed. Thank you for being part of our lives.

De Vonna Oehlert

De Oehlert - February 07, 2011 at 08:40 PM

MJ

“ Dennis my friend you were a special person who brought many happy times into my life. Since I retired I have often missed those early morning conversations we had at the courthouse. You seemed to always have a smile and a simple love of life. I often times wished that I had those same qualities. I will miss you my friend. I know you are in a special place now. God bless you and you won't be forgotten.



Marion Johnson - February 07, 2011 at 04:45 PM

WH

“ Dennis spent part of the summer of 1971 here in Cloquet, Minnesota. I was lucky enough to spend some time with him. Dennis, Billy Carrier and I would go swimming at Twin Lakes. All my girlfriends had a crush on Dennis, he was sooooo cute! I remember thinking Why did he have to be my Cousin. I too had a crush on him. Well, crushes come and go but COUSINS are forever. I felt so lucky to have had that time with Dennis and am proud he is my cousin. Love ya Dennis. My thoughts and prayers go out to his friends and family.
His Cousin,
Wendy (Gamache) Hedin

Wendy Hedin - February 07, 2011 at 12:18 PM

AB

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Dennis through KCIAAO - we served on the Executive Board together. He was the nicest person one could ever meet. Always had a smile on his face, would encourage you and a pleasant word for everyone. His unexpected passing leaves a huge void in all of our hearts. My deepest sympathy to his family and co workers.

Angela Blazevic - February 07, 2011 at 10:01 AM