



Dennis "Denny" Monroe

May 12, 1941 - December 13, 2007

Dennis "Denny" Monroe, 66, of Bluffton, died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2007, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. He had been diagnosed with cancer in October of this year. Born in Bluffton to Richard and Gertrude I. "Trudy" (Barnes) Monroe on May 12, 1941, he married Ruth Ann McAlhaney in Vera Cruz on Feb. 19, 1966; she survives. He was a 1959 graduate of Bluffton High School. After graduation from high school, Mr. Monroe worked at Franklin Electric Co. for four years and then served four years in the U.S. Air Force. He worked as a barber for several years after graduating from the National Barber School in Indianapolis. He also worked for the U.S. Postal Service, retiring in September 2000 after 31 years of service. He was a member, and current president, of the Bluffton Optimist Club. He was a board member of the Wells County Historical Society and the Bluffton Free Street Fair Board, of which he served as president for six years. He was also a member of the board of trustees at First Baptist Church.

Surviving in addition to the wife are his mother in Berne; two sons, Scott A. (Geraldine) Monroe of Frisco, Texas, and Kurt A. (Jennifer) Monroe of Tuscon, Ariz.; two sisters, Rebecca (Charles III) Decker of Bluffton and Lucinda (Larry) Waters of Lafayette; one brother, Mitch (Kathy) Monroe of Decatur; and four grandchildren.

Mr. Monroe was preceded in death by a sister, Brenda K. Monroe.

Funeral services will be at 10.30 a.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church in Bluffton. Calling hours will be from noon to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home and one hour prior to service Monday at the church. Burial will be at Six Mile Cemetery, in Bluffton, with military graveside rites by American Legion Post 111 and the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard.

Preferred memorials are to the First Baptist Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 16. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
info@thomarich.com

Service

DEC 17. 10:30 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church
202 W. Cherry St.
Bluffton, IN

Tribute Wall



“ Dennis "Denny" Monroe

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ To the family of Denny Monroe...
I am truly sorry to hear of his loss. My Dad, Bob Stout, will see Denny in heaven,
and have many stories to share.
My thoughts are with your family,
Susan Palukaitis##imported-begin##Susan (Stout) Palukaitis##imported-end##

December 19, 2007 at 09:22 AM



“ RuthAnn, Trudi, Becky, Cindy and Mitch:
I have lost my life-long friend. All my thoughts and prayers are with you at this
time. Dennis --- I will see you in that "red coal shed" in the sky.
Linda##imported-begin##Linda Nicholson Russ##imported-end##

December 17, 2007 at 06:15 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all for the loss of Dennis. I pray that the
love of Christ will be with you as you mourn your loss.##imported-begin##Scott &
Holly Shackelford and family##imported-end##

December 16, 2007 at 10:12 PM



“ Dear Ruth Ann and Family,

Many of us at Swiss Village are thinking of you and holding you in Christ's saving
Light.

I always appreciated Denny's friendly ways and observing the kind way that he
cared for the parents in his life.

With sympathy,
Anita Rediger##imported-begin##Anita Rediger##imported-end##

December 16, 2007 at 04:19 PM



“ Ruth Ann, Scott, and Kurt...I cannot express the empathy I feel for all of you. What a wonderful man who always had time to chat and joke around. Even after our high school years and my time away from Bluffton, talking to Denny made me feel like I had never left. I always looked forward to seeing him at the Street Fair...hoping if he was on a golf cart I saw him before he saw me! Each of you have a special place in my heart...may God bring comfort and peace to each of you in this time of loss.##imported-begin##Lisa (Creek) Schlemmer##imported-end##

December 16, 2007 at 03:33 PM



“ Your father must have been a special man as I watch you Kurt, his legacy shine with the Spirit.
Blessings to you and your family.
Susan Modisett and family##imported-begin##Susan Modisett and Family##imported-end##

December 16, 2007 at 03:06 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about the sudden passing of your father, Kurt. God be with you, Jennifer, and your family during this time of mourning.##imported-begin##Jim Hill##imported-end##

December 16, 2007 at 07:06 AM



“ Your family is blessed by having a strong Christian man lead it. May the Lord comfort you and give you strength during this time of grieving. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you as you celebrate your Husband, Father(Father-in-Law) and Grandfather's life. In Christ and friendship, The Decker Family##imported-begin##Liz Decker & Family##imported-end##

December 16, 2007 at 12:20 AM



“ Kurt and Jennifer,

Our hearts and prayers have been with you since we heard about your dad. In reading about him, he seemed to be so involved with so many things in the community. He will be greatly missed by one and all. Our prayers are also with your mother.##imported-begin##Wally and Patsy Rickards##imported-end##

December 15, 2007 at 08:43 PM



“ Denny's passing is truly sad! Denny was a friend of mine since our childhood, as we grew up together in the same block on Arnold Street. I'll always remember his contagious smile and his friendliness. My sincerest sympathy to Ruth Ann and his family. Denny will be sorely missed by many.
Marcia Gregg###imported-begin###Marcia Gregg###imported-end##

December 15, 2007 at 06:46 PM



“ Dear Monroe Family:

We were so sad to hear of your loss. We are praying for all of you as you deal with what each new day brings. May God comfort and encourage each of you.

Much love,

Chris, Karna, Mckenna and Annika###imported-begin###Chris, Karna, Mckenna and Annika Walter###imported-end##

December 15, 2007 at 06:28 PM



“ Our prayers are with all of you.###imported-begin###Jim & Janine Kaucher###imported-end##

December 15, 2007 at 05:36 PM



“ I am a member of the Northminster Presbyterian Church family where Kurt and Jennifer are the Music directors for our Contemporary Service. I have them in my prayers as well as all the members of the Monroe family in this difficulty time. May God comfort you all in the days ahead.###imported-begin###Deon Dourlein###imported-end##

December 15, 2007 at 05:21 PM



“ You are in our thoughts, hearts and prayers at this time. May our Good Shepherd comfort you and strengthen you.

In Christ,

Andy & Michele & family###imported-begin###Andy & Michele Ross###imported-end##

December 15, 2007 at 05:10 PM



“ Dear Monroe family,
You all have been in our prayers through Dennis's illness, and we are saddened to know of his death. We love Kurt and Jennifer and their family, and that love extends to you all now as we give witness to Christ's resurrection, and the assurance that Dennis is a part of it.
God's grace and peace to you,
Pete & Lori Seiferth
Northminster Presbyterian Church, Tucson, AZ##imported-begin##Pete Seiferth##imported-end##

December 15, 2007 at 04:57 PM



“ I am very saddened to learn of Denny's passing. Denny was my dad's (Earl Brickey) best friend. And what a great friend he was! I can't think of a finer individual I've known. Denny had an amazing way about him that always made me feel like I was special. I'll miss his warm, welcoming, ever present smile. I'm truly sorry for your loss. Your family is in my prayers.##imported-begin##Brenda (Brickey) Wilson##imported-end##

December 15, 2007 at 11:24 AM



“ My most sincere wishes and condolences in your loss at this time . He will be missed with a big smile and friendly conversations .

Jo Elzey##imported-begin##Josephine P. Elzey##imported-end##

December 14, 2007 at 11:15 PM



“ I was truly saddened to hear of Denny's passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family. He will be missed by many.##imported-begin##Gene Kyle##imported-end##

December 14, 2007 at 09:50 PM



“ We were saddened to read about the death of Denny and we are so sorry. He was a good friend of mine while he worked at the P.O. and I brought him candy from Hershey when we visited our daughter.

We are sorry we cannot be there, but we live in Palmyra,PA now.

God bless the family.##imported-begin##Tom and Nancy Haiflich##imported-end##

December 14, 2007 at 08:21 PM



“ Ruth, Scott, and Kurt:

We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Even though we have been away from Bluffton several years when Denny ever saw Carole or myself he would be right there to greet us and see how we were doing. I always appreciated him for his interest.

May God's loving arms be around you during this time.

Gary and Carole Bruner##imported-begin##Gary and Carole Bruner##imported-end##

December 14, 2007 at 06:29 PM