



Denzil M. Cogar

January 28, 1955 - December 27, 2007

DENZIL M. COGAR, 52, of Bluffton, died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2007, after battling cancer for five months. He was born on Jan. 28, 1955, in Clay County, W.Va. He has worked as Building Manager for Fort Wayne Newspapers for the last 26 years. "He will be dearly missed by many friends, family and co-workers." Surviving are his wife, Pamela L. (Brooker) Cogar; son, Brian (Jenessa) Cogar; father-in-law, Chester Brooker; several nephews, nieces, great nephews, great-nieces; siblings, Danny Cogar, Mrs. Ron (Karen) Platt, Mrs. Jerry (Ann) Platt; Ray (Debbie) Cogar and Terry (Felicia) Cogar, and many other extended family members. Funeral service is 10 a.m. Monday at Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home, Bluffton, with visitation one hour prior. Visitation also from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial in Elm Grove Cemetery. Memorials to Family Centered Services or the family. www.thomarich.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 30. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home
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Bluffton, IN 46714
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Tribute Wall



“ *Denzil M. Cogar*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss.I guess through the years we loose touch with our friends.I know our families were always kind of close, our Mothers were best of friends,I know that Denzil was always a good friend to me through school.My Prayers are with you as you go through this time of sadness.##imported-begin##Cindy Van Meter##imported-end##*

January 12, 2008 at 12:10 AM



“ *I grew up with Denzil and his siblings in the little community of Dixie, WV and though it's been years that our lives took us in different directions, it seems like only yesterday that we were all together. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Jane Foster Miles##imported-end##*

January 02, 2008 at 11:39 AM



“ I was extremely saddened to hear of Denny's passing. Denny was instrumental in my development as a production manager. He taught me many valuable lessons about equipment and people, and the meaning of getting the job done and done right. I am thankful that I had the opportunity to have known Denny, he was a good man who touched the lives of many people and we are all the better for having known him. God Bless his family and may he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Gilbert Escobedo, Jr##imported-end##

January 02, 2008 at 09:10 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Denny was a gentleman and a gentle man. He never failed to have a smile for me and was unfailingly helpful and polite. He will be missed by all of us here at FWN. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Bonnie Blackburn Penhollow and Steve Penhollow.##imported-begin##Bonnie Blackburn Penhollow##imported-end##

December 31, 2007 at 06:10 PM



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December 31, 2007 at 06:10 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Denzil. Our families grew up together. We attended the same grade school and high school together. He was a great person and I know he'll be sorely missed. My sympathies go out to his immediate family as well as his brothers and sisters.##imported-begin##Marilyn (Sargent) Perry##imported-end##

December 31, 2007 at 01:13 PM



“ Pam,
My heart goes out to you and your family at this time. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. If there is anything that I can do, please don't hesitate to call.
Love,
Susie##imported-begin##susie smith##imported-end##

December 31, 2007 at 12:21 PM



“ To the family of Denny Cogar,
I want you to know that Denny was always enjoyable to be around and talk with when I worked with him at FWN. Denny and I also had fun playing on the first slow pitch softball team at FWN. He could run and field. I just want you to know that your family is in my prayers and that God is using Denny to get his buildings in Heaven ready for the rest of us who will be joining him in the future. Again I am praying for you all and he will definitely be missed.##imported-begin##Rod Custer (Spring Hill, FL)##imported-end##

December 31, 2007 at 11:20 AM



“ Denny was a great guy to work with, always speaking and smiling everytime he passed by. I will miss joshing with him and him calling me young lady. He was and is a great man and I count it a Blessing to have known him.

He will be missed

Venecia Smith

co-worker and friend##imported-begin##Venecia Smith##imported-end##

December 31, 2007 at 10:23 AM



“ We will all miss Denny very much. Denny was such a great guy. He was always to the rescue when I needed something hung up or fixed! Things wont be the same without him. I was blessed to have known him.##imported-begin##Brandie Turner##imported-end##

December 31, 2007 at 08:56 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time of sorrow. I went to grade and high school with Denzil. He was a good friend even though I hadn't seen him in years there were times I would remember him in my childhood memories. The one thing I remember about Denzil is that he was always straight as an arrow - honest, trust worthy and just a good person. Again, my deepest sympathy to your family.

Pam Grose Wilson##imported-begin##Pamela Grose Wilson##imported-end##

December 31, 2007 at 08:40 AM



“ Denny was a friend to all, no matter if you knew him for 50 years or 50 seconds. He was always positive and always took the time to say hello, no matter how busy he was. I don't believe I've ever met anyone as genuine and positive as him. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers go to his family and friends. God Bless, and may you find comfort that he is no longer battling cancer.##imported-begin##Jennie Durand (Klopfenstein)##imported-end##

December 31, 2007 at 08:36 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Denzil's passing. We would very good childhood friends and I think of him often.##imported-begin##John Baker##imported-end##

December 31, 2007 at 08:35 AM



“ My sincere sympathy to Denny's family and wide circle of friends. I've known Denny since he started working at Fort Wayne Newspapers and always considered him a friend and wonderful co-worker. He had a laid-back way about him that was admired and appreciated. I personally loved his wonderful sense of humor and his unending support during our tenure at Fort Wayne Newspapers. God bless and keep you my friend.##imported-begin##Anne Perkins##imported-end##

December 31, 2007 at 08:28 AM



“ We enjoyed seeing Denny every month. He was so easy to approach and helped us do our job. We will miss him.##imported-begin##Terry Ratzlaff##imported-end##

December 31, 2007 at 07:16 AM



“ I offer my deepest sympathy to the family of Denzil Cogar. Denny was an amazing and caring person. I work at Fort Wayne Newspapers, and he cared so very much for our company and each person here. Every morning he would do a walk through of the building assuring everything was in order, and he would stop and greet you and make your day start off a little better. We will miss him.##imported-begin##Marlene Hastreiter##imported-end##

December 31, 2007 at 05:44 AM



“ To the family of Denzil Cogar:

I used to work with Denny at Fort Wayne Newspapers and I really enjoyed working with him because he was someone that could brighten up your day by just saying that one magical word "hello". He will be greatly missed and it will take someone really special and very harding working to fill his shoes.

God Bless and please know that your entire family will be in the my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##michael green##imported-end##

December 31, 2007 at 03:40 AM



“ *I send my deepest and warmest condolences to the family and friends of a long time friend who will truly be missed. The Cogar family will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

*-Sincerly,
The Sargent Family##imported-begin##Calvin L Sargent
##imported-end##*

December 30, 2007 at 11:34 PM



“ *My prayers are with you and your family.
I became acquainted with Denny on the North East Indiana Burn Council Board. I work in the Burn Unit and Denny and I worked together to arrange an appreciation day for the nurses this year. He was great and I will miss him !
He had such a positive attitude about everything.
Pam Bowlby##imported-begin##Pam Bowlby##imported-end##*

December 30, 2007 at 07:43 PM



“ To all of Denzil's Family,
It is with my deepest sorrow that I heard of Denzil's Passing.
As young kids, we were neighbors, friends and the best of pals. Later
in life we were classmates, teammates on the football team at Gauley
Bridge High School. I always had confidence that Denzil would do
well in life. He always gave 110% regardless of the task at hand.
Denzil now makes the seventh classmate to pass away from our
Class of 1973 G.B.H.S.
Life separated us after high school and I have only seen him once
after graduation. I could not begin to write all the good memories
that I had with Denzil and his family. We have exchanged E-mails a
couple of times and both times he gave credit to his wife as being
his source of strength.
I will hold Denzil and his family up in my prayers. Godspeed
Denzil.##imported-begin##Kermit Workman##imported-end##

December 30, 2007 at 07:14 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Denzil was a good friend of mine. We
grew up together. I was friends with his brother, Terry. I always
thought Denzil was one of the good guys, never in trouble, never
heard anything bad about Denzil. One of the fondest memories I
have of Denzil, I was a freshman and he was a senior and he
pitched a double-header against Summersville. I think we lost both
games, but still pitching a double-header was unheard of. His arm
was dragging the ground after the games. I remembering him
boxing Pete Meadows. Denzil was about 5'8" and Pete was 6'4or5".
But Denzil still boxed him. He was a man among boys. I will never
forget him. So sorry##imported-begin##Bob Grose##imported-
end##

December 30, 2007 at 06:27 PM



“ We would like to extend our heartfelt sympathy to all of Denzil's family. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Love,
The Nichols Family
(cousins)##imported-begin##Beverley (Nichols) Wolfe##imported-end##

December 30, 2007 at 04:12 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Our deepest sympathy goes out to you. We didn't have the pleasure of knowing Denzil Cogar, but we knew his brother, Ray Cogar.##imported-begin##Bill Moore and Family##imported-end##

December 30, 2007 at 11:02 AM



“ I enjoyed working with Denny and talking with him. He had a great sense of humor. Like everyone else at FWN, I found him to be friendly, helpful and a pleasure to be around. He will be sorely missed.##imported-begin##Kerry Hubartt##imported-end##

December 30, 2007 at 08:16 AM



“ Pam, Brian, Jenessa

You are in my prayers. Denny and I worked together for since he started back at the newspaper. He loved his family dearly you were his life. He was a great boss but, more importantly a good friend. He has the ability to make you feel like you really made a difference in the world. There were times when he was really set in his way and would not bend, but I always admired him for that. We will all miss him. Hope you take comfort in the fact he may have been working but, his heart was with his family. God bless you all.##imported-begin##Toni Klopfenstein##imported-end##

December 29, 2007 at 08:28 PM



“ *It was an honor to know Denny. I work at Fort Wayne Newspapers. Denny always took the time to stop by and see how you were doing. He was such a positive person. That great personality along with that winning smile will be missed. You and your family will be in my prayers.*
Blessings,
Mary Schneider##imported-begin##Mary Schneider##imported-end##

December 29, 2007 at 05:32 PM



“ Denny was a colleague at Fort Wayne Newspapers. He knew the business, and he knew his job down to the last detail: a capable, competent, talented man. We frequently joked about how neither one of us knew what we were doing, but Denny knew it all. He was responsive and available--and, most important, he was direct and honest. I will miss all that; with his passing, there is less humor and less honesty left in the world.

Craig Klugman##imported-begin##Craig Klugman##imported-end##

December 29, 2007 at 12:58 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Denny's passing. He is one of the few people I remember who always, always, always said hello to me and asked me how I was doing every time he saw me. I will miss him greatly.##imported-begin##Sheryl Krieg##imported-end##

December 29, 2007 at 10:40 AM



“ Where do you start when remembering a man of this caliber? I had the pleasure of working directly under Denny for 8 years. I am lucky to have known him. His dedication wasn't just to his job, but to every aspect of life. He was a boss, mentor, guidance counselor, and most importantly a friend. The world is less of a place without him, but a much better place because of him. I will miss him in so many ways. My prayers and sympathies are with his family.##imported-begin##Michael Spring##imported-end##

December 29, 2007 at 09:14 AM



“ Denny was the kindest and neatest man I have ever worked with at FWN. I have worked with him in the Production Division for over twenty years. My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow. God Bless you all.##imported-begin##Terri Storer##imported-end##

December 29, 2007 at 07:56 AM



“ Denny was one of the most sincere and genuine people I have ever had the privilege to meet. I have missed seeing his smile and his distinctive walk in the halls of Fort Wayne Newspapers the last few months. He always had a list of things that "had to be done now," but was never too busy to catch up with a friend or help a colleague. My condolences to his family. You will remain in my prayers, as Denny has been for weeks.##imported-begin##Sherry Skufca##imported-end##

December 29, 2007 at 12:04 AM



“ To the family of Denny,,I'm sorry to hear of your loss. Denny was a great guy. I enjoyed having Denny as a leader and a listener. He will be missed alot. Denny and his family will be in mine and my family's thoughts and prayers. Sincerely,, Chris J.##imported-begin##Chris Jewell##imported-end##

December 28, 2007 at 10:59 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Denny and I enjoyed talking about his projects and how to solve various problems. I will greatly miss all the problem solving and the shop talk.##imported-begin##Jim Black##imported-end##

December 28, 2007 at 10:10 PM



“ To the family, I'm so sorry to hear of your great loss. May you find comfort in God's amazing love. For it will get you through this trying time.

Denny was a wonderful person and I 'm so glad I got the chance to know him. He will always hold a special place in my heart.

God Blessings be with each and everyone of you.

Terrie###imported-begin##Terrie J. Brown-Smith###imported-end##

December 28, 2007 at 09:45 PM



“ My prayers are you, the family of Denzil, I worked with Denzil at Fort Wayne Newspapers for 14 years. He was an awesome guy. He will be sadly missed. Know that he is at peace now, and God will be with all of you through this time of grief.

Sincerely,

Deb Campos (classified advertising)###imported-begin##Deb Campos###imported-end##

December 28, 2007 at 09:44 PM



“ My deepest, heartfelt sympathy to Denny's family. I will miss his smile, southern drawl and his "cool" walk, both of which I teased him about. I will also miss our "chats" that ranged from talking about our sons, quilting, his wine making, his latest home project and life in general. FWN will not be the same. I am going to miss my friend - one of the kindest, dearest, sweetest people I ever met.###imported-begin##Marcia Tapp-Sanders###imported-end##

December 28, 2007 at 08:37 PM



“ I will always remember Denny for his cordial, pleasant demeanor. While being very professional in carrying out his leadership and management role at Fort Wayne Newspapers, he was always very down to earth.##imported-begin##Lisa Green##imported-end##

December 28, 2007 at 07:42 PM



“ Denzil was a part of the Leadership Fort Wayne family and we were truly blessed to have known him. He enriched our lives in so many ways as he interacted with us and contributed during the program year. Afterwards, he stayed committed and I can still see him at the launch of FWOB. He inspired all of us as he fought this hard battle with strength and dignity. As we have for so many months, we continue to hold Denzil and his family in my heart and in my prayers. God bless.##imported-begin##Jane Wilks##imported-end##

December 28, 2007 at 06:57 PM



“ So very sorry to learn of Denzil passing in death. He was my boss and a nice person to work with. Anytime I had a problem, I could go to him and he would help me. We had funny and laughter together and he will be greatly miss. My thoughts are with the Denzil's family. Love, Sam M.##imported-begin##Sam Mitchell##imported-end##

December 28, 2007 at 05:36 PM



“ *Denzil will be missed here, seeing him around the building and in our meetings.*

We worked together for many years . I am so sorry for the loss of your loved one. You and your family will be in my thoughts and in my prayers.##imported-begin##Deborah Miller-FWN##imported-end##

December 28, 2007 at 05:12 PM



“ *My best to Denny's family in this sad time. I enjoyed working with him for several years at Fort Wayne Newspapers. His kind and helpful personality will be greatly missed by many.*

Sincerely,

Sam Minick##imported-begin##Samuel A. Minick##imported-end##

December 28, 2007 at 05:06 PM



“ *Denny was a great guy. I work at Fort Wayne Newspapers and I always knew I could count on him to fix any problems we had in our department. He was very friendly and outgoing and has been missed very much. My condolences prayers to the family.*

Good bless,##imported-begin##Pam Thornton##imported-end##

December 28, 2007 at 05:05 PM



“ I want to express how deeply sadden I am for your loss.I will always remember Denzel as one of the nicest classmates in our Leadership Fort Wayne class. He was a very gifted human being and it showed in the way he treated everyone. Thank you Denzel, for touching my life. My prayers are with you and your family at this time.##imported-begin##Mike Bynum##imported-end##

December 28, 2007 at 04:01 PM