



Dennis Kearl

September 29, 1956 - November 15, 2009

Dennis O. Kearl (53) a longtime valley resident passed away on November 15, 2009 in Durango, CO due to cancer. He was born in Yakima on September 29, 1956 the son of Ray and Mary Kearl of Toppenish. As a 1975 graduate of Wapato High School he played football, baseball and rodeoed. After three years in the Marine Corps he attended Montana State and graduated from Walla Walla Community College with a Farrier Degree. He was a Marine Sgt. of First Marine Division "Super Squad" winning the 1977 Combat Squad Competition in Quantico, VA. He and his squad were presented gold medals by the Commandant of Marine Corps in Washington, D.C.

He enjoyed painting, woodwork, free lance writing, along with BBQ's with friends. The love of his life was rodeo, which he started when he was 8 years old and competed over 25 years. He spent his last weekend at the PBR in Las Vegas. Dennis was preceded in death by his baby sister, his grandparents, Mac and Macky McMican and Sadie Kearl.

He is survived by his parents; two sisters, Ginger Lawrence of Las Vegas, Cyndi (Kirk) Stuart of Puyallup; nephew, Justin Lawrence; niece Lace Lawrence; and great nephew, Tristan Lawrence of Seattle.

A memorial service will be held at the Alfalfa Grange on Saturday November 28, 2009 at 2PM. Friends may send condolences at www.toppenishfunerals.com. Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dennis Kearl*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Ray, Mary, Ginger and Cyndi,
I'm sorry for your loss of Dennis. Even though I hadn't seen him for quite a while there are still so many memories. 4-H and rodeo! How could I forget those midnight and 1 a.m. wake up calls from your family wishing people Merry Christmas. Every year I knew it was coming. There was always so much laughter in the background. And all of those rodeos. What memories. It was a long good trail for Dennis. I'm sure he enjoyed that last PBR. Thoughts and prayers for your family.##imported-begin##Barb Bailey##imported-end##*

November 28, 2009 at 03:18 PM



“ *Some of our fondest memories are playing at your house with Dennis and Ginger. We loved our time with your family and those times have stayed with all of us.*

Recently, you held us up during one of the most difficult times and now we are here to hold you up during your difficult time. As Mary and Mom would say "that is what friends do".

The Brewer Family is very blessed to call the Kearl Family wonderful friends.

Holt, Terri, Patti, Vic, Debbie, Jerry and Judy##imported-begin##The Brewer Family##imported-end##

November 27, 2009 at 04:43 PM



“ Mom & Dad,

Please know our hearts are breaking for you both, but we celebrate the life Dennis lived and the wealth of good friends by his side as well as mourn.

We love you both more than you will ever know, Cyndi & Kirk##imported-begin##Cyndi & Kirk Stuart##imported-end##

November 26, 2009 at 12:06 AM



“ Mary, Cuz and Ginger,

Know That our Love and Prayers are with you all. Dennis will be missed greatly we can only give our love and support to you right now. But one thing I do know Dennis was loved by many and the Lord loved him more because he took him home. No more pain only smiles, and he will be there to welcome you when the Lord calls us all home. God bless

Don and Pat##imported-begin##Don And Patricia Ross##imported-end##

November 25, 2009 at 11:24 PM



“ To Ginger and family: I'm very sorry for your loss but know that he is now in the best of care with our Lord. I'll always remember his seriousness and focus on everything he did - I just wanted to let you know that, and although it has been years now, the memories of him will live on.##imported-begin##Nolan Defiesta##imported-end##

November 25, 2009 at 03:31 PM



“ Mary, Ray & Cyndi,
Our thoughts are with you during this challenging time. I didn't know until I read about Dennis that he and Jess graduated the same year... small world. Sending you hugs to ease your heavy hearts. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you.
Clarissa & Jess Wolfe
509.969.7104###imported-begin##Clarissa Wolfe###imported-end##

November 24, 2009 at 08:55 PM



“ Mr. & Mrs. Kearl,
Dennis and I dated in the late 70's, and though we both went in different directions in our lives, I have always looked back on the time we spent together with love and very fond memories. I am deeply sadden at your loss, the world is a smaller place without his smile in it.Dennis will always hold a special place in my heart and prayers. May you find some comfort in knowing that he will be remembered,in my heart he will always be the young Marine that I knew and loved. Hope Smith-Sprecher###imported-begin##Hope Smith-Sprecher###imported-end##

November 24, 2009 at 11:16 AM



“ Ginger: I am so sorry for the loss of your brother. I have missed all of my co-horts from Garfield.

Love,
Gaila###imported-begin##Gaila Till###imported-end##

November 24, 2009 at 10:22 AM