



Dennis M Morris

January 10, 1953 - January 21, 2025

Princeton - Dennis M. Morris, 72, passed away on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at OSF St. Francis in Peoria, IL, surrounded by his loving family.

Dennis was born on January 10, 1953, in Spring Valley, IL, to the late Joseph F. "Freddy" and Dorothy A. (Stachowiak) Morris. He was raised in Malden and graduated from Princeton High School in 1971.

After high school, Dennis married DeeAnn McCauley on January 25, 1975. Together, they had one daughter, Tasha Lynn. Though they later divorced in 1983, they remained friends. In 1991, Dennis married Denise McCullough, on June 16, 1990 and they welcomed a son, Dylan Austin in 1991.

Dennis grew up working on the family farm with his father and continued farming into the 1980s. During that time, he also served as the Road Commissioner for Dover Township. In 1986, he transitioned into heavy equipment operation, joining the Local 150 Operating Engineers in Countryside, IL. He worked throughout the Chicago suburbs for over a decade before seeking employment closer to home. Eventually, he joined Advanced Asphalt in Princeton, where he found a true sense of belonging, continuing his career until his retirement in 2012.

He was an involved and dedicated father, actively participating in Dylan's Cub

Scout and Boy Scout troops as a leader. He enjoyed building go-carts, crafting Pinewood Derby cars, fishing, and camping. When Dylan expressed an interest in martial arts at age six, Dennis, a few years later joined him, immersing himself in the discipline for several years.

Beyond his devotion to his family, Dennis had a deep love for music and attending concerts. Morning coffee gatherings with his best friend Jerry and their close-knit group. He was an avid NASCAR fan and preferred watching high school football and basketball over professional sports. He looked forward to every May watching the Kentucky Derby, and all the other races that followed. He also enjoyed target shooting with his son and when he got to see his daughter, because she lives in Florida, he treasured every moment with her family. He was also deeply passionate about history and politics. Above all, Dennis treasured the time he spent with his family, creating lasting memories filled with love and laughter.

Survived by his wife of 34 years, Denise Morris of Princeton, IL; daughter, Tasha (Steve) Rostas of Palm Bay, FL and son, Dylan (Carrissa) Morris of Chillicothe, IL.; sister, Dr Kathy (Mark) Morris-Stilwell of Livonia, MI, brother, Dave Morris of Princeton; granddaughter, Sade (Ramone) Spence-Cruz, great grandson and great granddaughter, Jayce Spence and Nova Cruz all of Palm Bay, FL.; brothers-in-law, Bill (Sheila) McCullough, Ryan (Michele) McCullough, Cory (Burnadette) McCullough, Matthew McCullough; sister-in-law, Susan (Bob) McCauley, Beverly (Mark) Havel, and Mary McCullough; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. Last but not least his very special girl, Malinois Shepard, StanLee Rose.

Preceded in death by his parents Joseph F Morris and Dorothy A Morris, grandparents, Father and Mother-in Law, Eler and Julia McCullough, Brother and Sister-in Law, Alan and Diana McCullough, Niece, Margaret (Maggie) Judge as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A visitation will be held at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments on Saturday, February 15, 2025 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Services to follow at 12:00 p.m. at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments on Saturday, February 15, 2025. Officiated by Charles Warren.

A private burial will be held at a later date and time.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family or Friends of Strays.

Online condolences may be directed to www.norbergfh.com

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **15**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.
701 E. Thompson Street
Princeton, IL 61356

Funeral Service

FEB **15**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ AEC (FL Family) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dennis M Morris.



AEC (FL Family) - February 09, 2025 at 02:18 PM

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“ I was very young when Dennis and Dee were married and don't remember much about him. However, I am sending my love. Losing a parent is extremely hard, and Tasha, you are in my thoughts.

Nora McCauley Ogan - February 06, 2025 at 07:13 PM

SI

“ When tomorrow starts without me,
And I'm not there to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me;
I wish so much you wouldn't cry
The way you did today, While thinking of the
many things,
We didn't get to say.
I know how much you love, me,
As much as I love you, And each time you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too;
But when tomorrow starts without me, Please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my name, And took me by the hand,
And said my place was ready,
In heaven far above And that I'd have to leave behind
All those I dearly love. But as I turned to walk away,
A tear fell from my eye For all my life, I'd always thought,
I didn't want to die.
I had so much to live for,
So much left yet to do, It seemed almost impossible,
That I was leaving you. I thought of all the yesterdays,
The good ones and the bad,
The thought of all the love we shared,
And all the fun we had. If I could relive yesterday
Just even for a while, I'd say good-bye and kiss you
and maybe see you smile.
But then I fully realized That this could never be,
For emptiness and memories,
Would take the place of me.
And when I thought of worldly things
I might miss come tomorrow,
I thought of you, and when I did
My heart was filled with sorrow.
But when I walked through heaven's gates
I felt so much at home When God looked down and smiled at me,
From His great golden throne.



*He said, "This is eternity,
And all I've promised you.
Today your life on earth is past
But here it starts anew.
I promise no tomorrow, But today will always last,
And since each day's the same way,
There's no longing for the past.
You have been so faithful,
So trusting and so true.
Though there were times
You did some things You knew you shouldn't do.
But you have been forgiven
And now at last you're free.
So won't you come and take my hand
And share my life with me?"
So when tomorrow starts without me, Don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here, in your heart.
David M. Romano 1993*

Sis - February 06, 2025 at 05:48 PM

KM

“Dennis was definitely a guy's guy. He was Dad's main hired hand and dearly loved working with him. He loved working in the fields and with the livestock. He loved his family, including his pets. Such great memories of a truly nice guy. I am sure that Mom and Dad were there to welcome him!!! And a red Farmall tractor, that Dad probably rebuilt (those damned engineers couldn't get it right).
Love you.
Sis

Kathy Morris-Stilwell - February 06, 2025 at 05:25 PM

MN

“ *Denise, Dylan, and Tasha thinking of all of you during this hard time. He loved you all so very much! Please find comfort in the memories you share. Sending you Love and Prayer! Monico*

Monico Nunez - February 06, 2025 at 10:00 AM