



Denis L. Goguen

November 22, 1959 - May 6, 2025

Gardner – Denis L. Goguen, 65, passed away peacefully on May 6, in Heywood Hospital surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Lowell, MA on November 22, 1959, the son of the late Nelson and Theresa (McDermott) Goguen.

Denis grew up in Ashby and participated in both the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. In his youth, Denis played on the Ashby Little League Farm Team. He graduated from North Middlesex Regional High School in 1977 and went on to graduate from Monty Tech's two year Dental Technician program in 1979. From his late teens to early 20's, Denis worked as an apprentice for several years at the Economy Pattern Shop, a Goguen family owned business.

A career that spanned 36 years, Denis worked as a Quality Control Engineer for the former Digital Equipment Corp and Compaq, and later Hewlett Packard. Denis moved on to work in Environmental Services as a Project Coordinator at Heywood Hospital for eight years until his retirement in December of 2024, due to declining health.

In his spare time Denis loved to travel; for over 13 years he toured as an Elvis Impersonator, a pastime that brought him and others so much joy. He loved Elvis and enjoyed collecting his music and memorabilia; he was also a trivia

buff, and was proud of his extensive knowledge of both history and geography. Denis loved the outdoors, especially skiing at Hidden Valley in Ashburnham and Mount Watatic in Ashby.

Nothing was more important to Denis than spending time with his family and friends; he will be forever remembered as the life of the party. Denis was loved deeply and will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.

He is survived by his twin sister Penny L. Cole; his niece and goddaughter April Woodward and her husband Masten; nephew Brian Corkum and his wife Amanda; nieces Annie Bray, Alise Cunningham and her husband Nigel, and Aubrey Sottile; his devoted companion Jessica Luoma; 6 great nieces, 6 great nephews; many cousins and lifelong friends.

Calling hours will be held in the Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon St., Fitchburg on Friday, June 6, from 10am – 12noon. Words of Remembrance will be held at 12noon.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in Denis' memory to the National Aphasia Awareness Association.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUN 6. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home - Fitchburg
316 Clarendon Street
Fitchburg, MA 01420
(978) 343-4407

Words of Remembrance

JUN 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I grew up with Denis in Ashby. He was great neighborhood kid to grow up with. I remember the time he got hit by a car while on his bicycle in the center of town and Anna Bedard gave him medical attention (As she was a nurse) until the ambulance and EMS arrived. Thanks for the memories and prayers for all family and friends through this time.

Gunnar Anderson - August 06, 2025 at 09:59 PM

TW

“ I went to high school with Denis. He was one of the sweetest guys and always, and I mean, always had a smile on his face. I ran into him in New York City elevator, and he instantly made you feel so special. I am sorry for his family's loss. I hope all of their good memories get them through this difficult time. God bless.

Terry Wilson Woods - May 22, 2025 at 11:42 AM

SM

“ Denise was a great guy always willing to help someone out. And a great sense a humor. I met him at ridgewood.

Sharon Maroni - May 21, 2025 at 12:15 PM

PA

“ I work at HH as a per diem secretary in the GPU and didn't work that often but every time I happened to work the same shift as Denis I knew there would be a smile for me when he came to our unit. He didn't say much, he was very shy, but always a smile and a hello. And I would always call back, "Hi, Denis!" That was it, but it was enough. It touch my heart deeply, when in fact, he came to our unit as a patient. I won't forget what a kind man he was. My sympathy goes out to you, Respectfully, Paula A.

Paula Allen - May 21, 2025 at 11:52 AM

KA

“ I only worked with Denis for a short few year's But I do know that during the years I worked over at HH ,He would have the most amazing trivia facts I really enjoyed our short talks. Denis was normally a quiet person but when he had a fun fact or something he was very proud of it .he will be missed.



kate - May 20, 2025 at 07:28 PM

AB

“ Logan and I sat here talking about how you used to always say “You ain't got a job yet Logey” every time you saw him (even at 16 weeks old), talking about the towel you always had with you, and how papa and grammy were never prepared for the get togethers. There was no one else I would have wanted to man the grill with all those times. I wish I had taken the time to thank you for making my childhood somewhat normal but I think you knew. I love you Unk and will miss you so.

AB - May 18, 2025 at 04:06 PM

CT

“ I am so sorry for your loss Penny and family. Whenever Denis was in the room, you knew that there was someone who was going to check in with you to see how you were, and really listen to the answers. He was truly interested in what was happening in your life. His warmth an infectious smile made any gathering brighter.

Christine Tibor - May 16, 2025 at 05:34 PM

CR

“ What great times we had as kids. Penny, I am so sorry for this deep loss. My heart sings when I remember staying at your house and hanging out with you and Denis and Mark. Getting lost in the woods, whirlpools in the pool, rope swinging, visiting the horses up the road- just being outdoors in the country. Also our pool games in the basement with our fireman hats. So many great memories. My deepest sympathy.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May Denis rest in peace.
Amen.*

carolyn Rice - May 14, 2025 at 10:11 AM

LG

Penny, my deepest love and sympathy. Denis had such a great sense of humor. He got such a kick out of my son saying he couldn't picture me as a mom. I think we laughed about that for years. Love and prayers, Linda

Linda Gilchrist - May 15, 2025 at 10:33 AM

AG

Penny, my deepest love and compassion during this time of Loss. I have enjoyed sharing a Birthday with you and your brother. It always Makes me feel close to the both of you. My first vivid memory of both of you was the singing of Mary Poppin song Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious. I always enjoyed any time I got to spend with both of you. He was a great help to your Parents and a joy to be around. May Our Lord keep Him in His Eternal Care. May our Lord Bless you and keep you and may His light shine upon you. Anne Louise Stark(Goguen)

Anne L (Goguen)Stark - May 18, 2025 at 09:57 AM

KC

Penny, So sorry to hear of Denis's passing. He was someone you wanted to be around. A good listener and story teller with an infectious laugh. I have fond memories of you and Denis coming to our house and you and Carol playing pool on our little pool table with Denis and Brian. As one of the little kids it was fun to watch you guys play and joke around especially since you had to wear our toy firemen hats as good luck charms. He will be missed. We hold you all in our Prayers.

Kevin Convery - May 19, 2025 at 09:13 PM

SH

“ *Denny and Penny, so many memories growing up and visiting your family. So sorry to hear that Denis was ill and has passed on. Blessings, Penny and your whole family during this tender time of transition. May you feel Denis love with you in the days ahead.*
Shelley

Shelley Goguen Hulbert - May 13, 2025 at 06:30 PM