



Dennis J. Murphy

June 2, 1940 - March 17, 2020

TOWNSEND; Dennis J. Murphy, 79, of Townsend, died Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at Health Alliance – Leominster Hospital.

Mr. Murphy was born in Bronx, NY, June 2, 1940 the Son of Joseph and Gertrude (Kennedy) Murphy and has resided in Townsend for over 25 years.

During the early 1960's Mr. Murphy served his country in the United States Marines and was on duty and stationed at President John F. Kennedy's Inauguration.

After beginning his career in the construction industry, Mr. Murphy went to work as a letter carrier for over twenty years for the US Postal Service in Waltham, retiring in 2001.

He was a member of the Semper Fi Society, Knights of Columbus and the Townsend Rod & Gun Club. He was also a member of the Marine Corps League of Watertown, Massachusetts . He was also a member of St. John's Church in Townsend.

He leaves his wife of 38 years, Penny (Aucoin) Murphy; three sons, Michael P. Murphy, Dennis J. Murphy, Jr., Joseph D. Murphy all of Townsend; a daughter, Erin K. Murphy of Townsend and a sister, Clare Murphy of Manhattan, NY.

He was predeceased by his sister, Rosanne Svede of Philadelphia.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic Funeral services will be held privately.

The Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street, Townsend Center is assisting the family with arrangements.

For additional information or to leave an on line condolence, please visit their website at www.andersonfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

Highland Street
Townsend, MA

Tribute Wall

LM

“ So sorry for your loss, Penny, Eric, and family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love from Lee McTighe

Lee McTighe - March 30, 2020 at 04:32 PM

DS

“ Dear Penny, my deepest condolences and heartfelt prayers to you and your children during this sad time. Lovingly - Deb Shannon

Deb Shannon - March 25, 2020 at 08:50 PM



“ Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Dennis J. Murphy.



March 24, 2020 at 12:34 PM

AM

“ Uncle Dennis,
You were always a strong and loving father and uncle who was the very definition of loyalty. You will be missed.
Love,
April



April Lowell McCreary - March 23, 2020 at 05:26 PM

LG

“ Love, April, Jonah, & Gavin purchased the Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Dennis J. Murphy.



Love, April, Jonah, & Gavin - March 23, 2020 at 05:14 PM

DV

“ Dennis I was shocked and deeply saddened to hear that you have passed my friend I will never forget you .Heaven has gained a very specialAngel you will be deeply missed Rest In Peace my friend your pain has ended

Dianne Vogel - March 21, 2020 at 06:02 AM

RR

“ Murph, it is with a tear in my eye that we have to part ways for now. I will keep your memories and conversations about the way life used to be with me everyday. Keep everything straight and everybody in line until I get there. I am honored to have met and known such a stand up guy as you.

*RIP my brother,
Roger*

Roger Rapoza - March 19, 2020 at 08:21 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



AI Matthews - March 18, 2020 at 04:33 PM



“ Dear Dennis, when I heard the news I was heartbroken. You were a good friend to me and I will always treasure the fun times we had at MJs. We had quite a few laughs on Brian's expense. It's regrettable that I wasn't able to speak to you one last time, but if I could, I would say thank you for enriching my life. As a fellow Marine, you welcomed me as your own and was never rude in anyway shape or form. You came to my graduation from college and that is something that I won't forget.

I will also be sure to keep and honor your contributions to our beloved Marine Corps. That's one thing we both loved, our time in the Corps. I will pass on your stories of Old School Boston and tell our brother Marines about you. You were the toughest Marine I've ever met. Denny, I swear your hands were like bear paws. Everytime I shook your hands, I was always afraid, you'd crush it. You're not the kind of NCO I'd want to pick a fight with, and I'm glad I didn't.

I'll miss your openness and candor about politics. I loved how you never minced words. You were always thoughtful in your articulations of your point. You had perspective on reality, which I appreciated. That's a great trait to be in possession of. I remember you telling me your thoughts on the No Spin Zone with Bill O'Reilly. I'm convinced that Bill would have liked you as much as I do.

I will mourn you and keep your memory alive as we Marines have always done: with respect, admiration and fondness. Semper Fidelis and take your post in Heaven.

*Yours in Christ,
Alex*

AI Matthews - March 18, 2020 at 04:25 PM

JW

Dear Dennis, I will always remember you as my big cousin, five years older than me. And when I say big I mean "football guy big." When we visited at your house you were always so kind to your young cousins, entertaining us and in a way that you seemed genuinely interested in us. When I was in grade school you showed us your model car collection and how you could melt the axles with a match to make the wheels stay on - how cool.

As I got a little older you started playing football in high school. You showed us your football spikes which really wowed me. Then you joined the Marines. How proud I was of you seeing you in your dress blues.

But above all you always treated people with respect, a good listener who made a person feel like they mattered. I am sure that this made you a good husband and father. I am sorry that we did not get to connect near the end. Rest in peace.

*See you on the other side,
Buddy Walsh*

John Walsh - March 18, 2020 at 11:59 PM

DW

*Dennis,
Like my older Brother I have nothing but great memories of you. Being eight years younger than you I do not have as many memories but what I remember most is that you were a "Gentle Giant". I wish I could have gotten to know you better but I guess that will have to wait until we meet again.*

Dan Walsh

Daniel Walsh - March 19, 2020 at 12:28 PM

 Janet
Driscoll

Penny and family, sorry for your loss. What popped into my head was how Dennis and Jake would break into reciting lines from cowboy movies "Across the Rio Grande" and "The Professionals". Many early mornings in the van dropping the group off in Weston when they were working on the tracks. Rest in Peace.

Janet and Jake Driscoll

Janet Driscoll - March 28, 2020 at 05:36 PM