



## Dennis L. Gaddis

July 28, 1945 - May 11, 2004

Dennis L. Garris, 58, passed away peacefully at his home in Muncie on Tuesday night after a very brief struggle with cancer. A lifelong resident of Anderson and Muncie, he was a loving son, father, husband and grandfather whose family extends from coast to coast. Dennis graduated from Madison Heights High School in Anderson and went on to earn both his bachelor's and master's degrees in state. He moved to North Carolina for several years in the early 1970's, but came back home to do what he loved: to teach. Upon his return home, he began a career at the Ivy Tech campus in Muncie teaching Automotive Technology. Expanding his teaching to other campuses, he has touched the lives of his students across the state and across the years. Dennis was always interested in his students and kept in touch with many who became good friends. Besides his students, his school and his family including his dogs, Dennis loved cars and drag racing and was well known around the Muncie Dragway, having spent season after season there with his friends and racing a variety of cars from his Chevy Vega wagon to his dragster. He also took many trips with his father around the country, watching other races and taking in the Don Garlitts' Drag Racing Museum in Florida. Dennis is survived by his wife and partner, Judy Ingram of Muncie; his father and good friend, Joe Gaddis; stepmother, Velma Becky Gaddis; stepbrother, Rodney J. Smith; daughter, Shelly Lembke of Mather, California; stepdaughters, Kirsten Youngquist of Marshall, Virginia and Adrian Ingram of Tacoma, Washington; grandchildren, Kayleigh, Roxanne, Josephine and Evan

Lambke and Owen and Beatrice Youngquist. He is preceded in death by his infant sister, Ann and his mother, Geraldine Kilgore Gaddis. Visitation will be at 11:00 a.m., Memorial at 1:00 pm on Friday, May 14, 2004 at Robert D. Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, South Chapel; 200 W. 53rd Street; Anderson

# Tribute Wall

KZ

“ *Classmate MHHS 1963*

Karen Zane - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *My sincere condolences to Denny's family. I graduated with him from Madison Heights and remember him well. He will be sorely missed by all of us. Sandi Rambo*

Sandi Rambo - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *We know his father, Joe and wish to extend our condolences.*

Bill & Peggy Harless - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ *My sincere condolences to Dennis's family. He is part of my wonderful memories of growing up in Edgewood. May your memories of him keep him close always. Betty HandyOwens*

Betty Handy Owens - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ *One of my best friends even though we did not see each other for many years. I am grateful that we shared a day together this past February. Denny has inspired many students in the automotive world. He was one of a kind and will be greatly missed.*

Doug Edwards - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Having worked with Dennis the last 10 years, has been a pleasure. I shared his concern for the students and their advancement in educational and professional goals. We shared the interest in racing and automobiles, and had several discussions and laughs over the years. Having, also, graduated from Madison Heights we shared alot of the same passions for life and work. Dennis will be greatly missed, by all who have met or known him. He had such caring for all and made a great mentor, educator, and friend. Our condolences to all his immediate and extended family.

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**Michael Eppards family** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ I offer my prayers to Dennis\' family. Though I\'ve only known Dennis for a few years, he was a dear friend to me. I, as well as, all of his friends and co-workers will miss him dearly.

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**Teresa Adamisin** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ I am a classmate from the Madison Heights Class of 1963. I am very sorry to hear of Denny\'s passing and I know he will be missed by all who knew him. My sympathies to his wife and family. Phil Landes

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**Philip A. Landes** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM