



## Dennis V. Helmer

July 19, 1950 - October 22, 2018

Dennis V. Helmer, age 68 of Canton, passed away on October 22, 2018. Beloved father of Sara (James) King; proud grandfather of Makayla Helmer, Jessica King, Nicholas King; caring brother of the late Mary (Gene) Hillner, the late Betty (Jim) Russell, the late Jack (Kathy) Helmer, Joanne Clark, Jerry (Ruthann) Helmer, Joyce (Daniel) Clock, Janice Willsmore, Duane (Janie) Willsmore, and Terri (Barry) Pearce, as well as many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The Memorial Gathering will be Friday, October 26th between the hours of 3:00 PM until 9:00 PM at the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West, Plymouth, MI 48170 (Between Sheldon & Beck).

The Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, October 27th at 10:30 AM at St. John Neumann Catholic, 44800 Warren Road, Canton, MI 48187. The family will gather at church on Saturday beginning at 10 AM.

Memorial envelopes will be available at the funeral home and church for Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154-5010 or Michigan United Conservation Clubs, 2101 Wood Street, Lansing, MI 48912 [www.mucc.org](http://www.mucc.org)

To share a memory of Dennis with the family, please click on the 'Share a

Memory' tab on this page.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

OCT **26**. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 459-2250  
plymouth@vermeulenh.com

## Memorial Gathering

OCT **27**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. John Neumann Catholic Church  
44800 Warren Road  
Canton, MI 48187

## Memorial Mass

OCT **27**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Canton, MI 48187

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dennis V. Helmer*

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December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *I worked with Dennis at St Mary. He was always so nice to me. We became friends and use to golf together. I will miss him*  
*Monica West*

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**monica west** - October 26, 2018 at 02:31 PM

JP

“ I worked at St. Mary Hospital with Dennis from age 16-23. We even went hunting together with my dad and I think my brother-in-law, too. I was happy to see him a number of years ago at Redford Union during a school function for my daughter. He was always so kind, easy to talk to and you instantly felt like you knew him forever. I was so sorry to hear he passed away.

*There is a poem I've read at a few funerals by Linda Ellis called The Dash. I think the dash that Dennis lived was a great one. He will be missed. - John Pullum*

*The Dash - By Linda Ellis*

*I read of a man who stood to speak at a funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning... to the end.*

*He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.*

*For that dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.*

*For it matters not, how much we own, the cars... the house... the cash. What matters is how we lived and loved and how we spend our dash.*

*So think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left that still can be rearranged.*

*To be less quick to anger and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.*

*If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile...*

*remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.*

*So when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash, would you be proud of the things they say about how you lived your dash?*



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**John Pullum** - October 26, 2018 at 01:04 PM

NW

“ *All I can say is what I've said earlier, all the things being said about this man, are all true and then some more. I know your pain is gone. R.I.P. My friend, and thanks for all of it.*

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**Nole Wolf** - October 25, 2018 at 08:03 PM



“ *Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis V. Helmer.*



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October 25, 2018 at 03:48 PM

JS

“ *There are so many good memories being with him in his younger High School days, but I can't ethically share them here. RIP old friend.*

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**John Sutherland** - October 25, 2018 at 12:17 AM

CS

“ Dear Helmer Family,

*I worked at Redford Union HS years ago and had the pleasure of knowing your wonderful Dennis. He was a genuine and kind man. Everyone liked Dennis!! I especially appreciated the way he took the time to talk with everyone he encountered. He was also a generous person and took joy in treating us all to bring bagels and cream cheese on Fridays. He was a truly a very special person. May the beautiful memories that you have of him bring your strength.*

*Kitty Shecter*

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**Catherine Shecter** - October 24, 2018 at 07:06 AM

FR

“ *Dennis was super supportive my first few years of teaching. One time I asked him for chocolate (from the school store) and he brought me chalk. It turned into a running joke between us. I will miss him.*

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**Frances** - October 23, 2018 at 09:42 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis V. Helmer.*



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October 23, 2018 at 08:36 PM

DA

“ I remember when we were at a basketball game at SJN and Jade was asking me about snacks and your dad promptly got up and walked her over to the snack area and got her some popcorn. He was always like that. And every time I saw him he had the biggest smile on his face. Im so glad that I had the amazing oppourtunity of knowing him. ❤️

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Danielle - October 23, 2018 at 02:52 PM

JD

“ When I was 15 years old I had my first knee surgery. That summer Dennis showed up every day to push me around town in a wheelchair. He even took me to the carnival over by the junior high. Even as a young man his kindness and caring for others first was always there. Like everyone I loved him very much and will miss him. But the very thought of him will always make me smile.

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jay densmore - October 23, 2018 at 11:42 AM