



Dennis A. Hickey

July 13, 1947 - May 18, 2016

Dennis A. Hickey "Den", age 68, of Plymouth; passed away on May 18, 2016. Beloved husband of Bonnie; dear father of Patrick (Heather) Hickey and Kathryn "Kasey" Hickey; proud brother of Jeannette (the late Jim) Myers, Michael Hickey, the late Diana Keiffer, and Sandy (Paul) Kuerth.

The visitation will be Sunday, May 22, 2016, between the hours of 3 PM until 8 PM with a Rosary Service at 7 PM at the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The Funeral Mass will be on Monday, May 23, 2016, at 10:30 AM at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Military Honors will follow. Mr. Hickey will lie in state at the church on Monday from 10 AM until the Funeral Mass.

In lieu of flowers, memorial envelopes will be available at the funeral home, as well as at the church for Salvation Army and Michigan Humane Society.

To share a tribute of Mr. Hickey, please click on the "Share a Memory" tab on this page.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **22**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Rosary

MAY **22**. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

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In state

MAY **23**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church
47650 North Territorial Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

Funeral Mass

MAY 23. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Military Funeral Honors Service

MAY 23. 11:30 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dennis A. Hickey*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *I can not believe Dennis has passed. I worked with him at Lechters and always appreciated his genuine approach to dealing with the variety of people who worked for him. I found this page and was shocked because I last contacted him several years ago at Petco. He suggested I interview there and although that did not work out, it worked out for me because I was able to see and speak with him again. Blessings on you and your family. Jim Mc Connell, Sayreville, N.J.*

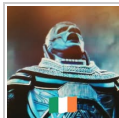
Jim Mc Connell - July 20, 2016 at 06:57 PM



“ *I worked with Dennis at Lechters. He had a great combination of gentleness and being forthright. I will never forget him.*

Mark Lilien

Mark Lilien - May 31, 2016 at 12:17 PM



Dennis Hickey was is and always will be the best in the Corporate Halls of Petco. If he were still alive, I'd be in the corporate office making a great salary and having everything I want, including my own boat. Yet I'm stuck as an aquatic specialist making less than a homeless junkie. God bless you always Dennis my friend.

Joe Sokolnikov - July 27, 2021 at 12:24 PM

CS

“ I am a Minister of Jehovah's Witnesses my wife and I would like to give you and your family our deepest sympathy for the lost of your loved one. We would like to leave you with these words of encouragement from Gods word the Bible. At Job 14:14 it ask the question, "If a man dies, shall he live again?," The bible makes the promise: Your dead love ones will live...They will rise up. The bible also says, The righteous themselves will possess the earth and they will reside forever upon it. Isaiah 26:19;Psalms 37:29. May you find comfort in these scriptures and in the loving memories of your loved one. If you have any questions or concerns about the lost of your loved one feel free to email us at ctksdk@yahoo.com
Sincerely, Carlos & Sandy

Carlos & Sandy - May 31, 2016 at 11:38 AM

SS

“ To Bonnie, Patrick and Kasey,

Dennis was my boss for 4 years when i worked at Petco, he was most amazing person/ father figure like person i have ever encountered in my life. He had jokes for days, he could also give you that stare...(hickey stare of death) lol, his contribution at work exemplifies his talent, his laughter, the silly/compassionate things that he did for his kids was just beautiful. I would always say to him that you need to teach young men how to be good husbands/fathers. My heart goes out to you all, as he is someone that truly left an impression with anyone and everyone he met. Good bye Mr. "Big dog" from your "Little dog", you will forever be remembered.

Samantha Soon

samantha soon - May 24, 2016 at 04:51 PM

BD

“ *Bonnie, we have never met, but I feel like I know you. Dennis always talked about his life with you. I worked with Dennis for many years at Petco. I cannot tell you how many times I said something to Dennis that earned me the "Hickey Stare". He never quite trusted me fully because I was the "corporate payroll guy" until one night I cracked a joke to him about how much asparagus he ate...after he gave me the stare...he started laughing....we were good friends from that day on...*

Dennis you are a great man...I will always remember our laughs together...

Bryan Dean

Bryan Dean - May 22, 2016 at 10:40 PM



“ Dennis was my Vice President for several yrs at Petco. My first yr at our Annual Summit I happened to sit next to him on the bus to the airport on our way home. We talked a little business, discovered we both loved in the same town on long island for a time, and we talked about his beloved Lions and Tigers. The following year by chance it happened again. Over the yrs he sent me some funny emails whenever his Tigers beat my Yankees and we shared texts about it too. I will never forget how someone with such an important job In our company took time to develop a friendship with me . He was a great man. Godspeed Boss.

Robbie Golding

Robbie Golding - May 21, 2016 at 07:40 PM



“ Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis A. Hickey.



May 21, 2016 at 12:47 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Dennis A. Hickey.



May 21, 2016 at 11:28 AM

TD

“ *Thinking of you today. Sabra Davis purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dennis A. Hickey.*



Thinking of you today. Sabra Davis - May 21, 2016 at 09:39 AM

FL

“ *Dear Bonnie I am very for the lost of DENNIS My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family Florence Brule*

florencebrule - May 21, 2016 at 09:20 AM

SC

“ I met Dennis in February of 1995. It was my first interview as a candidate for a Regional Vice President position for Lecthers. I am quite sure that we had many opportunities to meet many years before. In 1976 I relocated to the Detroit area to open stores for a company that was just entering the market. Many of our locations were next to the women's stores he worked for, (I am to old to remember the name) and later Circus World. There had to have been times over the 12 years when I was touring my stores he had to have been touring one of his at the same time in the mall. I wish we could of met at one of those times, perhaps I would have been able to work for earlier in life. I started working for Dennis in June of 1995. I relocated my family from Dallas to southern California. I had been out for several months and Dennis came out to travel stores with me for the first time. We had a lot of car time and got to know each other very quickly. During that trip I recognized that he had a great sense of humor. A great example was during that trip he asked me "When you lived in Fort Lauderdale did you ever go to some restaurant", I don't remember the name he said. I replied " Dennis I never lived in Fort Lauderdale." He turned his head away looked down and replied " I hired the wrong guy, I thought you were the guy that lived in Fort Lauderdale at one time." To this day I do not know if i was the right or wrong guy. I do not know the number of times over the last 21 years he has asked me about Fort Lauderdale and I say I never lived there and he would say the same thing. 'I hired the wrong guy.'”

The greatest thing I learned from Dennis that in difficult times personally or professionally you have to keep you sense of humor. It is how you get through it. Even over the last months in our conversations he always would make me laugh.

I am very grateful that I was able to work for Dennis and most importantly remain a good friend in the years after, I will miss him forever and I am so sorry for his family.

Steve Conway

Steve Conway - May 21, 2016 at 09:05 AM

BF

“ *Bob Krabill and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dennis A. Hickey.*



Bob Krabill and Family - May 20, 2016 at 10:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis A. Hickey.*



May 20, 2016 at 09:46 PM

SC

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Dennis both at Jo-Ann Stores and Petco. He was such a caring, genuine, influential leader and mentor. Always so committed to the success of others, he guided me through several career decisions. Thank you Dennis for setting leadership examples to live by for me and so many others. And thank you for always setting your examples with a smile and even funny stories too! You will be missed!*

Shelly Connelly - May 20, 2016 at 09:28 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis A. Hickey.*



May 20, 2016 at 09:10 PM



Michael
Bruce Sr.

“ *At the end of our first day working together my mind was full of vision, my heart was full of warmth, and my neck was sore from looking up at him all day. Dennis was a great leader and a great man. We are all better from having known him.*

Michael Bruce Sr. - May 20, 2016 at 09:08 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis A. Hickey.*



May 20, 2016 at 09:07 PM



“ *With humor Dennis would always make his employees feel relaxed when first meeting them. He would say, "I don't have a rear view mirror in my car. Our history together starts today." I will miss his encouragement and the the fun we had at many, many games we attended together between Detroit and Cleveland. He was a very caring and dear friend.*

Barry DiJulius - May 20, 2016 at 08:19 PM

LR

“ Love Tom Carol Julie Greg Logan Reghan Eric & Riley purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dennis A. Hickey.



Love Tom Carol Julie Greg Logan Reghan Eric & Riley - May 20, 2016 at 04:34 PM

AC

“ Dennis was deeply respected by those of us who shared office space in the Parkview Professional Building. He was, truly, a joy to have 'in-house' ... always ready with a smile, a kind word, and a joke or two. His gentle spirit will be missed.

Alice Carey - May 20, 2016 at 08:10 AM

BN

“ Bob Nicholson purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dennis A. Hickey.



Bob Nicholson - May 20, 2016 at 06:04 AM

BN

“ A few years ago I had purchased a new motorcycle and I was telling Dennis all about it. He then said to me " Bob I have a great idea, why don't I come into PA and rent a motorcyle and we will tour stores on bikes?" At first I thought he was kidding but then I realized he was serious. I jumped at the opportunity. He came into town and we had the best weather you could imagine. We worked hard, got a lot done, but had the best time enjoying the beautiful PA countryside. He was a great leader who understood the work life balance. This became the "Easy Rider tour" and my store teams loved it!

He was a mentor and a friend and will be truly missed.

Bob Nicholson

Bob Nicholson - May 20, 2016 at 05:17 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis A. Hickey.



May 19, 2016 at 09:27 PM

LL

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Dennis was one of a kind and will be missed by so very many. In 1986 he interviewed me for a job - he with index cards with questions and me with the tags still on my newly bought suit....a combination that worked for the years ahead. My sincere condolences and prayers.

Linda LeFurgy
Savannah, GA

Linda LeFurgy - May 19, 2016 at 07:53 PM

ME

“ Dennis worked for me at Joann Stores. I always had so much respect for his values and commitment to his friends and family. I considered Dennis a friend and will miss him very much.

Mike Edwards - May 19, 2016 at 05:47 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis A. Hickey.



May 19, 2016 at 05:43 PM

SC

“ Dennis was my cousin. He lived with my family. We attended Grosse Ile High School together and graduated in 1965. He had a smile that made you wonder what he was thinking. I loved that smile. I'll miss you, Cuz. ❤️
Sue Grieve Chrisrian

Sue Grieve Christian - May 19, 2016 at 04:23 PM

AD

“ Heartfelt condolences to all the family! Dennis was a wonderful man. I worked with and for Dennis for many years and his love, honor and adoration for his family was always number 1. He was such a well respected professional because he respected everyone!

The way he talked about you, Bonnie, was so honorable and precious! We heard stories about your dating days, getting married and raising your family. I don't think a man could love his wife more. And the stories of Kasey growing up and going off to college and Patrick's sports, learning how to drive, and then getting married to Heather! He shared his family stories with such pride and love - that is what I most admired about him!

While he had people of every level reporting to him, whether you worked in a warehouse or were a fellow VP, he respected everyone the same. Truly Godly characteristics. Heaven welcomed a really special person on Wednesday! "Better is one day in His (God's) courts, than thousands elsewhere!"

Surely, he will be missed by many. He touched lives in a special way.

I wish I were there to hug you all. I will keep you all lifted up in prayers!

Annie Decker
New Jersey

Annie Decker - May 19, 2016 at 01:38 PM

LF

“ Love, Sandi & Fred purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dennis A. Hickey.



Love, Sandi & Fred - May 19, 2016 at 01:00 PM

JC

“ My condolences to the Hickey family. I will never forget the car rides Mr. Hickey would take Kasey and I on in his VW Bug. He had such a big heart. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Julia Crimi - May 19, 2016 at 12:58 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dennis A. Hickey.



May 19, 2016 at 12:29 PM

YS

“ Your sister Sandy purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Dennis A. Hickey.



Your sister Sandy - May 18, 2016 at 10:34 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dennis A. Hickey.*



May 18, 2016 at 09:25 PM



“ *Our memory of Dennis will always be his love and devotion to his family. Most importantly was his unconditional love and support for our daughter, his daughter-in-law Heather, wife of Patrick. It always gave us great comfort to know that Bonnie and Dennis were there to support and love Heather as a second daughter since we live 600 miles away. May we all find comfort in the memories of a life well lived. May Dennis rest in peace. Steve and Debbie Kowitz, Easton, PA.*

Steve Kowitz - May 18, 2016 at 06:37 PM