



# Dennis William Kopp

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**D**ennis William Kopp passed away peacefully on February 27, 2025, at the age of 73, in Lakeland, Florida. A man of deep faith, Dennis began and ended each day on his knees in prayer, lifting up his loved ones, especially his six children. He was devoted to his church and cherished his community, never meeting a stranger. His kindness and warmth left a mark on everyone he encountered.

With an incredible work ethic, Dennis pursued diverse careers in his early years, working as a carpenter, roofer, drywall installer and EMT – always finding fulfillment in helping others. Later, he earned his contractor's license, installing doors and windows for Home Depot and Lowe's.

Born the youngest of five children in Orlando, Florida, on March 22, 1951, Dennis often spoke fondly of his childhood, which was filled with love and adventure. He graduated from Forest Lake Academy in Apopka, Florida and attended Southern Missionary College in Tennessee where he met Patricia (Trim) Dolick. They married and had three daughters. After their divorce, he met Tracy Lessley, and married, having two sons and a daughter. He remained a devoted husband for forty years until her sad passing in October 2023. Then, at 73, Dennis met Connie Kimbley at Church; they were married on December 15, 2024. They were members of the Lakeland Seventh Day Adventist Church where he was a deacon.

He leaves behind a legacy of love, faith and unwavering dedication to his family and friends. God blessed Dennis with not only the gift of family and fatherhood, but also a wonderful sense of humor and an infectious smile. He never took life too seriously and encouraged those around him to do the same. Because of his dedication to the church and role of Pathfinder youth group leader, his children grew up knowing God.

Dennis was predeceased by his parents, Charles Kopp and Ruth (Jones) Kopp, siblings Richard Kopp, Ellen Roland, Doug Kopp, Clyde Kopp and wife, Tracy (Lessley) Kopp.



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He is survived by his loving wife Constance Lorena Kopp (Connie); six beloved children: Lisa Price, Tammy Wallen, Robin Holloway, Dennis Kopp Jr, Patrick Kopp, Katilynn Kopp and “bonus daughter” Arabella Kimbley; eight grandchildren: Amanda (Canupp) Mendoza, Joshua Canupp, Dustin Bradburn, Brianna Barfield, Drake Duncan, Blaine Duncan, William Wallen and Tristin Corlew; four great-grandchildren: Deanna Mendoza, Oliver Mendoza, Owen Canupp and Ruby Buchanan and many adoring nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, March 29th at Lakeland Seventh Day Adventist Church; visitation will be from 1:30pm until 2:30pm, with the service immediately following. Condolences may be sent to the family at Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes. In the Lieu of flowers, please send donations to Lakeland Seventh Day Adventist Church.



# Events


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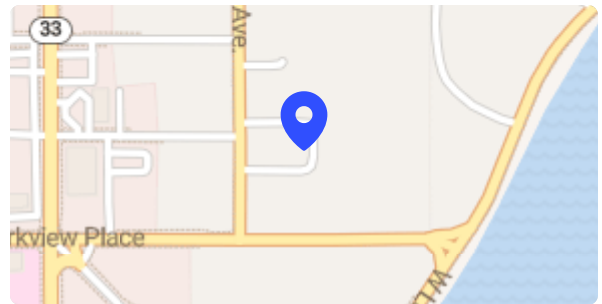
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## Visitation

 **Saturday**, March 29, 2025


 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM ET


 **Lakeland Seventh Day Adventist Church**  
1435 Gilmore Ave., Lakeland FL 33805

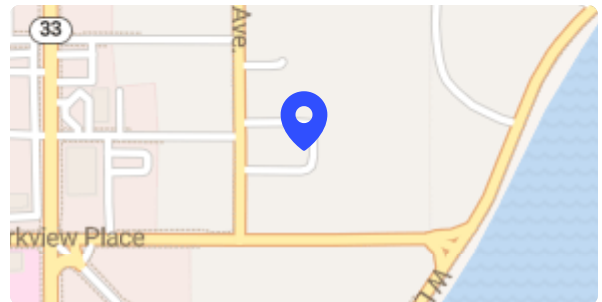


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## Tribute Wall

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**Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes** shared a **Video**.



March 6 at 11:55 AM



**Cynthia Taylor** posted:

I didn't know Dennis but Connie is a good friend and I got to know him through her love for him even though it was a short period the love they had will last for eternity. My condolences for his wife children friends and family that each day you can find peace and comfort by the grace of God 🙏❤️

March 13 at 12:24 PM



**Connie Kopp** March 13 at 3:31 PM

Thank you Cynthia



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**Connie Kopp** posted:

This poem is written for Dennis kopp by Connie Kimbley August 7, 2024. It's called, " Just A Simple Country Song." ... didn't know I was lonely till we met; now I'm not sure I can forget. ...for your sweet touch, I now long, is it love or just a simple country song ? The special moments that we shared, for the times that I dared to care; for your kisses I now long, it love or just a simple country song? My heart is filled with a certain glow and in an instant I loved you so, I only hope that you know... For your caress I do now long. Is it love for you, or is it just a simple country song? Can it be from God above and can we find a brand new love; freedom from our loss and pain, free to love once again for my lips do you long? Is it love or just a simple country song? Was it just a chance meeting? Is it real or is it fleeting? Will the feeling grow more strong? Is it true or just a simple country song? Should I trust my beating heart and was it written in the stars? In your sweet embrace do I belong? Could it be love or just a simple country song? Is our love just for a season or is there yet? Another reason? Is it destined to last long, is it love or just a simple country song? So let me ask you this: if a Country singer sang a song, with a voice strong and Clear, ...just a simple country song, would you stand and cheer? Or would Connie have to sing the song, singing HER simple country song, and would you call her Dear! I wrote this for you Dennis.

March 8 at 6:20 AM

CK

**Connie Kopp** March 15 at 9:57 PM

Thank you, I'm Dennis's wife, Connie you described my husband perfectly.

SR

**Stella Riches** March 14 at 5:57 AM

I will always remember what a kind and loving family man of strong he was. He always had a smile on his face. He adored his children and grandchildren. What a loss to the world but heaven's gain. Bless you Dennis, you will be missed but never forgotten.

LB

**Lynn Briant** posted:

Connie, I am so sorry for your loss. I can't imagine how devastating it is for you to loose the 'love of your life' in such a short time. But, thank the Lord you were there for Dennis to bring him so much joy, love and care in the last months he spent on Earth. Praying for you, Arabella and his children as you all grieve Dennis' passing. Praising God that he is in the presence of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. 🙏🏻 May the Lord comfort you all and give you beautiful memories to share that give you joy and even laughter. Remember, Billy Graham once said, he has only changed his address. ❤️

March 6 at 12:53 PM

CK

**Connie Kopp** March 13 at 3:32 PM

Thanks Lynn



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**Connie Kopp** posted:

My Darling Dennis, I love and miss you so very much! I wasn't your first love, but I'll always be your last love, and our love will last throughout eternity! Your loving, caring wife, Connie Kopp

March 6 at 3:25 AM

CK

**Connie Kopp** March 13 at 3:34 PM

Thanks for all your support and love during this difficult time of loss.

BR

**Brenda Rhoades** March 7 at 2:49 PM

Connie I am truly sorry for your loss. I know this is a hard season in your life. Praying for you and Arabella. Love you.

CG

**Carol Glass** March 6 at 11:29 AM

Connie I'm so thankful that you and Dennis got to share your love for one another. I know it was a special love for both of you and when you love deeply, the pain of losing the one you love is deep. Praying for you, my friend, and lifting you up to the One who loves you most. ❤️

🙏 Tom and Carol Glass

HR

**Helen Rhoades** March 6 at 9:20 AM

I was only able to meet Dennis one time and see him couple more times after that the weekend of your wedding, and it was also so beautiful. I could tell how much he loved you just watching his face so sorry for this loss for you and for Arabella as his bonus daughter we love you all. Prayers for you and prayers for his precious daughters that we were able to meet at the wedding. You sister Helen and Bill

TT

**Teresa Terry** March 6 at 6:31 AM

Prayers for you, Arabella, and Dennis' children, family and friends. --- Teresa

GD

**Gidget Dinkel** March 6 at 5:21 AM

Praying for you and Arabella Connie! I know how much you both loved and treasured the time you had with Dennis! Until you are together again know he is with you everyday in all that you do. He was so blessed to have you by his side! Love you girls 💜

PC

**Patsy Clark** March 6 at 3:58 AM

Praying for a covering of sweet peace and comfort for Connie and family God joins people together and there time together was of God 🙏



## Media

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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Dennis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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