



Dennis L. Proctor

March 17, 1945 - January 21, 2021

With the world in so much strife and turmoil, God decided he needed a new super angel to help him. So, he called upon the one he knew had the most loving and giving heart to help him. Dennis Leslie Proctor was called to heaven January 21, 2021. Dennis never met a stranger. He had so much love, kindness, and compassion in his heart for all. Those who knew him will know how much he loved animals, especially his dog Harley. He will be missed by many but no more so than by his family that he loved so much, and they him. While we may grieve here on earth, we also know that Dennis is in a much better place and at peace. No one was kinder or more loving and caring. All who knew him would agree.

Dennis left his family and is now serving God, helping the world.

Dennis was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on March 17, 1945 to Lavern and Lucille Hold Proctor. Dennis loved Lakeland and his community. He was very active in the Jaycees and held various offices over the years he was a member.

Dennis had a wonderful life doing what he loved most, making people happy. He founded, opened, and operated Lakeland Picture Framing Inc. since 1965. He received the Small Business of the Year award for 1999. He loved his work so much; he would go there each day just to see what was happening or had been completed each day. He refused to retire, as he loved seeing his staff and clients. He always had a smile to offer to anyone who came through his business doors.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Lavern and Lucille Proctor; sister Diane Cline; brother Charles Proctor; and great niece LeAnn Proctor.

Surviving him are his wife, Landyce Eagles Westmoreland Proctor; sons Dennis R. Proctor (Jill) of Statham, GA, and Danny J. Proctor (Kelley) of Lakeland; daughters through marriage Stephanie Stuchiner (Oren) of Durham, NC and Kathryn Ashley Branch (Brandon) of Willow Springs, NC; Grandchildren Beau Proctor (Bailey) of Suwanee, GA, Ben Proctor (Lori) of Charlotte, NC, Megan Proctor (Mike Evans) of Lakeland, FL, Austin Proctor of Lakeland, FL, Joshua Puckett of Wilmington, NC, Dylan Puckett of Willow Springs, NC, Grace Stuchiner of Durham, NC, Lily Branch of Willow Springs, NC, and Ari Stuchiner of Durham, NC; five great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews; and his beloved mini schnauzer, Harley.

The family will have a private memorial. In lieu of flowers, donations to Polk County SPCA in his name are requested.

Comments



“ We met with a business relation and became friends as time went on thought I'd grow older with you but you beat me to the end I'll miss you greatly my friend



Vincent Amore - January 26, 2021 at 06:01 PM



“ Landyce, I wouldn't have anybody touch my treasures but Dennis! His frames were always perfect. A special guy. my heart goes out to you and your children. My heart felt sympathy and prayers go out to you and your family. My contribution to the SPCA is on the way!
Hugs Anthony Miller

Anthony Miller - January 25, 2021 at 12:04 PM



“ We are so sorry for the loss of our friend, Dennis. We would take our motor homes and go traveling with little Dennis and Danny. We enjoyed many years of friendship in his earlier life with our families. Clyde and Dennis did many activities in the Jaycees together.

On one occasion, we met at Tiger Lake and had a wonderful weekend, boating and spending time with our families. River Ranch Acres was one of our favorite places to visit.

After the loss of Mary Jane, things changed, and we lost contact with our friend. We were so happy to hear of his marriage and new life. He deserved the best in life. Hold on to your memories, and let them guide you during this time of sadness.

God Bless You and your family,

Clyde and Mary Jim Norris and family

Clyde and Mary Jim Norris - January 25, 2021 at 09:34 AM



“ so sorry to hear about the loss of Dennis. Dennis and his awesome shop are huge First Responder supporters, and Dennis and his crew did countless shadow boxes for Police Officers and Federal Agents for many many years!

Dennis always greeted me with a smile every time I walked in the door, and we always had a positive conversation about life, and he always asked about the “job” and always expressed his support for the men and women in law enforcement!

He was a true gentleman and a class act, and he will truly be missed.

Rest In Peace my friend, Nick Marolda Retired LPD

Nick Marolda - January 24, 2021 at 09:00 AM