



Dennis Joseph Ithal

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Dennis J. Ithal, 63, passed away on June 30th, 2020 at his home in Kissimmee, Florida after a long, courageous battle with Cancer, surrounded by his family. Dennis was born March 16, 1957 in Oak Park, Illinois to Carl and Rosalie Ithal.

Dennis loved golf. In 1977 he took his hobby of golf and used it as part of his rehabilitation after losing his arm in a work accident. He actively participated in many Amputee organizations. He went on to compete in the National Amputee Golf Association Tournaments as well as the North American One Arm Golf Association. He has competed both as a one-armed golfer as well as using a prosthetic attachment. He has taken first place in both categories over the years.

Dennis was an Air Traffic Controller in Aurora, Illinois for over 25 years. He retired in 2007 as a Supervisor at the facility. He then went on to teach Air Traffic Management at the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. After a few years in Oklahoma he moved to Washington D.C. and retired once again in 2012 working for TetraTech as a consultant on various national programs for the FAA.

Dennis is survived by his wife of 12 years, Debra (Wolf) Ithal; daughter, Brianne (Douglas) Sanders, sons, Carl (Trisha) Ithal, James (Katie) Ithal, stepson, Craig (Karen) Schindler; brothers and sisters, Michael (Karen) Ithal, Mary Jo (Jeff) Sevenich, John (Jeri) Ithal, Susan (Todd) Pemberton, Dexter (Sandra) Ithal; numerous grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Andrew Ithal and Gregory Ithal; step daughter, Cortney Schindler, parents and grandparents.

Dennis was a very forgiving, caring, loving husband and father and great man. He was very proud of his family and the way his children and siblings became the persons that they are today. He will be incredibly missed by many people because in his lifetime he touched so many.

Arrangements are with the Trinity Memorial Gardens, 12609 Memorial Dr. Trinity, Florida 34655. Visitation July 9th, 2020 from 1:00 pm– 3:00 pm




Events


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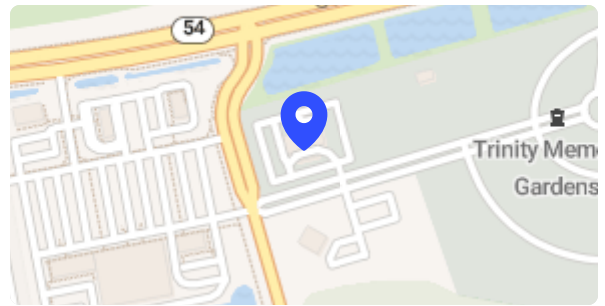
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Celebration of Life

 **Thursday**, July 9, 2020

 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

 **Trinity Memorial Funeral Home**
12609 Memorial Dr, Trinity FL 34655





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DG

Dave Gardner posted:

I'm so sorry to hear of Dennis' passing. I met & played golf with him in NAGA & NAOAGA events; we won an event together. He was a great golfer with a great personality, a generous nature & can-do attitude who inspired so many. My sincere condolences to Dennis' family and also to those in his "amputee family". – Dave Gardner (BE)

July 22 at 4:02 AM

GM

Gary Meir posted:

I knew Dennis through amputee golf. It was always exciting to be paired him because he was such a treat to play with. I always had fun playing him and my condolences to all his family...you ain't a kidding that he will be missed. Gary Meir (Phoenix, Az).

July 9 at 2:42 PM

MC

Michael Coulter posted:

My big brother Dennis is in the hands of the Lord now. I will always cherish the memories that brought us so close together. I'm sure that he is keeping a watchful eye on me even now . Love you always, and until we see each other again...

July 9 at 6:25 AM

RW

Russel Wyatt posted:

Dennis was a great friend and a mentor as a co-worker. We had many wonderful times together. From taking family vacations on a cruise ship, being on a bowling team together, Superbowl parties, poker tournaments, and more golf trips than I can remember. One of my fondest memories ever was being with Dennis in Iowa when we won The Golden Cobb. I added nothing to our team, but Dennis always made everyone feel as if everyone did their part and that night we had some of the best laughs we ever had together. Miss You.~Russel

July 9 at 4:52 AM

RW

Russel And Deanna Wyatt sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Ithal family.



July 9 at 4:35 AM



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Helen Krause posted:

So Sorry For The Loss Of A Wonderful Person! My Condolences. Helen Urban.

July 8 at 8:07 AM



Anonymous sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Ithal family.



July 8 at 7:30 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Ithal family.



July 7 at 2:15 PM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Ithal family.



July 7 at 11:21 AM



Anonymous sent a Guiding Light Bouquet to the Ithal family.



July 6 at 5:01 PM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Ithal family.



July 6 at 12:58 PM



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Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Ithal family.

July 6 at 11:59 AM



Saic Supes: Mike, Bob, Dave And Vince sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Ithal family.

July 6 at 11:57 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Ithal family.

July 6 at 11:47 AM



Anonymous sent a Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses to the Ithal family.

July 6 at 11:20 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Ithal family.

July 2 at 3:59 PM



Phoenix Tracon Atc sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Ithal family.

July 2 at 3:47 PM





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John Bacavis posted:

I worked with Dennis from his first day at Chicago Center. Dennis was always a hard worker at ZAU and outside the facility. We talked about England and construction projects and ways to send Christmas decorations over the top. I'm sorry we never found a solution to making Santa circle above the house with no visible support, but we spent several hours on the government's dime trying to crack that case. I was lucky enough to re-join Dennis in California when we both became contractors. We continued the same talks over many lunches and dinners while on the road. He once told me about his hiring by the FAA. They didn't want to give him the job because they didn't think he could write and press the microphone key at the same time. Dennis took a headset home and built a foot pad to operate the microphone. That same design eventually was introduced at all facilities. He faced every challenge and found a way to overcome it. Sincerest sympathy to his family and friends.

July 2 at 1:45 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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