



## Dennis Garrison

December 28, 1950 - October 7, 2023

### In Loving Memory of Dennis Garrison

Dennis Garrison, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle passed away on Saturday, October 7, 2023. He was born in Carl Junction, Missouri, in 1950, to his parents Ralph and Geneva Garrison, who preceded him in death.

Throughout his life, Dennis was a man of many passions. He found joy in music, woodworking, bird hunting and watching, canoeing, gardening, theater, and photography.

As a song leader in the Columbus Ave. Church of Christ in Newton, Kansas, and share group Bible class leader in the Huntsville Church of Christ in Huntsville, Texas, his commitment to his faith and service to others was unwavering.

Dennis spent 36 years working for community newspapers in Missouri, Kansas and finally Texas, where he retired as publisher of the "Huntsville Item."

His presence in the community and his dedication to his family and faith will be remembered with love and admiration. He will be deeply missed by all who

had the privilege of knowing him.

Dennis is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Karen Garrison, his sister Janice Pauk of Apex, North Carolina, and his devoted sons Brandon and Alex Garrison. Brandon resides in Kansas City, Missouri, with his wife Kerre Heintz and their 5-year-old daughter Elli. Alex makes his home in Austin, Texas, alongside his partner, Ann Smajstrla.

A visitation at 9:30 a.m. followed by a memorial service at 10:30 a.m. to celebrate Dennis's life will be held on October 13, 2023 at Huntsville Church of Christ, 3737 State Highway 30 West. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to MD Anderson Cancer Center in his memory at <https://www.mdanderson.org>.

May he rest in eternal peace, forever in our hearts.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **13**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Huntsville Church of Christ  
3737 Hwy 30 West  
Huntsville, TX 77340

## Memorial Service

OCT **13**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *In high school, Dennis was a 'town' kid and I was a 'country' kid, so we mostly just crossed paths when we happened to be in the same classes. I remember him as smart, quiet, and well-liked by students and teachers alike -- an all-around good guy.*

*I was at a Pittsburg State University football game on Saturday when a kid with the last name of Garrison made an especially tricky one-handed catch. That made me think of Dennis and wonder how he was doing. I guess you never know when someone might be thinking of you somewhere in the world.*

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**Marlin J Rowland** - October 12, 2023 at 03:27 PM

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“ *Our hearts are saddened by the loss of Dennis. He always was such a good friend and always had kind words shared with a smile. We will miss him greatly. Karen, know that we are praying for you, the boys and your family. May God give you the strength to carry on in the days to come.*

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**Dale & Donna Story** - October 12, 2023 at 12:07 PM



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



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October 11, 2023 at 07:11 PM



“ *Dennis has always been a true friend to our family. He worked alongside my mom at the Huntsville item for many years. She thought very highly of him. We all feel very blessed. We were able to say our goodbyes to Dennis as he and my mom were in the same treatment facility. We feel even more blessed that he touched our lives.*

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**Symantha McMillan McCreery** - October 11, 2023 at 04:40 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dennis Garrison.*

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October 10, 2023 at 05:26 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Dennis Garrison.*



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October 10, 2023 at 05:26 PM



“ *M. Hyvl lit a candle in memory of Dennis Garrison*



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**M. Hyvl** - October 10, 2023 at 10:44 AM