



Dennis Lesley Harman

June 12, 1951 - March 15, 2025

Dennis L. Harman, 73, of Montgomery, Texas, earned his wings and heard his Lord and Savior said unto him, "It is well done good servant and faithful, Thou hast been faithful in little, I will make thee ruler over much: enter into thy master's joy," on March 15, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Dennis was born on June 12, 1951, in Santa Paula, California. He was the beloved son of the late Wesley and Bettye (Bishop) Harman, brother to the late David Harman and Johnny Harman, and is survived by his cherished sister, Mary Jewell.

Dennis graduated from Rio Mesa High School, Oxnard, CA in 1969. In January 1971, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and began basic training at Fort Ord, California. Shortly after, he returned home to marry his childhood sweetheart and soulmate, Deborah J. Smith, on June 21, 1971, at the First Baptist Church in Oxnard, California.

On July 1, 1971, Dennis was deployed to Vietnam with the 1st and 2nd Cavalry Army units, serving under General Westmoreland as a Satellite Communications Systems Operator. During his service, Dennis was awarded three Bronze Stars for acts of heroism and bravery, as he selflessly protected and served his fellow brothers in arms. He was honorably and medically discharged in April 1972 due to wounds sustained on the front lines of battle. Following his military service, Dennis worked at 3M in Camarillo, California. He later joined Conrock in Oxnard, where he became a respected member of the Teamsters Union, serving as a lead diesel mechanic and union leader for

approximately 15 years. Dennis and Deborah eventually moved to California's Central Valley, where he worked for Cemex as the head mechanic and a member of the Operating Engineers Union until his retirement in June 2012. Dennis is survived by his devoted wife of 53 years, Deborah Harman, and their three sons: Chad Harman (Melissa), Keith Harman (Gabriella), and Brandon Harman. He also leaves behind his cherished grandchildren: Tyler Schmucker, Michael Firnhaber, Neveah Firnhaber, Julia Harman, Kendall Harman, Brayden Harman, Brandon Harman Jr., and Savanna Biedinger, as well as numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and his favorite and beloved Aunt Beverly Aiassa.

Dennis was an exceptional man whose presence left a lasting impact on everyone fortunate enough to know him. He was a devoted family man with a heart full of love and a spirit of generosity. Known for his unwavering integrity, tireless work ethic, and steadfast loyalty, Dennis was a natural leader who combined strength and charisma with a tender heart. He poured himself into the lives of others, always offering wisdom, encouragement, and a belief in their potential to become the best versions of themselves.

Above all else, Dennis was a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. Sharing the gospel was not just a part of his life—it was a calling he embraced with joy at every opportunity. A particularly meaningful moment in his faith journey occurred in May 1995 when Dennis and his eldest son, Chad, shared the profound experience of being baptized together at Ventura Baptist Church—a testament to their bond and shared commitment to Christ.

Dennis had a zest for life and a deep passion for the things he loved. Whether working on cars, hunting, fishing, in service to others, enjoying his favorite music, or barbecuing with family and friends, he found joy in the simple pleasures and the people around him. His warmth, humor, and kindness left an indelible impression on everyone he met.

Those who knew Dennis best would tell you how profoundly he touched their lives—his influence was both lasting and unforgettable. His legacy of love, faith, and selflessness will continue to inspire all who were blessed to know

him. Though he is no longer with us, his memory will be cherished forever.

In lieu of flowers donations to the Vietnam Veterans of America can be made in his honor at the following link below.

<https://vva.org/donate/>

The link to the live streaming of the service is below.

<https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/a25033552433747>

Cemetery Details

Smith Memorial Park

10129 FM 1097 Rd W
Willis, TX 77318

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Willis
10129 FM 1097 Rd W.
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Funeral Service

MAR 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



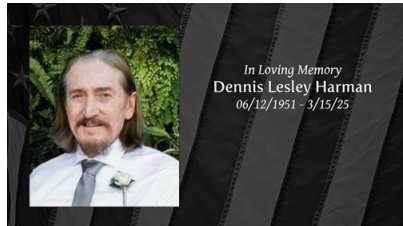
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“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dennis Lesley Harman*



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