

Michael Alan Denniston

May 18, 1951 - December 29, 2013

Michael Alan Denniston, age 62 of Cambridge, passed away on Sunday, December 29, 2013 at Southeastern Ohio Regional Medical Center. He was born on May 18, 1951 in Anderson, Indiana, the son of Thelma (Brouse) Denniston of Frankfort, Indiana and the late Rev. George Denniston.

Mr. Denniston faithfully attended First Church of the Nazarene where he served as worship leader, small group leader, Sunday school teacher, youth leader and choir director.

He graduated from Nappanee High School in 1969 in Nappanee, Indiana, and received his bachelor of arts degree at Anderson College in 1973. He came to Cambridge in 1975 and joined the family business with his wife's parents, Wilford and Gloria Funk. He worked at Cambridge Office Supply, eventually becoming owner, until 2007. Since that time he was privileged to be employed at Advantage Bank in the Credit Administration Department.

He served as Cambridge High School Tennis Coach for the past 22 years. During this past season, he achieved his 200th career win and was named ECOL Coach of the Year for the fifth time. He led Bobcat tennis players to two OVAC overall championships and four state tournament appearances.

Michael is survived by his wife, Barbara E. (Funk) Denniston, whom he married on June 22, 1974; his mother, Thelma (Brouse) Denniston of Indiana; his mother-in-law, Gloria Funk of Cambridge; son, Tim (Jennifer) Denniston of Granger, Indiana; daughter, Sarah Denniston of Anderson, Indiana; one grandson, Wilford Michael "Will" Denniston; siblings, Steve (Barb) Denniston,

Diane Denniston, Melanie Denniston, Joel (Kathy) Denniston, all of Indiana, many nieces and nephews and a closely knit extended family.

Mike gave his heart to the Lord at a young age, and his life reflected that commitment to glorify God in all he did. Singing gospel music was an ongoing passion, first with his parents and siblings, then with One Accord Trio and later with his wife and children. Visitors to his home were often gathered around the piano for a time of singing. The music has never stopped as many times his hospital room was filled with song, and because of his relationship with Jesus Christ, his songs of praise continue on today.

Visitation will be on Thursday, January 2, 2014 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 pm at Bundy-Law Funeral Home. The service will be held on Friday, January 3, 2014 at the Cambridge First Church of the Nazarene at 11 am with Rev. Greg Kasler and Rev. Joseph Q. Pearce officiating. Burial will follow in Northwood Cemetery. His online tribute wall may be viewed and signed at www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Northwood Cemetery

10th Street
Cambridge, OH 43725

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bundy-Law Funeral Home
120 North 11th Street
Cambridge, OH 43725
(740) 432-5705
info@bundy-lawfuneralhome.com
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Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Church of The Nazarene
Madison Avenue
Cambridge, OH 43725

Tribute Wall

DW

“ *Dick, Marcia, & Joe, Brian & Jennifer, Jason & Jeanne Wiard purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Michael Alan Denniston.*



Dick, Marcia, & Joe, Brian & Jennifer, Jason & Jeanne Wiard
- January 02, 2014 at 06:18 PM

BM

“ *Dear Barb and family,
I have been praying for you since I saw you at the hospital. I can only imagine the sadness you feel for the loss of your beloved Mike. You two were such a wonderful example of a great marriage, supporting each other throughout all life's ups and downs. Your love for each other overflowed and was shared with others through all your ministries. I know you will miss him terribly. May God bring you His great comfort through His Son, Jesus.*

Barbara Mingione - January 02, 2014 at 04:34 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Michael Alan Denniston.*



January 02, 2014 at 10:03 AM

KB

“ Sarah, I wish I could be there to give you and your family a hug! Your daddy was a sweet, funny and caring man! I remember you talking about him often in our tiny dorm room! :-) You were daddy's girl for sure! It was such a blessing to have gotten to meet your dad and speak with him even just a few times. Please know that I am thinking of you and your sweet family often and that I send ALL my love! Your dad would be proud to know that his kindness and love for Christ continues on through his beautiful daughter! Love ya Sarah!

Krista Biggs - January 01, 2014 at 10:34 PM

CD

“ Connor and Cody Engstrom and Parents (Pam and Don) purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of Michael Alan Denniston.



Connor and Cody Engstrom and Parents (Pam and Don) -
January 01, 2014 at 12:14 PM

BK

“ Mike was a person who not only talked about his faith in God, but lived out what he talked and believed! Mike was my teen director at church when I grew up in Cambridge. He had such a big impact on my life and who I became today. I will be eternally grateful for the dedication and love he gave to me and the Cambridge 1st Church of the Nazarene. He is one man who made a difference in the lives of others and who God used to increase His kingdom.
Thanks Mike for all you did,
Betty Kouts (Olden)

Betty Kouts - January 01, 2014 at 11:44 AM

LJ

“ *Tim, Sarah and Barb,*

Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time. Mike is now at peace with our Lord, smiling down upon all of us.

Louis and Adrienne Jamail - January 01, 2014 at 10:38 AM

JJ

“ *Our deepest sympathies on your loss. Our prayers are with your family in this time of grief.*

John Michael & Dahiana Jamail - January 01, 2014 at 09:59 AM

JE

“ *Jerry lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan Denniston*



Jerry - December 31, 2013 at 11:14 PM

JE

Denniston's I pray for strength and wisdom during this time of missing a strong member of your family - a joyful and talented family always with a smile and greatness in your faith.

Jerry - December 31, 2013 at 11:18 PM

KD

“ *Kay Davis lit a candle in memory of Michael Alan Denniston*



Kay Davis - December 31, 2013 at 09:06 PM

DS

“ *To Barb and the Denniston family--
What a sudden surprise to learn of Mike's going home. Have many great memories of our time together with you in Frankfort-- youth meetings, jalapeno pepper pizzas, singing together, playing basketball, Strat-o-matic games, going to church, family times with your family. We have a saying in our church..... "God is good, All the time. All the time, God is good." Even when we are feeling the losses, we know that Mike is celebrating the gain! Our prayers and love go out to everyone, both this week and in the weeks to come. May God continue to bless you and keep you in His loving care. And I hope we can live up to the faithful example of our friend. What an excellent role model and Faith Warrior!
Love, Dean and Sandy Snyder, Logansport, IN*

Dean & Sandy Snyder - December 31, 2013 at 03:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Alan Denniston.*



December 31, 2013 at 03:22 PM

DG

“ *Mikes passing came is a great loss to my wife and I. While I never personally met Mike, we talked, shared stories and information. We learned a lot about each other. I learned that Mike was a very compassionate individual that cared about his customers and took great pride in confessing his faith in the Lord. He helped us through some very difficult times when the real estate market crashed and my wife had been critically injured in a horse back riding accident.*

In March of this year , I called Mike to ask him for prayers for my wife. She had been diagnosed with leukemia and we were devastated. Mike and I prayed together that day and I couldn't help thinking as I hung up the phone ...what a great individual.

I called Mike a few weeks ago when I sensed that he wasn't feeling very well and we discussed his problems. I reminded Mike to have the faith and turn it over to the Lord. If the Lord was to call him home, what a much better place heaven would be with him in it..

My wife and I cried when we heard the news and couldn't believe that this had happened. He will be sadly missed!

*David and Janice Gardner
Washington Court House, OH*

David and Janice Gardner - December 31, 2013 at 01:54 PM

PA

“ *Barb and Family~ Coach D will always be remembered as a wonderful soul with an amazing smile that could brighten anyone's day. He not only taught Connor and Cody how to better their tennis game(s), but certainly taught them a few Life lessons. One being, patience. You are in OUR thoughts and Prayers. GOD BLESS.
Love~ Pam Engstrom*



Pam - December 31, 2013 at 01:51 PM



“ *Barb, Tim, Jen, Will, & Sarah,*

Mike was such a dear friend to us. Thank you for sharing him with us and giving us an extra "Grandpa" for our children. We will remember him for his gentle & humble ways, for his godly life, his good meals, and his laughter around the table playing games.

We wish we could be with you during this time - to grieve with you, but also to celebrate the life of a man who truly lived for Jesus and gave of himself for others.

*With much love,
Dave, Heidi, John & Ingrid Hafvenstein*

David Hafvenstein - December 31, 2013 at 01:36 PM

PW

We shared a lot of good memories with Mike and the Church of God group. I remember the 1st time Mike tried to drive through circle park instead of around it. I know his family will miss him and his Christian guidance. Pam Gardner Wellman

Pam Wellman - January 02, 2014 at 09:51 AM



“ *Holiday Homecoming Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Alan Denniston.*



December 31, 2013 at 01:29 PM



“ *Tim and Jen,
So sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. It was a blessing that you were able to spend time with him before his passing. I know what a difficult time this can be and receiving comfort from your close family members will help you through the days ahead. I only met your Dad a few times but he had to be a great man to have a son as good as you. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers. I will see you Thursday evening.*

*Love,
Aunt Mary Winnett*

Mary Winnett - December 31, 2013 at 01:21 PM



“ *Denniston Family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Lifting you up in prayer for comfort & perfect peace as you celebrate your husband/father's incredible life & legacy.*

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Brooke LeMay - December 31, 2013 at 01:21 PM



“ *Best tennis coach I'll ever know. Sorry for all of the fooling around we always did, but thanks for all of the great memories. RIP, coach.*

Dustin Ross - December 31, 2013 at 01:07 PM

RP

“ *Tim and family,
So sorry for your loss.*



Rusty and Kelly Parsons - December 31, 2013 at 12:43 PM

ME

“ *2 files added to the album New Album Name*



Melanie - December 31, 2013 at 10:32 AM



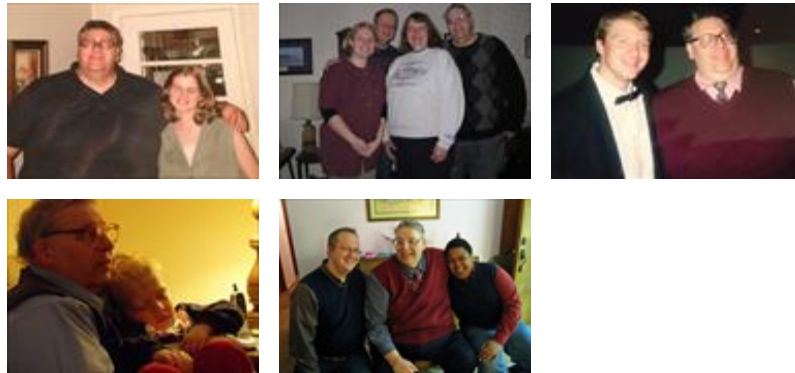
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David Hafvenstein - December 31, 2013 at 10:29 AM

NE

“ 6 files added to the album Memories



Nessa - December 31, 2013 at 09:54 AM

SP

“ *Barbara & Family of Michael Alan: God's comfort be with EACH of you during this very difficult time of losing your dear husband, father & or Friend. You will be remembered in prayer as you experience this loss day by day & yet remember the graced times that each of you have shared. May Michael be resting in the PEACE & LOVE of God, His FATHER! In Care with a Prayer, Sister Sharon Paul, O.S.F.*

Sister Sharon Paul - December 30, 2013 at 09:30 PM