



Dennis Carl Skiles

November 11, 1950 - August 22, 2023

Dennis Carl Skiles was born on November 11, 1950, in Salem, Missouri. He was one of six children born to Clarence Leo and Edith (Stump) Skiles. Dennis grew up in Salem and graduated in 1968 from Salem High School.

Dennis was a proud and devoted member of the United States Navy. He enlisted on April 2, 1973, and served his Country faithfully until his honorable discharge. During his time on ship, he served as Captain Chef, performing duties for five Captains and the Governor of Louisiana. For his dedicated service, Dennis earned the National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Award.

On June 3, 1989, Dennis was united in marriage to the love of his life, Rita Ann Hayes. Dennis and Rita were blessed with thirty-four wonderful years of memories together and one daughter, Sarah. They were later blessed with two grandsons, Easton and Oakley, who he absolutely adored.

Dennis worked at the Salem Memorial District Hospital as the Materials Manager for many years. In his spare time, he enjoyed being outside tending to his flower gardens as well as watching and feeding the birds. Dennis loved music and was naturally, musically talented. He sang in several Southern Gospel Quartets throughout the years. Most important to Dennis was his family. He was an excellent cook and loved cooking for family functions.

Dennis was a giant man of faith and long-time member of Grace Community Church. He had a servant's heart and loved singing with the Praise Team, cooking for the Caring Meals Ministry, and greeting others with the Hospitality Team. He loved children and alongside Rita helped with the Childrens Ministry for many years.

Dennis entered eternal rest on August 22, 2023, in Salem, Missouri, at the age of seventy-two years. He leaves behind a lasting legacy for his loving wife: Rita Skiles of Salem, MO; daughter: Sarah Dowling and husband Robert of Rolla, MO; mother: Edith Skiles of Salem, MO; siblings: Joyce Davis of Paris, MO, Darrell Skiles and wife Marianne of Salem, MO, and Sherri Skiles of Salem, MO; grandsons: Easton and Oakley; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and dear friends.

Preceding him in death, his father: Clarence Skiles; infant sister: Collette Kay Skiles; and his brother: Gary Skiles.

Dennis was a kind, gentle, sweet soul with a smile that would light up the room. He will always be remembered for his incredible singing voice. Dennis was loved by all and will be forever missed.

Funeral Services for Dennis Carl Skiles were held Saturday, August 26, 2023, at Grace Community Church, Salem, Missouri, with Pastor Chris Ball and Pastor Mickey Davis officiating. Special Music was provided by Mickey Davis. Serving as Pallbearers were Robert Dowling, Darrell Skiles, Jimmy Hayes, Eddie Pruitt, Mike Smith, and David Cronk. Honorary Pallbearers were Easton Dowling, Oakley Dowling, Andy Nash, and Keith McDonald. Military Honors was provided by the American Legion Post 99 and United States Navy Honor Team. Burial was in the Mount Hermon Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Dennis Skiles to the Children's Ministry at Grace Community Church and left with Wilson Mortuary. Memorial Envelopes will be available.

Online Condolences may be entered at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Mount Hermon

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **25**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Grace Community Church
600 S Water St
Salem, MO 65560-1627
(573) 729-4573

Funeral Service

AUG **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Community Church
600 S Water St
Salem, MO 65560-1627
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Tribute Wall



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Wilson Mortuary - August 29, 2023 at 08:25 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Carl Skiles.



August 25, 2023 at 03:53 PM



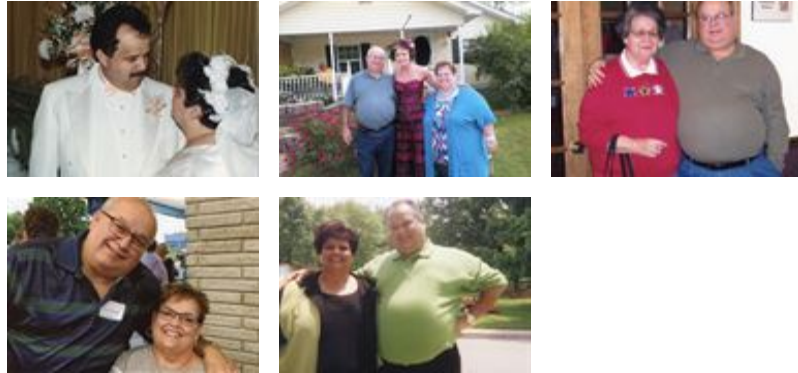
“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis Carl Skiles.



August 25, 2023 at 10:41 AM



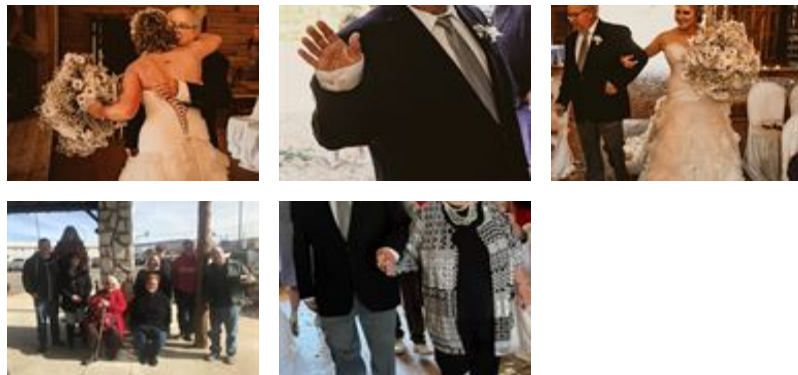
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Wilson Mortuary - August 25, 2023 at 10:24 AM



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“ *I remember the many hours of practicing together in Choir at Salem High. I also had a couple of other classes with him. He was such a nice guy, always friendly. May he Rest In Peace. Rita my prayers are with your whole family. Diane Murray Hess*

Diane Murray Hess - August 24, 2023 at 11:36 PM

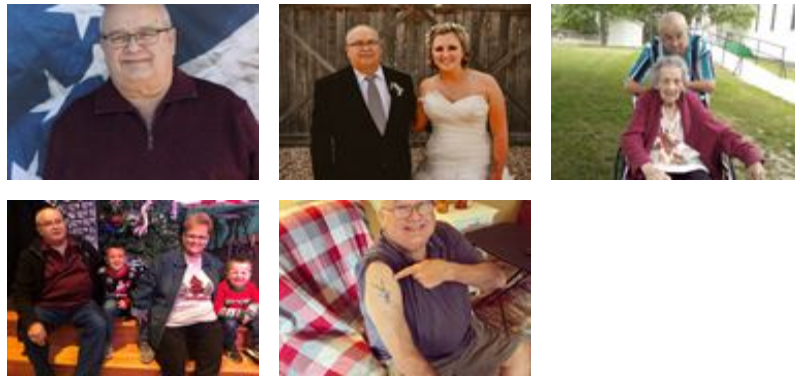
NN

“ So sorry to hear of Dennis' passing. I will miss seeing him when I visit Grace. I am particularly sorry that Edith is going through the loss of another son so soon. My condolences and prayers for Rita and the family.

Nancy Nelson-Stickels - August 24, 2023 at 08:10 PM



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Wilson Mortuary - August 24, 2023 at 06:36 PM

RL

“ Rita and family we are do sorry to hear of Dennis passing. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Ron and Beth Light

Ron and Beth Light - August 24, 2023 at 12:42 AM

RC

“ I'm so sorry! Dennis was a wonderful fellow. Prayers for his family!

Ruby I Crowley - August 23, 2023 at 04:12 PM

PM

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. Words can’t express the sorrow of losing a husband, father, son, sibling.

Phyllis McKinley - August 23, 2023 at 02:55 PM

BM

“ I worked with Dennis for several years at SMDH...he was a bit hard to read at first, but behind his "tough" outward appearance, he was a kind and loving soul. Always ready to give you a hard time and joke around. And was a proud Grandpa too. We talked about our grandbabies often. Sending love and prayers to all of his family and friends. Please accept my heartfelt condolences.



Bobbi McCall - August 23, 2023 at 01:11 PM

MM

“ Prayers for comfort and peace.

Mike and Michelle McWhorter - August 23, 2023 at 01:01 PM