



## Denis Michael Robison

November 2, 1939 - April 14, 2021

Denis Michael Robison, D.D.S, 81, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, passed away peacefully on April 14, 2021. Denis “Denny” was born on November 2, 1939, to the late Willard “Bud” James Robison and Agnes Cecelia (Gregor) Robison in Toledo, Ohio. On June 14, 1963, he married Mollie (Boyd) Robison. Denis is survived by Mollie and their three children, Michael Robison (Kiersten), James Todd Robison, and Kelly English (Kevin); three grandchildren, Brooke Robison-Sherman, and Ryan and Alexander “Alex” English. Denis is also survived by his brother Willard J. “Jim” Robison Jr. (Alison); his nephews and nieces Stephen Robison (Jamie), Emily Travis (Kyle), Elizabeth DiPrima (David) and Boyd Bach (Laura); and his brother-in-law William Bach.

In his youth, Denis attended Saints Cyril and Methodius Catholic School and Parish in Rossford, Ohio, where he spoke of fond memories serving masses given in Latin and Slovak as an altar boy. He then attended Rossford High School in Ohio graduating in 1957; Denis was an all-state athlete and later inducted into the school’s Athletic Hall of Fame for leading scorer as a basketball center and baseball pitcher. His love of sports started young and was influenced by his father who commissioned Little League Baseball in their hometown and was also his coach for many years. At the age of 17, the day after high school graduation, Denis and some of his classmates boarded a bus for San Antonio, Texas, to serve in the U.S. Army.

After the Army, Denis continued with his education at the University of Michigan having been awarded an athletic scholarship in basketball and

baseball; he later attended the School of Dentistry to earn his D.D.S graduating in 1968. Denis started his dental practice on the campus of U of M with Dr. Donald Kerr, and thereafter practicing general dentistry for 40 years. Denis was a dedicated Dentist making lasting impressions on his patients with his dynamic personality and story-telling.

Denny loved the outdoors including sailing, fishing and field trips birding. He and his wife enjoyed many family vacations in Glen Arbor, Michigan, as well as Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, where they also spent time in retirement. He and his wife spent many years playing golf at Ann Arbor Golf & Outing and tennis at the Racquet Club. Some of his fondest memories were attending Michigan football and basketball games, musical performances at Hill Auditorium, and more recently Michigan baseball games with his grandsons.

Denny had a special affinity for botany studying flora and trees. He especially loved spending time outside in his garden designing and growing beautiful perennial gardens, as well as helping others design their gardens. He served on the Elizabeth Dean Tree Fund Committee in Ann Arbor for 10 years advising on tree planting throughout the city.

Denny's vivacious personality was revered by the many who knew and loved him, especially his patients, friends and family, and he will be dearly missed. The family would like to express special thanks to his caretakers at the WellBridge of Pinckney. A family service was held at Fort Meigs cemetery in Perrysburg, Ohio. To leave a memory you have of Denny or to sign his guestbook, please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com)

# Cemetery Details

## **Ft. Meigs Cemetery**

620 West Indiana Ave  
Perrysburg, OH 43551

# Tribute Wall



“ *Denis Michael Robison*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *To Mike, Todd and Kelly,*

*We backyard neighbors of your family treasure all the memories and conversations we (and especially Roger) had with your Dad. We watched you all grow up and appreciated the friendship Karen had with Kelly. We extend our sympathy to each of you in this loss.*

*To Molly:*

*It's hard to think of you without Denny, and it must be evn harder to imagine life without him for you. We hold you close in our thoughts, and pray for comfort and courage for you.*

*Warm regards to all of you!  
Roger and Norma Verhey*

**Roger and Norma Verhey** - May 19, 2021 at 09:40 AM



“ *We were shocked to hear about Denny's passing. We are sending our deepest condolences. He was a good friend and a decent neighbor.*

*-Ted and Marilyn Sichler*

**BillieSams** - April 29, 2021 at 03:32 PM

AB

“ My family and I extend our sympathy to Mollie and the family. Denis was ver close to my dad and we have lots of fond memories of Denis coming to the house and taking my father out or just for a visit. He was a wonderful person and will be missed. The Brennan family

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**Alice Brennan-key** - April 25, 2021 at 04:59 PM

LW

“ I've been thinking of Deny and trying to gather my memories of him. I've known Denis since I was 20 and I'll be 68 next month. That's a fair piece of time for someone to be in your life. He was my friend and my dentist. He, Mollie and his kids were like family to me and he was the dentist for my grandmother, mother and friends. The picture posted of Denis is perfect in that it captures his essence. Like many people who are gifted (intelligence, athleticism, and most importantly humor and wit) he was complicated. I have never known anyone like Denis. You never think that certain times will end but, of course, they do. I'm reminded of something I read a short time ago. It was a quote from Marcel Proust--"People do not die for us immediately, but remain bathed in a sort of aura of life which bears no relation to true immortality but through which they continue to occupy our thoughts in the same way as when they were alive. It is as though they were traveling abroad."

*Lorrie Williams, April 23,2021*

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**Lorrie Williams** - April 23, 2021 at 08:51 PM

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**Stephen Robison** - April 22, 2021 at 08:37 PM

RM

“ I knew Denis from his school days at St. Cyril's and Rossford High. I was also his patient at his Ann Arbor. We talked as recently as 6 months ago. Denis had a heart of gold. He was known to give money and help to many people in need. He was an outstanding athlete. I enjoyed his intellect and we shared many stories. I only found out of his passing today. My prayers will be with him as he passes on his way to heaven.

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**Rod McGraw** - April 21, 2021 at 08:35 PM

LS

“ So sorry to hear of Doc Robison's passing. I have known Dennis for over 55 years. He was a faithful customer at Pure Oil gas station on Broadway and Moore. Worked on many of his "cars" to keep them running. Oh, yes, he also worked on my teeth. We would golf now and again and he thought of me when he traveled to see a golf tournament, supplying me with a golf shirt to remember the occasion. How sad that Covid19 kept people away, but he knows he was loved. May the golf courses in Heaven be green. God bless you, Mollie, and may God's peace and joy rest on you and your family.

*Larry Swisher and Sandy*

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**Larry Swisher** - April 21, 2021 at 07:06 PM

GY

“ He was my wonderful dentist for many years. Once he closed his office the entire morning to work on my five-part bridge, even though he had badly injured his hand the night before. He had various pictures of barns on his wall. A wry sense of humor. Cats. And he surely talked about Mollie as the most fascinating person in the world. Grace York

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**Grace York** - April 21, 2021 at 02:36 PM

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**Stephen Robison** - April 20, 2021 at 03:25 PM

RW

*One of the greats of Rossford High School history*

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**Robert Watrol** - April 23, 2021 at 09:00 AM



*RIP Denny,  
Lots of memories from times in the chair at the office upstairs on  
Liberty/State. Still have some crowns that he put in. Condolences to  
Mollie and kids. Downs and Sandy Herold*

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**John Herold** - April 24, 2021 at 11:03 AM

AG

*RIP Denny. Denny was my dentist from 1970 until he retired and unlike most people, I actually looked forward to going to the dentist, so I could talk to Denny. He sent me a crazy Christmas card every year, sometimes it took me quite a while to figure it all out. One of my favorite stories was when my Mom was visiting from Florida, she lost a filling. I called Denny, he said bring her right in. He fixed here right up and when she asked what she owned, he said, "nothing, your son has already given me enough money!"*

*My condolences to his entire family, who he spent a lot of time talking about.*

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**Allan Goode** - December 26, 2021 at 02:51 PM