



## Dennis P. Giszczak

September 24, 1955 - February 17, 2022

Dennis Paul Giszczak, 66, of Lansing, Michigan passed away on Thursday, February 17, 2022. Dennis was born September 24, 1955 to Irma (Myers) Giszczak and Thaddeus Giszczak in Defiance, Ohio.

When Dennis was 4 years old, the family moved to Saginaw, Michigan.

Dennis attended schools in

Saginaw Township. Dennis received a Bachelor's of Music degree from the University of Michigan.

He did additional work towards a master's degree in music. He also received a Master's degree in

Library Science. Dennis worked in the University of Michigan library system for a number of years.

Later he moved to Lansing and worked for the Cooley Law School library.

Dennis was a member of the University of Michigan Men's Glee Club while a student there. He later helped found the men's choral society, Measure for Measure. He was the group's piano accompanist for many years. Dennis was a kind and generous person and loved jokes and puns. He worked crossword puzzles and jigsaw puzzles. He enjoyed cooking and his chili was notorious.

Dennis is survived by a brother Richard (Elizabeth) Giszczak of Saline and a sister Mary (James) Morris of Gastonia, North Carolina and many nieces and nephews. Dennis was preceded in death by his older brothers, Stephen Giszczak of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Michael Giszczak of Ann Arbor,

Michigan. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 from 5:30 P.M. until 7:30 P.M. at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline, MI. Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 12:00 P.M. at the funeral home with visitation from 10:00 A.M. until the time of service at 12:00 noon. Memorial contributions may be made to Measure for Measure, Ann Arbor, MI ([measure-for-measure.org](http://measure-for-measure.org)) and envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Burial will be at Arborcrest Memorial Park, Ann Arbor, MI at a later date. To sign Dennis' guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information or directions please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Arborcrest Memorial Park

2521 Glazier Way  
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **22**. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
301 E Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176  
(734) 429-9760  
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com  
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## Visitation

FEB **23**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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FEB **23**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dennis P. Giszczak*

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October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Dennis your voice will be missed but now you can share with the Angels. You put a smile on people's faces with your amazing voice.  
Aunt Jessie*

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**Janet Richards** - February 24, 2022 at 09:20 AM

MA

“ I have missed you and will continue to miss you Dennis. You were a confounding mix of talent, imagination, reticence and comedian.

You were one of the first people I met in 1983 when I joined the University of Michigan Men's Glee Club. At rehearsals, you played us in with your improvisations. You knew how to lighten the mood during rehearsals and worked seamlessly with whomever was holding the baton.

On tour you were in your element. Often at the front of the bus with the director, but always in the middle of whatever off-beat singalongs and card tournaments materialized.

When we teamed up to start Measure for Measure, your talents and bonhomie were foundational. Through the years you sacrificed so much to strengthen our musical bond.

I regret we lost touch when I moved away. But I feel nothing but gratitude that we were friends for so many years.

Rest well my friend.

Mike Auchter

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Mike Auchter - February 22, 2022 at 12:23 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dennis P. Giszczak.



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February 22, 2022 at 08:52 AM

SG

“ Susie Gie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dennis P. Giszczak.



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**Susie Gie** - February 20, 2022 at 10:27 AM

MW

“ Dennis was passionate about Measure for Measure and it's history. It was always enlightening to hear his narrative about the inception of the group.

*His library skills were put to good use maintaining every program and document of MforM in his archive.*

*He also assembled the most amazing collection of tea; to my knowledge he founded the ritual of “tea break” at rehearsal. He arrived early to fill the hot water pot and arrange “scores” of boxes of teas (; he stayed after to bus the same.*

*Dennis displayed his amazing sight reading skills at a periodic Friday night musicale we held at our home in the late 90s and early naughts. We would gather to play and or sing to his expert accompaniment.*

*Even though he's been absent for a few years Dennis is a great loss to Measure for Measure.*

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**Magnus Wilson** - February 19, 2022 at 08:59 PM

DK

“ Like others from the U-M Men's Glee Club, I am saddened by the too-soon passing of Dennis. He was a good friend, a brilliant musician, and possessed an engaging wit. This is a 2014 photo of him with Brent O'Banion and myself at Measure for Measure's performance at Rutgers University in New Jersey. For a too-brief moment, it was as though the years since graduation hadn't happened. RIP Dennis.



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Daniel De Kok - February 19, 2022 at 02:22 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis P. Giszczak.



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February 19, 2022 at 01:38 PM

MM

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



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Mary Morris - February 19, 2022 at 01:12 PM



“ *Dennis was an incredible musician and a great friend and I am saddened by the news of his passing. He was always one pun ahead of me, and I shall miss him. Rest in peace my friend.*  
*Kenn Scheffer*

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**Kenneth Scheffer** - February 19, 2022 at 11:47 AM

JR

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Jim Rowan** - February 19, 2022 at 11:39 AM

JR

*Dennis was a fantastic piano musician, well loved by Measure For Measure*

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**Jim Rowan** - February 19, 2022 at 11:41 AM

DB

*Six men changed my life for the better when they created Measure For Measure, and Dennis was the propeller that made it work -- a prodigious pianist, a friendly yet intense person, and a man of communication and learning. We all depended on him and his performing abilities, and he never let us down.*

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**Dave Berry** - February 19, 2022 at 12:43 PM

DH

“ Dennis was a man who lived and loved music. He was an incredible pianist and as many have said a painful punster. His life and devotion to Measure for Measure played out in so many ways. From his commute from Lansing to his dedication to perfection. Dennis was the first recipient of the Leonard Riccinto Award for his dedication and commitment to Measure for Measure. He has so far been the only recipient. That fact speaks volumes about his love for the organization. He has been missed, but Measure for Measure continues as a shining example of Dennis commitment to creating and making music for all to enjoy.  
Dick Halloran

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Dick Halloran - February 19, 2022 at 11:34 AM

DH

I meant to say that since he was the first that is what speaks. His compatriot has also received that honor.

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Dick Halloran - February 19, 2022 at 11:37 AM

JF

“ Besides being an excellent punster, he was a great accompanist for M4M. I remember once when I was singing a solo and blew it by repeating a verse, and he followed me without missing a beat. A great guy and we will miss him. RIP Dennis

John Frye

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John Frye - February 19, 2022 at 10:07 AM

DS

“ *Dennis was a founder and for many many years was a foundation of Measure For Measure. He was also a friend and, like me, an irrepressible punster. We spent many a bus ride and after rehearsal or after performance get together engaging in that highest form of word knowledge! We, and I, miss him terribly.*  
*Don Shelton*

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**Donald Shelton** - February 19, 2022 at 09:47 AM

RH

“ *Dennis was a founding member of Measure For Measure and its accompanist for many years. He was very talented and brought so much to the group including his wonderful sense of humor. He will be missed.*

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**Rick Hendricks** - February 19, 2022 at 06:31 AM