



Dennis George Alger

February 27, 1942 - May 2, 2020

Our sweet, witty, and loving husband, dad, papa, and friend, Dennis passed away from this life on Saturday, May 2, 2020 and was greeted and embraced by many loved ones. Born in a little house in Provo on February 27, 1942 to Keith and Zelma Alger. Joining big brother David (Jeanette) and later gaining a sister Kris (Ron).

Dennis was a true Provo kid-attending school at Timpanogos Elementary, Dixon Jr. High, Provo High, and BYU. He served a mission in Germany and loved his time among the German saints. After attending BYU he got an exciting job opportunity in Pasadena, California. He totally enjoyed living in Pasadena and the friends he made there. In time he returned to Provo. Upon his return he worked at Keith's Lunch with his father and mother. He cherished the time he spent working alongside them. He got excellent at preparing the well-known and loved chicken fried steaks! Dennis enjoyed cooking them for his family every Father's Day or as a requested birthday dinner!

On October 25, 1982 he was married and sealed to his wife and best friend, Kathy Evans in the Jordan River Temple by Elder Neal A. Maxwell. They have four cheerful children: Katie Jane, Buddy (Jenny), Mary (Jake), and Turner. Together they enjoyed laughing around the dinner table, wildly competitive games of UNO, road trips to Leeds, and Disneyland.

Currently, he is papa to five wonderful grandchildren: Buddy, Bexley, Ruby, Liam, and Charley. Dennis totally enjoyed being papa! Watching soccer games, dance concerts, coloring, jokes, and enjoying sweets together.

He loved animals especially dogs. Because of this he and his family were never without one. He had a sweet spot for Mickey Mouse, a good plaid (his favorite color), ice cream at bedtime, a good book, a tasty cheeseburger, and Diet Coke!

On March 27 he celebrated 39 years of sobriety! Dennis proudly shared his story and journey of recovery. One of his greatest passions was helping young addicts and

alcoholics in their recovery.

Dennis was a talented interior designer. He loved being around fabrics, wallpapers, furniture, and artwork. He enjoyed and participated in the Parade of Homes for many years and won many awards. He fulfilled service missions at the MTC and as a facilitator for twelve step meetings with Kathy. Dennis loved the Lord and shared his testimony of His goodness and power often. He had a gift and talent of making those he associated with feel loved. He made friends wherever he went no matter how brief the interaction. Knowing Dennis meant you loved him and he loved you!

We are thankful to know our Dennis is now free from the dementia in which he suffered and fought so valiantly. We know and have hope through and because of our Savior, Jesus Christ, that when we are with him again he will fully be Dennis!

At this time a private family service will be held. At a later date there will be a party celebrating his life and love! Condolences and full obituary at <http://www.bergmortuary.com>.

Comments



“ Oh Dennis and Family, I've been thinking of you today and haven't been able to look up and read your obituary until I had the strength to do so! You were so funny, kind, had a great outlook on life and along with your sweet wife raised some wonderful children. Your son Buddy is the reason we met and I will always be grateful because I got to know your whole family and consider the Algiers friends for life!! I was aware of the sobriety but didn't realize the length of time you were able to stay sober, 39 years is not only unbelievable but unheard of! I know you would tell us the reason you were able to was your amazing wife & family but most important our Savior Jesus Christ, your testimony of him never wavered and neither has your children's because of your example and I hope I can bring that kind of faith like you did to my children! We'll miss your jokes and your laugh but I know we'll see you again. Rest In Peace Valiant Soldier!! Till We Meet Again!

Love, Chris,Hillary,Liam,Kaleb,Graham Wright

Chris Wright - November 17, 2020 at 12:38 PM



“ Dennis was my best friend. We shared a extraordinary friendship for almost 30 years.

My husband and I first met Dennis, at Taylor Furniture, in the spring of 1991. We had just moved to Provo and needed to furnish our home. We instantly knew we had met the perfect designer for our venture. He was innovative, talented, hardworking and entertaining. Dennis proposed living room, dining room and office furniture and made water color renderings to illustrate his vision. The rest was history. Through the next decades Dennis was my designer, collaborator, right hand man and confidant on at least a dozen projects. Just like Mary Poppins bag, he could deliver more furniture, fabric and accessories from the back of his black Limousine than seemed possible. He always got the job done. His projects were always picture perfect.

As our design work and personal relationship progressed, each time my husband saw Dennis he would exclaim, "Well there's Wendy's best friend.", and so it became true. Besides a love for interior design, furniture, and artwork, we shared common interests including the culinary arts, collecting recipes, reading cook books, religion, German culture, photography, antiques, a good taco, a diet coke and shopping. He loved my family and I loved his. We laughed, we cried, we shared insights and thoughts about life, our families, our personal histories and world events. Dennis had a magical way of making stressful moments much lighter. You felt loved, heard, and valued. He was a bright light people gravitated towards. He was approachable, he was transparent, and he had a brilliant sense of humor. Oh how we laughed. Oh how I adored my friend Dennis. He enriched mine and my family's lives with beauty, kindness, decorum and friendship. Karl and Henry both remarked how much they loved Dennis as well.

I have so many wonderful memories to tuck away in my heart. Our friendship isn't over. It will continue. We still have so many conversations left. Until we meet again, my dear friend, the heavens have a great faithful servant and we have an amazing guardian angel.

Love and prayers to Kathy, Katie, Buddy, Mary, Turner and their families.

Wendy Smith - May 12, 2020 at 06:09 PM



“ I remember good Bishop Alger who loved our family unconditionally. I remember a baby blessing when he added an an unplanned third name to Mary Elizabeth and the look on Kathy's face when he did. He was always happy and I know he is in a happy place.

Cyndee and Richard Frazier and family

Cynthia Frazier - May 11, 2020 at 10:09 PM



“ Dennis had the BEST smile whenever I saw him! My thoughts have been with you Kathy and your sweet children. I hope you've been able to share some nice memories that resulted in some tears and belly laughs! Sending hugs and love to all!



Elaine Huish - May 11, 2020 at 04:24 PM



“ Dennis was one of my heroes in life. He not only taught me true "Gospel Principles," but he helped me live them. I loved serving with him and considered him one of my dear friends.

Gregory A. Hudnall

Greg Hudnall, Sr - May 09, 2020 at 11:16 PM



“ To all of the dear family of Dennis, after reading his obituary, I concur with all all you said about him and would like to add some of my thoughts as well. Dennis always greeted me with his big smile and twinkling eyes. He would hold me hands and look into my eyes as we visited. He was so interested and sincere in our conversation. I will miss him warmth, his spirit, and his strength he gave to to all. Fred held him in the highest regard as well. He married one af the sweetest women in the world. Together they have had a wonderful family that is eternal and you will all be blessed because of it. I pray you will all be blessed and comforted. I love you all, you have been in my constant prayers. Aunt Anita

Anita Childs - May 09, 2020 at 12:25 PM



“ I knew Dennis when we worked at his family’s cafe . He brought his tape player to work so we could have music in the back where we worked . He gave me a hard time & teased me because I would get embarrassed & blush or tell him he was going to hell . It was good natured teasing & we remained friends . Dennis was a great guy & I’m sorry he has left us . His family & dedication to his savior is his legacy .
Julie & Clarence Phillips

Julie & Clarence Phillips - May 09, 2020 at 01:36 AM



“ I Worked for Keith from 1972 to 1974. The Alger's treated me like family during that time and for some years after I left Provo. I always checked in at Keith's when I came to town to visit. I really enjoyed them all so much and am so sorry to hear of Dennis's passing, I haven't seen him since before Keith sold the café. There will always be a special place in my heart for him and his family. We shared a lot of laughs and good times.

Linda Mount - May 08, 2020 at 07:04 PM



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Berg Mortuary - May 08, 2020 at 04:19 PM



“ Thanks for sharing the services. I could feel the love through my terminal! Hugs! Elaine

Elaine Huish - May 11, 2020 at 04:29 PM



“ Dennis was our home teacher for years. He was always cheerful, faithful at coming, loving, and committed to the gospel. He will be missed.
Sending much love, Carolyn Chambers

Carolyn Chambers - May 07, 2020 at 05:32 PM



“ Dear Kathy and family.
We wish to extend our sympathy to you in your time of sorrow.
We have been friends a long time.

Jack and Larry Linde

JACK G. LINDE - May 07, 2020 at 12:37 PM



“ I didn't know Dennis real well, but saw him often at Keith's Lunch. He was always a pleasure to associate with and you could always count on fun and laughter around him. Whenever my wife and I saw him and Kathy around town we were always greeted as if we were old friends. Kathy, we hope you feel the peace of the Comforter at this difficult time. Bob & Karen Martin

Bob & Karen Martin - May 06, 2020 at 03:08 PM



“ Having served in the Provo Fire Department for 30 years and having all the memories from the 'old days' when the cafe was across the street from Fire Station #1, then on to the new location on Freedom Blvd and then having Dennis and Kathy help those in the Provo South and Freedom Stake to overcome their difficult addictions; we will all miss him greatly! I'll have a 'meat pie, smothered' in your memory!
Congratulations on a great life, my friend!
Coy and Tricia Porter

Coy Porter - May 06, 2020 at 12:48 PM



“ Kathy,

We wish to express our love and support for you and your family at this time. Dennis was a true friend to me and my family. We will miss him Greatly and until the time that we can all be together again. I am sure that Keith and Zelma are thrilled to be reunited with Dennis at this time. We miss Keith and Zelma as well. We LOVE YOU ALL. Be safe and take care of each member of your family. Dennis is still watching over you and LOVING each of you.

Keith Harward

Keith Harward - May 06, 2020 at 11:53 AM



“ Dear Alger Family, Kris & Ron,
My deepest condolences for each of you at this most difficult of times.
I didn't go to Keith's as often as my husband (Lamon Spencer) but I did hear fun stories and experience the kindness and friendship upon entering. Lamon became a dear friend to the Alger family and I know he was truly blessed in knowing you.
It's my prayer that you find peace in the knowledge and blessings of eternal life.
God Bless

Judy Spencer

Judy Spencer - May 06, 2020 at 09:44 AM



“ Oh how I miss the days of Keith's Lunch and my friend Dennis cooking in the kitchen. All the jokes and laughing, if you worked with Dennis or Keith you had to have fun! I will never forget his kindness to everyone. RIP Dennis!

Sally West - May 06, 2020 at 03:10 AM



“ Kathy, I'm so sorry for your loss. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers

Tonya hamby - May 05, 2020 at 10:01 PM



“ Dennis was such an amazing man so grateful to have him as an uncle. He always took the time to make you feel important and special and to give you a huge smile. Love you forever Uncle Dennis.

Clint Carter - May 05, 2020 at 09:46 PM



“ Dennis was my best male friend from the time we were in elementary school through high school and beyond. He was always one I could confide in and share my dreams. We spent so much time together when he worked with his father at Keith's Lunch. I worked at Taylor Brothers and had lunch with Dennis almost every day. He was so much fun and would always play tricks on me. While I was having lunch with him, I would sit in the back while he was preparing food. He would let me sit on a large flower can and was kind enough to put a clean towel on it before I sat down. One day as I sat down, there was the usual clean towel but no lid. Of course I fell into the can and could not get out. It took both Dennis and Keith to pull me out. I will never forget how hard we laughed. Dennis was so kind and loving and he will be greatly missed. My blessings to all those he leaves behinds.

Dorothy Paramore Deaver

Dorothy Paramore Deaver - May 05, 2020 at 05:11 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss! The picture We have in our living room is one I bought from him when he worked on Center Street. He was a great supporter of both Katie and Turner at Provo High while they were involved in the theatre program.

Susan Anderson - May 06, 2020 at 01:01 AM



“ Glenda Beck lit a candle in memory of Dennis George Alger



Glenda Beck - May 05, 2020 at 03:34 PM



“ What a great person to call Dad, husband or granddad.

Dennis blessed my life several times. He loved my son and mentored him. 70 times 7. He and Kathy did a makeover on my home that was a labor of love.

I gave him a credit card and he found some amazing treasures. I was privileged to receive of their time and talent.

Buddy was like another son in our home. He is a tribute to godly parents. So many were blessed by Dennis because he learned from his experience then shared.

May you all feel the comfort only God can give. I am glad Dennis is at peace. Where ever he is will be a more beautiful place. RIP

Glenda Beck - May 05, 2020 at 03:43 PM



“ Dennis was sure a good man. I always enjoyed seeing him.

We always looked and laughed....he was fun to be around. My

Son And Buddy were best of friends. Dennis Kathy were always

Very welcoming and a joy to be around. I appreciate the example

Their family was to Kent during a difficult time.

My prayers are with the family and pray they can feel the spirit

Healing of the savior at this difficult time.

jack rollins - May 05, 2020 at 11:49 PM