



Mr. Dennis Harvey Dunn

November 28, 1952 - February 18, 2017

Dennis Dunn, beloved family man, musician, songwriter, farrier and blacksmith, passed away at home on February 18, 2017, after living with cancer for eight months. He was 64 years old. He was born in Tampa and resided in Concord, Florida for the past 30 years.

He was predeceased by his parents, Charlotte Rawls Dunn and Hampton Dunn, and brother Randy. He is survived by his wife Erice Shepard of Concord, son Travis Dunn (Erin) of Amsterdam, Netherlands, sister Janice Oldroyd (Clarke) of Boulder Colorado, brother Hampton Dunn Jr. (Sally) of Stuart Florida, several grandchildren, and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

After a stint at Milsaps College, he worked as a cowboy and became fascinated with the ancient art and craft of farriery (the care of horses' feet) which became his career. His excellence led to the training of three apprentices who now have careers of their own. He authored many short stories and was a finalist in Jerry Stern's 1992 short-short story contest. Also a prolific songwriter, he won the Will McLane Florida Song contest in 1996. He performed and engineered many recordings of his songs and those of his friends and family.

Per his wishes, no public services are planned. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the horse or animal rescue organization of your choice. A true Renaissance man, he will be deeply missed by all who knew him, human and equine alike. His last wish was that we all cherish each other.

Comments



“ Hubby and I were in our car driving somewhere and on Car Talk inbetween calls the liked to play music with cars in the lyrics. We heard one of Dennis's songs made it on there!! Blew our minds. We do wonder if he knew it had been played.

Melissa Thorpe - September 09, 2018 at 01:47 PM



“ I only just heard today. I'm so sorry to learn about this.
My sincerest condolences...
Margie Bertram

Margie - August 14, 2017 at 09:30 PM



“ Dennis was my ferrier for many years. I'm sure my horse Buddy caused him a lot of pain. Hell, I know he did, because they would almost have a fist fight every time Dennis worked on Buddy. I also know Dennis was the only man that ever fixed his paddle on his left fore. No one else could. When we moved up to the jumper level Dennis made awesome shoes with cleat holes pre drilled! I still have a pair, even though Buddy is long gone. It's a testament to Dennis's skill as a master-craftsman. He was also a writer. I have a copy of a story he wrote called "The Lawnmower Lynch Mob". It's funny as hell, and he told me it was a true story from his childhood. He was in a band; I think they were called the "Deftones". Quite frankly, he was a much better smith than a drummer. At the very least, given the combative relationship, Dennis would laugh to know he outlived Buddy by 20 years. A few times there I wasn't sure who'd love through the shoeing! I'm sorry to hear of his death, he will be missed.

Jonathan Hood - April 26, 2017 at 03:30 AM



“ I learned of Dennis' death while attending Scott Campbell's memorial concert, so I've let a little time pass. I'm not sure how many people recall what an accomplished songwriter Dennis was, but I remember being stunned at the lyrics to a song which won the Will McClain contest one year. RIP Dennis. My condolences to his family, including the "little gray mockingbird."

Charlie McCoy - March 03, 2017 at 10:59 AM



“ RIP my. loving talented honorable brother in law your songs will be in our hearts forever. A horse charity donation will be made from Chuck and me we will miss you deeply they dont make them like you anymore.

Mary Kay Metcalf - February 25, 2017 at 10:57 AM



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Peggy Adair - February 24, 2017 at 07:34 AM