



## Dennis Dearing

December 14, 1937 - June 9, 2023

Dennis Travis Dearing, age 85, passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on June 9, 2023 at New Haven Assisted Living in Tomball. He was born December 14, 1937, to Sally (Maddox) Dearing and Dennis Dearing in Raymondville, Texas.

For 47 ½ years, Dennis worked at Stewart & Stevenson as an electrical engineer supporting all the Dearing girls and sending them to college, churning out four school teachers and marrying them off one by one in birth order. His job as an engineer followed him home (and everywhere else for that matter). He graphed his blood pressure. He charted his heart rate. He measured the exact amount of water his tomatoes needed, producing the most delicious specimens in Texas (and probably the world over). He even timed his Blue Bell ice cream to find the perfect melting point for optimal flavor! Anyone who came in contact with Dennis Dearing was offered a Blue Bell ice cream cup and then made to wait the proven five minutes. No more. No less.

He wasn't all 90 degree angles. He also had a deep appreciation of beauty and nature, whether in his choice of a wife or his obsession with fall foliage. All year long he would plan for an annual trip all the way to Maine, Margo driving the whole way there and back. Dog-eared Country Road magazines, marked maps, and yellow legal pads beaten with endless details of possible

destinations (and their exact mileage in between) would litter the living room all year long as he obsessed over this trip to see the trees.

Dennis loved his trips to New England, his Blue Bell ice cream, fishing, and all things nature, but most of all he loved his family and friends. He was truly a one-of-a-kind character, and he will be dearly missed by all.

He is survived by his wife, Margo Dearing, and their four daughters, Kelly and husband, Troy Thompson; Tina and husband, Jerry Tyson; Stacey and husband, Kirk Webb; Erin and husband, Pete Miller; his two sisters, Gaile Kelly and June Cooper, and her husband, Billy Cooper; his eight grandchildren, Nathan Thompson and wife, Liz Thompson; Hayden Thompson; Jack and Katie Tyson; Maggie Webb-Gariepy and husband, Levi Gariepy; Emmy Webb-Crenshaw and husband, Andrew Crenshaw; Jacqueline and Peter Miller; and finally, great-granddaughter, Burkely Thompson.

Dennis is preceded in death by his sister, Floryne Yarborough, his mother, Sally (Maddox) Dearing, and his father, Dennis Tab Dearing.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 12. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Addison Funeral Home  
18630 Kuykendahl Road  
Spring, TX 77379  
(281) 350-0998  
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*No additional public services will be held following the visitation.*

# Tribute Wall

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“ We will miss Dennis at family gatherings and loved getting his tomatoes every year! Bill and Mary Greene

Mary Greene - June 12, 2023 at 10:53 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Dearing.



June 12, 2023 at 10:49 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dennis Dearing.

June 12, 2023 at 10:47 AM



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



June 12, 2023 at 09:48 AM

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“ Aunt Georgeann, Wade and Mark purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dennis Dearing.



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**Aunt Georgeann, Wade and Mark** - June 11, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Dearing.



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June 11, 2023 at 10:34 PM

LG

“ First my condolences and prayers for his wife and family! 🌸  
I knew Dennis way back in the mid 70's we both worked in the Engineering Department at Stewart and Stevenson. I started just out of high school on the Kiddy Core program! Dennis was always kind, and help to everyone! May he always rest in peace!

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**Linda Griffin** - June 11, 2023 at 06:15 PM

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“ I will miss our occasional conversations as Dennis walked the neighborhood. He was always cheerful and always had a positive outlook on life regardless of any current conditions. He always had a joke or a real life situation that was related in the air of comedy. He was a master storyteller and I am always amused when I recall his recollections.

Dennis was a genius, a perfectionist and a devoted husband, father, grandfather. The neighborhood is not the same without Dennis Dearing. I will miss that man. Farewell neighbor, kinfolk and friend.

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**Steven Lemm** - June 11, 2023 at 01:17 PM