



Dennis Patrick Murphy

August 22, 2020

It is with great sadness that the family of Denis (Dennis) Patrick Murphy announces the passing of our loving father in Whitby, Ontario, on August 22, 2020 at the age of 86 after a lengthy battle with dementia. He died peacefully with family members at his side.

Dad was a proud Newfoundlander born on February 15, 1934 in St. John's and was raised by his grandmother Mary Murphy in Portugal Cove. He moved to Toronto in the 1950s. During a return visit, he met Mary Ann Power in Outer Cove, Newfoundland. They married in 1962 and raised their five children in Scarborough, Ontario. He later met and was warmly welcomed by his Hanlon family in 2001, which meant so much to him. Dad and Mom moved to Whitby, Ontario, in 2006.

He built a rewarding career with the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers Local 128 and recently celebrated 60 years as an active member. He worked throughout Canada, as well as on international projects in Chile, Ecuador, Argentina and Thailand, and reminisced often with good friends Terry, Marc, and Andy.

Dad loved family time, holiday dinners and parties, entertaining his grandkids, annual summer trips back to Newfoundland, winter excursions to the Caribbean, Newfie & Country music, camping, woodworking, euchre, carpentry, classic cars, animals (owning several cats), and his Maple Leafs and Blue Jays. With a twinkle in his eye and a wonderful sense of humour, Dad put everyone at ease and made people feel special. He was a kind, generous, and hard-working man who could fix or build anything that anyone needed, and often did.

He will be forever remembered by his loving wife of 58 years Mary; children Darlene Baron (Nicholas), Brian (Carolyn), Deana (Steve McGregor), Denise Flewelling (Scott), and Kevin (Stephanie); grandchildren Natalie, Emily, Connor, Hayley, Tyler, Carson, Cameron, Hayden, Charlie, Edwin, and Hugh; brothers Frank Hanlon (Marlene) and Denis Hanlon (Valda), sisters Barbara Whitty (Stan), Doris Thorne (Richard), and Regina Jones (Robin); brother-in-law Patrick Power (Sharen) and sisters-in-law Margaret Smith and

Frances Power; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents Dennis Hanlon and Margaret Murphy; mother and father-in-law Nicholas and Bridget Power; Murphy brothers Edward (Nellie), Michael (Isabel), Lewis (Elizabeth), Peter (Hannah), Ronald (Anne), Leonard (Ursula), and sister Gertrude Deemer (Ralph); Hanlon brothers Patrick (Alice), Gerald (Goldie), and sister Elizabeth Manning (Richard); brother-in-law William Power (Carmel) and sisters-in-law Ann Mahon and Sister Bride Power.

Rest in peace in heaven, Dad, with all your family and friends who have gone before.

The family would like to thank the amazing staff at the Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences and Lynde Creek Manor for caring for Dad so well.

A celebration of Denis' life will be held for family at a future date.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer Society of Canada (<https://alzheimer.ca/en/Home/>).

Tribute Wall

CC

“ To Mary and all the Murphy siblings. I am Christine, Lewis and Betty's daughter. So sorry for your loss. Can remember when I was a young child and when he came to our home. He slept on the daybed in the kitchen. He did that for a few years then eventually I moved to Toronto in 1971 and visited your home many times, eventually moving back to NL Dennis always came to visit Mom and me every year that he was home. He loved Mom and they always had that special connection. Every year he would visit me, every summer he was home. Next thing I would know the car pulled up in the driveway and out came Dennis and your Mom. Such an enjoyable visit. Missed his visits the past few years as knew he was not well.. Will miss that driveway visit and him for sure. The last time he was home he brought me some baby pictures which I had none. As I was born in Toronto and he some pics. God love him for that memory/ My sincere sympathies to all. Although we are many miles apart thinking of u.

*Christine (Murphy) Churchill
Portugal Cove, NL*

Christine (Murphy) Churchill - August 28, 2020 at 05:44 PM

LE

“ loved the card games with him and aunt mary,he was a special man,i will always remember him and his newfie music,rest in peace uncle denis now you and uncle ron can be togeter again,love to all the family,my hearth is with you,leona

leona - August 27, 2020 at 06:51 PM

RA

“ I was sorry to hear of the passing of Dennis. He and Mary were wonderful neighbours and friends on Mackey Drive. I recall the happy New Years Eve parties that we shared with them over the years. Greeting the new year is not the same without Dennis. He always had a special smile and greeting for everyone. His caring and generous spirit will be missed. My love to Mary and her family.

Ruth Anderson - August 27, 2020 at 09:36 AM

MR

“ I am the granddaughter of Lewis and Elizabeth (Betty) Murphy. I am so sad to hear of my Great Uncle's passing. I met him on multiple occasions during his time home in Newfoundland.
Love and condolences,
Melissa Ralph (Churchill)

Melissa Ralph - August 26, 2020 at 06:58 PM

MW

“ My sincere condolences to the Murphy family. I did not know Dennis very well but I remember his visits to mom and dad's house in Torbay.(Stan & Barbara Whitty)
They both looked forward to his visits.
We talked a little bit each time he came and I loved to listen to his stories; wish I had the chance to know him better.
Our deepest condolences; rest in peace Dennis. ❤️
Maureen Whitty

Maureen Whitty - August 26, 2020 at 06:20 PM

 Maria
Mavroyanni
Murphy

“ To Mary and all the family,

We are so sad to hear of Dennis's passing. We always enjoyed his visits to our home every time he visited Newfoundland; of course he would just always pull in the driveway year after year as if no time passed at all. He never forgot his annual Christmas card to us and many phone calls throughout the year. He was a true gentleman and we loved sitting and visiting with him. We have missed his visits the past couple of years as we heard that his health had declined. He has a very special place in our hearts and he will be dearly missed. We hope you all find comfort in the cherished memories you have of him as we can attest how very proud of all you he was. Rest in peace Dennis.

Leon and Maria Murphy and family

Maria Mavroyannis-Murphy - August 26, 2020 at 02:22 PM

MV

“ My deepest sympathies to Marie and children. Dennis and I met at a job site in 1976. It was my first Boilermaker job, and Dennis was my foreman at that time. He nicknamed me the crazy Frenchman. From that time on , Dennis and I became close friends and worked on many projects together. We also travelled a lot together to many job sites until we retired we made many great memories, for example , sometime when work was done for the day , Dennis and I and a few others would sit over a beer or two and discuss the job !
I know that on this voyage you will have many more laughs.
It was a nice to have you has a friend.
Bon voyage mon ami.
PS say I to Andy from us.

Marc Villeneuve

Marc Villeneuve - August 26, 2020 at 07:55 AM



Thank you, Marc. I know Dad considered you a close friend too and loved sharing memories about Boilermaker jobs in places like Lakeview, Nanticoke, Fort Frances, Terrace Bay, Chile, Ecuador, and many others. I'm sure that Andy and him are sharing a beer somewhere and having a few laughs about those days. I hope you are doing well. (sorry for the misspelling of your name in Dad's tribute; I've asked for it to be changed to Marc).

Brian Murphy - August 26, 2020 at 01:23 PM

BD

“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Denis. He was a wonderful neighbour who we often caught up with when he and Mary were on the front porch or out for their walks. So nice to see the family photos you shared here, many showing that twinkle in his eyes. Our deepest condolences to you, Mary, your children, and the entire family. - Brian and Denise

Brian and Denise Debosky - August 25, 2020 at 09:25 PM

ML

“ Mary and Denis were loving and caring neighbors. Denis was always ready to lend a hand. It was a very upsetting time for them and us when Mary and Denis moved from Mackey Drive. We missed you then and we miss you now. Rest in peace Denis. Love to Mary and your wonderful family. Maria and Bruce

Maria and Bruce Leppan - August 25, 2020 at 10:39 AM



“ *I first worked with Dennis in 1987 and he was a true gentleman and great mentor always giving me a chance to learn more . He will surely be missed*
Gerry Marcil

Gerry Marcil - August 25, 2020 at 08:57 AM

TM

“ *My condolences to Dennis’s family. Dennis and I worked together for many years at B&W.*
His knowledge and work ethic always impressed me, I learned a lot from Dennis. If he was on the job you knew it would get done right, and on time. He will be greatly missed.
RIP Dennis it was a privilege and pleasure to know you.

Terry Mckeown - August 25, 2020 at 08:41 AM

TS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Terry Somers - August 24, 2020 at 07:44 PM

GM

“ *Mary Ann, Darlene, Brian, Deana, Denise and Kevin*
I am truly so sorry to hear of Dennis's passing. I believe he was the true definition of what is a good husband and father, he excelled at both. Losing a love one is always hard but you were all so fortunate to have him for all these years. His was a life well lived. May he rest in peace.
My deepest sympathies
Gerard

gerard mahon - August 24, 2020 at 07:12 PM



Thanks, Gerard, for the kind words. It's nice to hear from you. Hope you are all doing well.

Brian Murphy - August 25, 2020 at 02:10 PM

PP

“ *Mary Ann, Darlene, Brian, Deana, Denise, Kevin, spouses and children.
We want to express our sympathy on the passing of Dennis and let you know that we are thinking about you all. We have fond memories of your visits to Newfoundland. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time.
May he Rest In Peace.
Pat and Sharen*

Pat Power - August 24, 2020 at 07:07 PM



Thank you, Uncle Pat, for your thoughts and prayers.

Brian Murphy - August 25, 2020 at 02:05 PM

DH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Dennis Hewko - August 24, 2020 at 04:52 PM

KM

Thanks for sharing Dennis

Kevin Murphy - August 24, 2020 at 07:43 PM

DH

“ *Our sincere condolences to Dennis's family on his passing. As a Local 128 Boilermaker I worked with Dennis many times since the 1970's and always looked foreword to seeing him on the job. I spent many nights after work talking with Dennis, he had many stories to share. Dennis will be missed at Local 128's Christmas party's and our Babcock and Wilcox retired guy lunch's that Terry brought him to..!*

Dennis & Arlene Hewko

Dennis Hewko - August 24, 2020 at 04:48 PM

ME

“ *What more can I say that hasn't already been said. He was a great neighbour and friend in Scarborough - always willing to help out if needed. Sorry Charlie didn't teach him to play golf!!!
He will be truly missed not only by the family but friends as well. Love to all the family.
Marilyn E.*

marilyn eplett - August 24, 2020 at 04:03 PM

KM

Thx Mrs E

Kevin Murphy - August 24, 2020 at 07:45 PM

JK

“ *Aunt Mary and family, we were so sad to here of uncle Dennis's passing . In the short time we had with you both , we feel in love with you and so looked forward to your summer visits . You are dancing with the angels and having a great chat with dad , Gerry and Liz . Rest In Peace Uncle Dennis . Love Juanita , Mike , Matthew and Adam Kenny.*

Juanita Kenny - August 24, 2020 at 12:59 PM

AH

“ *Mary and family, im so sorry to here of Dennis's passed . You all are in my thoughts and prayers .Sincerely Alice Hanlon*

Aiice hanlon - August 24, 2020 at 12:50 PM

AS

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family for their loss. I always enjoyed working with Dennis, he was always willing to share his knowledge and his sense of humor. I'll cherish the memories.*

Tony Serravalle

Antonio Serravalle - August 24, 2020 at 12:42 PM

HE

“ Dennis was a true gentleman and only knew him from working with him. He always treated people working for him with total respect and dignity. He was an amazing man. My deepest Condolences to you and your family. He will be missed by many.

Henry Eichel

Henry Eichel - August 24, 2020 at 12:05 PM

TS

“ Our deepest condolences to Mary and the family. Dennis was very lucky to be surrounded by a loving family. I will always have great memories and stories of being and working with Dennis. Terry & Carol Somers

Terry Somers - August 24, 2020 at 10:27 AM



Very appreciated, Terry. Dad loved being a Boilermaker and the camaraderie of working with so many great people.

Brian Murphy - August 25, 2020 at 02:12 PM

MB

“ Dear Mary, Darlene, Brian, Deana, Denise, Kevin, spouses and children, We want to express our sympathy on the passing of Dennis and let you know that we are thinking of you all. Dennis was a kind and friendly gentleman with a loving smile. We enjoyed chatting with him while celebrating special occasions. Dennis was a wonderful father-in-law to our daughter as well as a wonderful “Papa Moustache “ to our grandsons.

Love,
Adrian and Mary Bassett

Mary Bassett - August 23, 2020 at 07:19 PM

BM

Thank you for the thoughts, Mary and Adrian. ❤️

Brian Murphy - August 24, 2020 at 06:24 PM

JS

“ Sincere condolences to Dennis Murphy’s big wonderful family. We only know Denise but from everything we have seen he was a most wonderful gentleman. Rest In Peace.

Jayne and Wayne Smith

Jayne Smith - August 23, 2020 at 06:51 PM



“ 12 files added to the album *Photos of Dad*



Brian Murphy - August 23, 2020 at 04:57 PM