



Den's 1947 Mercury Woodie
"Anabelle" aka The "Termite Truck" ☺



In loving memory of
Dennis Ward Lynn
January 27, 1956 - August 23, 2012

Memorial for our friend, Dennis Lynn

Welcome & Call to Worship - Rev. Dave Carpenter

Prayer / Invocation

Opening Remarks – Stan Mullin

Den's Life in Pictures & Music

Bill Blanke

"I Can Only Imagine", MercyMe

Ruthie Jones

Psalms 23

Meditation - Dave Carpenter

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1

Romans 8:38-39

John 14:1-7, 25-27

Personal Remembrances

Chris Murray

Carvel Moore

Jon Emm

Michael Degood

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Hope - Rev. Dave Carpenter

Bill Blanke

"You've Got a Friend", James Taylor

Closing Remarks – Stan Mullin

Benediction - Rev. Dave Carpenter

A Man of Laughter and Kindness

Dennis Ward Lynn was a life-long restaurateur in West Los Angeles and Santa Monica. He had a passion for the beach, was incredibly gregarious, had an amazing wit and was kind to the core, exemplified by the care he gave his mother Florence during the last seven years of her life.

Born in St. John's Hospital, Santa Monica, CA, Dennis attended the Sunshine Day School in Brentwood, followed by John Thomas Dye School (JTD) in Bel-Air where, at age 5, he entered "Primary", the class prior to first grade. His teacher that year was..... "Ms. Dixie" ☺ He attended JTD through sixth grade, then moved into seventh grade at Harvard High School (now Harvard-Westlake) in Studio City in the fall of 1968, where he remained through senior year, graduating in 1974. In 1968 Harvard High School was a military academy, so you can imagine how much our "beach-loving" friend enjoyed wearing his junior ROTC uniform and completing the daily drills with John (Alison) in E Company, First Platoon under the kind eye of Mr. Roberts or roll call in the last row with Haddad, Healey, Hawkins, Irvine and Peter Jones.

The quotes on his senior page in the Harvard yearbook tell much about how he valued friendship.

"If words came as ready as ideas, and ideas as feelings, I could say ten hundred kind things. You know not my supreme happiness at having one on earth whom I can call friend." - Charles Lamd

"True friendship is like sound health, the value of it is seldom known until it be lost." - Charles Colton

In the summer of '74, Dennis began his first stint working at Brian Montgomery's Razzle Dazzle restaurant in Santa Monica (his salary....\$1.85/hour, plus tips!). In September '74, Dennis began his college years at Cal-Berkeley, where he pledged the Delta-Upsilon fraternity and ultimately became its president. The following summer of '75, Den worked at Brian's other restaurant in Malibu, Beecher's Café. He returned to Razzle Dazzle during the summers of '76, '77 and '78, then during the spring of '79, while finishing Cal, Den worked across the bay at Tarik's Restaurant in downtown San Francisco. In June, he graduated Cal with a double major in Education and Psychology, because he loved working with kids and hoped to do so following his restaurant career.

After Cal, Dennis returned "again" to Razzle Dazzle, where he worked from August '79 until it closed in October '79, at which point he took over management of Pelican's Nest in Santa Monica from October '79 - January '86. In 1982, Dennis received a certificate in Restaurant Management from the UCLA Extension.

From March '86 until December '89, Dennis served as assistant manager at Angie's Restaurant in West L.A.; then in the same role at the Brentwood Inn Restaurant from December '89 until September '92. A brief foray away from food and beverage had him working at Robinson's May from October '92 until August '93 and at Montgomery Design starting in August '93. Subsequently, Dennis worked at a variety of restaurants on the West Side including Café Milano, Vincenti and The Regency Club in the late '90s, then a long stint from Sept '99 – October '04 at Hotel Casa Del Mar, and finally Wilshire Restaurant from September '05 until early 2011, where he finished his restaurant career.

In the summer of 2011, Dennis moved to Big Bear, CA where he lived until he came down from the mountain due to his poor health in April of this year, soon moving into the home of his cousin Jim Waddell and wife Janine in Lake Forest, CA. Dennis was at peace at the end of his life, in the wonderful care of his family, the Waddells, with humor that we will always cherish.

In accordance with Dennis's wishes, the Waddell family asks that, in lieu of flowers, donations should be made to:

National Multiple Sclerosis Foundation
Southern California & Nevada Chapter
2440 South Sepulveda Blvd., # 115
Los Angeles, CA 90064
Phone: 310-479-4456
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<http://www.nationalmssociety.org/chapters/CAL/index.aspx>

Or to a charity of the donor's choice

..a website has been set up for Den's friends to post their favorite memories of time with him and / or post pictures at...

www.DennisLynnTribute.com

...please build the site to be one that is "filled to the brim" with images that remind us of his love of life and wonderful humor ☺

Dennis had signed up to be an organ donor to save others through One Legacy, which successfully harvested bone and tissue from Dennis along with his beautiful blue eyes. His advance planning will help between 50-75 people with needed bone and tissue and well as vision to others. We encourage you to do the same. Sign up now as an organ donor

One Legacy
(800) 338-6112
www.OneLegacy.org

Dennis had a life-long love of the beach in Santa Monica and was a long time member of "Heal the Bay". Since 1985, Heal the Bay has been working tirelessly to care for our rivers, beaches and oceans to insure that our Southern California coastal waters and watersheds, including Santa Monica Bay, remain safe, healthy and clean. Dennis wanted us to encourage each of you to become a member.

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