



Dennis A. Sonner

July 29, 1951 - June 14, 2022

Dennis A. Sonner, 70, of Columbia City, and formerly of Huntington County, Indiana, passed away at 12:08 pm Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN.

Dennis was born on July 29, 1951, in Huntington, IN, the son of Fred Sonner and Margaret (Overholt) Sonner. He graduated from Huntington High School with the class of 1969. He proudly served in the United States Air Force Reserves. He married the love of his life Marilyn Grossman on June 12, 1971, in Huntington, IN. Dennis had been employed at Pulley-Kellam of Huntington for several years before his career took off in law enforcement. He joined the Huntington County Sheriff's department as a reserve deputy and later became a full-time officer. During his career he served as a deputy, detective, and a Indiana certified law enforcement firearms instructor. The Roanoke firearms range was dedicated in his honor as the Sonner-Wood Range. He retired from the Huntington County Sheriff's department as a Captain in 2013. He truly was passionate and proud to serve Huntington County as an officer. Although he held many titles his favorite one was, Grandpa. His selflessness made him an incredible family man and his devotion to love others was endless.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Marilyn Sonner of Columbia City, IN; two daughters, Stacie R. (Brian) Ehler of West Olive, MI, Andrea L. (Jerry) Hoover of Fort Wayne, IN; six grandchildren, Kassie, Noah, Mazie, Izaiah,

Myles, Mason; a great grandson, Hudson; and a brother, Kenneth (Mary) Sonner of Zionsville, IN. He is preceded in death by his father, Fred Elmer Sonner, mother, Margaret Sonner, and two Infant grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Monday, June 20, 2022, at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm Monday, June 20, 2022, at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Kenneth Sonner officiating. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Preferred memorials to the Wounded Warrior Project, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at www.baileylove.com.

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Dennis A. Sonner.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 20. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary
35 West Park Drive
Huntington, IN 46750
(260) 356-1710
wecare@baileylove.com
<https://www.baileylove.com>

Service

JUN 20. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

JUN 20 (ET)

Concordia Cemetery Gardens
5365 Lake Avenue
Fort Wayne, IN 46815

Tribute Wall



“ Bailey-Love Mortuary has created this vide tribute in memory of Dennis Sonner.



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - June 17, 2022 at 04:57 PM

BA

“ So very sorry about Denny's passing. He was one of the kindest people I have ever met. Such a good guy. Sending prayers of comfort for his family.

Beth (Straight) Armstrong

Beth Armstrong - June 22, 2022 at 10:22 PM

CB

“ Marilyn & family, I'm so sorry for the lose of Cousin Denny. We r praying that Gods arms will be wrapped around u to give u comfort & peace 🙏 Love Kandy & Roger Busche

Cousin Kandy Busche - June 21, 2022 at 09:40 PM



“ Marilyn, I heard about Dennis and wanted to reach out to you and say how sorry I am to hear of his passing. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers.

Jim Stinson

Jim Stinson - June 21, 2022 at 10:09 AM

RF

“ We are thinking about and praying for all of you during this difficult time. May your memories provide comfort and blessings.

Rick & Marcia Forrester - June 20, 2022 at 07:31 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dennis A. Sonner.



June 19, 2022 at 07:54 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dennis A. Sonner.



June 19, 2022 at 01:50 PM

DD

“ SO SORRY TO HEAR OF DENNY'S PASSING..HE WAS A VERY WELL LIKED MAN..WE KNEW HIM FROM THE JAIL FROM MANY YEARS AGO..MY SON LIKED TALKING TO HIM . BLESS THE FAMILY OF DENNY SONNERS AND OUR PRAYERS WILL BE WITH YOU..🙏
SINCERELY, DEB, COLT AND LAUREN DUHAMELL



Deb Duhamell - June 18, 2022 at 02:15 PM

RM

“ Robert & Nina Rouch, Cheryl & Gary Marley purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dennis A. Sonner.



Robert & Nina Rouch, Cheryl & Gary Marley - June 17, 2022 at 08:07 PM

EJ

“ Honorable. Honorable is the word we think aptly describes our friend, Dennis Sonner. He was truly a faithful Family-God-and-Country kind of guy. His relationship with Marilyn was exceptional. Of course, he adored her, but beyond that was his abiding respect for and obvious pride in her. He loved his daughters and their families with every fiber of his being-always happy to talk about grandkids. And if you knew Dennis, you knew of his deep affection for his other family, the Brothers-in-Blue, or "the boys" as he called them. Our love and sympathy extend to all of you. We are absolutely heartbroken at the loss of our good friend, but find comfort knowing he no longer suffers pain and is at peace. God bless Dennis and may God be with each family member as you find your way forward.

Evan and Suzi Jones

Evan and Suzi Jones - June 17, 2022 at 04:45 PM

MR

“ Marilyn, I am so very sorry to hear that Denny passed away. The last time I saw you both was the trip with Sue Rumble to Dollywood and Biltmore Home in Ashville.

You could always tell the Denny cared deeply for you making sure you were having a nice time. You could almost see the love in his eyes. I enjoyed talking to Denny on that trip, he was always very kind and easy for me to talk too.

I wish you peace and comfort, your family will be with you always.

Ronnie and Martha Rogers

Martha Rogers - June 17, 2022 at 10:45 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Dennis A. Sonner.



June 17, 2022 at 10:32 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Dennis A. Sonner.



June 17, 2022 at 10:28 AM

MA

“ Marilyn I am so sorry to learn about Dennis. I think of you folks often and wish we lived closer, You have our deepest sympathy. Love,
Mary Ellen and Cobern Adkins

Mary Ellen Adkins - June 17, 2022 at 09:50 AM

TS

“ Thoughts and prayers for Dennis family and friends.
I worked with him at pulley-kellam,he was a great guy!
Terry



Terry E Scher - June 16, 2022 at 09:56 PM

MW

“ Marilyn, We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Please know you have our sympathy,

Max and Jackie Warner

Max Warner - June 16, 2022 at 09:08 PM

LP

“ One of my favorite customers from Goodys in Columbia City. I sure enjoyed talking with him and his wife Marilyn. He had a blessed life, and I was always wondering how he was doing. My deepest sympathy goes out to his family. Linda Pogue

Linda Pogue - June 16, 2022 at 08:49 PM

WM

“ Wayne And Nancy McLaughlin lit a candle in memory of Dennis A. Sonner



Wayne and Nancy McLaughlin - June 16, 2022 at 08:37 PM

JB

“ Joe and Jannie Bickel



Jannie Bickel - June 16, 2022 at 07:16 PM

MP

“ I worked with Denny at Pulley Kellam in the late 70's. I have always considered him a friend. I remember his pipe and the ability to talk with it in his mouth.
Prayers from the Powers family

Mike Powers - June 16, 2022 at 06:14 PM

SB

“ Dear Marilyn & family,
Our deepest sympathy on Dennis's passing. Anna thought so much of your family & I know she would be
Saying prayers for you, as Steve
& I are.
Steve & Ramonda Bickel

Steve & Ramonda Bickel - June 16, 2022 at 05:18 PM

DM


“ Rest In Peace, Captain. I'll miss the conversations we had between shifts and your training.

David McElhaney - June 16, 2022 at 05:04 PM

CA

“ So very sorry for your loss.

Connie Abbett - June 16, 2022 at 04:47 PM

 Janet Bailey

“ Dennis you served Huntington County well and it was truly an honor to work with you. Your family has my sincere sympathy. Janet Bailey

Janet Bailey - June 16, 2022 at 04:36 PM

SC

“ So sorry to hear he passed. We were blessed as young reserve officers to have him share his knowledge of firearms, and running educational range events. Huntington County was lucky to have such a caring person looking out for them as well.



Steve Caley - June 16, 2022 at 03:18 PM

MB

“ I worked with Dennie. He was by far, one of the most caring and lovely men that I know. He will be missed by many. Our sincere condolences to his family ❤️ Bob and Mary Blomeke

mary blomeke - June 16, 2022 at 02:34 PM