



Dennis Richard James Geppert

October 31, 1978 - November 17, 2025

Dennis Richard James Geppert of Cadillac passed away Monday, November 17, 2025 at home. He was 47. Dennis was born October 31, 1978 in Detroit to Donald David and Barbara Lou (Mason) Geppert.

Dennis graduated from Lake Orion High School, where he excelled at football. He went on to earn his bachelor's degree in journalism and photography from Central Michigan University. Dennis earned an additional bachelor's degree in health administration. His talented eye earned him a job at the Holland Sentinel as a photographer where he worked for several years.

Dennis moved North to Cadillac where his creativity and skills were used renovating and improving his home. He worked as a ski instructor, bar manger and overall valued employee of all trades at Caberfae Peaks in the winter and owned his open painting business, True North Painting that kept him busy in the summer. Dennis was well read, funny; never hesitating to make others laugh and smile. He was at a place in his life where he felt strong in his faith. Family was important to Dennis. He was protective, loyal and loved spending time with them. He never shied away from sitting at the kid table to be silly and spend more time with his nieces and nephew.

He is survived by his mother, Barbara Geppert of Rochester Hills; siblings: David Geppert of Royal Oak, Darlene (Steve) Baker of Troy, Daniel (Rebecca)

Geppert of Rochester Hills; nieces and nephew: Natalie Baker, Leah and Owen Geppert and many other extended family and friends.

Dennis was preceded in death by his father Donald Geppert; his grandparents and several aunts and uncles.

Memorial services will be held 1:00 PM Saturday, November 22, 2025 at SALT Church of Troy. Visitation will be an hour prior to the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **22**. 1:00 PM (ET)

St Augustine Lutheran Church
5475 Livernois Rd
Troy, MI 48098-3251
(248) 879-6400

Tribute Wall

DC

“ It was such a pleasure to meet and get to know Dennis. He had this huge, warm and beautiful heart. The kind of heart that Jesus loves. He was like this big kid that everyone loves and wants to be around.

He had his demons, like we all have. But not anymore because he is in Heaven. No more pain or suffering. The good Lord calls us home on His time, not ours. And, my heart goes out to all the family and friends. He will be missed greatly. But we will see him again in Heaven.

I wish y'all the peace of God in this time of sadness.

Sincerely, Dan, Billie and our Chrystler family.



Dan Chrystler - November 22, 2025 at 11:41 AM

JP

“ Rest in peace Dennis. Our world won't be the same without your quick wit, sharp humor and big heart. You left a mark on the world around you, and we're thankful for your friendship. Sending love and strength the family. Miss you buddy.

Joe Poisson - November 22, 2025 at 05:21 AM

OR

“ Omar Rivera purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dennis Richard James Geppert.



Omar Rivera - November 22, 2025 at 02:28 AM

OR

“ Omar Rivera planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Richard James Geppert.

Omar Rivera - November 22, 2025 at 02:28 AM

M(

“ Morical Family and Lisa DeLong (Morical) purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dennis Richard James Geppert.



Morical Family and Lisa DeLong (Morical) - November 21, 2025 at 02:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis Richard James Geppert.



November 21, 2025 at 02:37 PM

FT

“ Ford VEPC MP&L Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Richard James Geppert.

Ford VEPC MP&L Team - November 21, 2025 at 02:37 PM

RF

“ Rick Smolarek and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dennis Richard James Geppert.



Rick Smolarek and Family - November 21, 2025 at 02:09 PM

RF

“ Rick Smolarek and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Richard James Geppert.

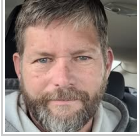
Rick Smolarek and Family - November 21, 2025 at 02:09 PM

TR

“ The Rochester Rattlers purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dennis Richard James Geppert.



The Rochester Rattlers - November 20, 2025 at 04:42 PM



“ *Dennis and I became friends when he first came to Caberfae Peaks as an instructor. He had a shark fin on his helmet and we invented the shark salute (putting his hand in the middle of his forehead vertically and saluting). Not only did we do this each time he came up my chairlift, but he would teach his STUDENTS to do it too! Saying that they always had to salute me when they came up the lift... and when I left and took a bartending job near Caberfae, he would sometimes bring his whole "crew" from Caberfae, down to my work to visit and hangout with me! He was a Great Friend! And I will miss him very much!! But I will see him again, someday.* 🙏❤️😎

Michael VanSimaey - November 20, 2025 at 10:54 AM

DB

Thank you for sharing your story. Yup sounds like my brother. I wonder if his students do that to other lift operators.

Darlene (Geppert) Baker - November 20, 2025 at 09:36 PM

ML

“ *With deepest sympathy to the entire Geppert and Baker families. May he rest in peace. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.*



Mike Lang - November 20, 2025 at 10:39 AM

DB

Thank you. ❤️

Darlene (Geppert) Baker - November 20, 2025 at 09:38 PM

MM

“ Mike Lang -Ford Van Dyke MP&L purchased the *Enduring Grace* for the family of Dennis Richard James Geppert.



Mike Lang -Ford Van Dyke MP&L - November 20, 2025 at 10:35 AM

MM

“ Mike Lang -Ford Van Dyke MP&L planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Richard James Geppert.

Mike Lang -Ford Van Dyke MP&L - November 20, 2025 at 10:35 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis Richard James Geppert.



November 20, 2025 at 06:05 AM

JW

“ Janet Whitney lit a candle in memory of Dennis Richard James Geppert



Janet Whitney - November 19, 2025 at 05:46 PM



“ My son Brady and I worked with Dennis at Caberfae. 🏡 Dennis painted the inside of my home in a pinch before I moved into it. 😊 He also painted my daughter and son-in-law's entire interior of their home in Spring Lake in one weekend! 🤩 Dennis was a thoughtful, loyal, fun, great guy. 😍 I love and miss you already my friend. 💔

Lisa McLaurin - November 19, 2025 at 04:00 PM

LD

“ So many of my childhood memories include Dennis and our neighborhood crew from swimming in the lake, to hanging out and the beach, to building forts in the woods. We always found a way to have fun and a lot of laughs. My condolences go out to the Geppert family as they grieve the loss of a truly one-of-a kind guy.
Lisa Delong(Morical)

Lisa Delong - November 19, 2025 at 12:15 PM

SM

“ Sherrie Marker lit a candle in memory of
Dennis Richard James Geppert



Sherrie Marker - November 19, 2025 at 09:30 AM

JV

“ For Dennis' family and friends that never got to see him in action at his employer *The Holland Sentinel* newspaper in the 2000's & 2010's, here's another preview..... Dennis at the 85th annual Tulip Time Festival's Kinderparade on May 8, 2014.

When Dennis spotted me in the parade on that day, he requested for me to take this picture of him to remember him by as he gave me his notice that he would be leaving the newspaper shortly after for the medical field. Dennis left on a high note as the last staff photojournalist of this 100+ year publication and his photo work is now part of the Holland Museum's collection as the hard copy newspapers were donated to them in the early-2020's.

R.I.P. Dennis. Thank you for your contributions to the Holland community! You will never be forgotten!



J.R. Valderas - November 19, 2025 at 12:56 AM

AC

As for me and my family; my father who coached him and brothers who played by his side... we remember Dennis on the football field, on the game bus, in the locker rooms and the hallways of school. He exemplified reveling in life; he had the ability to slow time down and see beauty in simple moments together. I I'm told- that the way he interacted with teammates glued them together because he exuded joy in the moment and knew the importance of play.

Angelique Chaiser - November 20, 2025 at 11:55 AM

DB

J.R. Valderas, thank you for sharing the photos and stories of Dennis at work. He really loved working there. He was very talented. Darlene Baker (Geppert) his sister.

Darlene Baker - December 04, 2025 at 11:15 AM

JV

“ For Dennis' family and friends that never got to see him in action at his employer *The Holland Sentinel* newspaper in the 2000's & 2010's, here's another preview..... Dennis documenting the 84th annual Tulip Time Festival's Kinderparade on May 9, 2013.



J.R. Valderas - November 19, 2025 at 12:45 AM

JV

“ For Dennis' family and friends that never got to see him in action at his employer *The Holland Sentinel* newspaper in the 2000's & 2010's, here's another preview..... Dennis with friends and co-workers enjoying the 82nd annual Tulip Time Festival's Muziekparade on May 14, 2011.



J.R. Valderas - November 19, 2025 at 12:44 AM

JV

“ For Dennis' family and friends that never got to see him in action at his employer *The Holland Sentinel* newspaper in the 2000's & 2010's, here's another preview..... Dennis (in the corner in white shirt) documenting Michigan Governor Rick Snyder's participation in the 82nd annual Tulip Time Festival's Volksparade on May 11, 2011.



J.R. Valderas - November 19, 2025 at 12:40 AM

JV

“ Worked with Dennis at *The Holland Sentinel* newspaper as a fellow-colleague of the publication's photography department (comprising of 3 staff photojournalists). Dennis was the solo staff photographer of this newspaper from 2009 to 2014 after the release of me and fellow-photojournalist Dan Irving during the Great Recession. After his departure from this newspaper in 2014, his photo work was featured in numerous community history books produced in the mid-2010's (which are still available at bookstores across Holland, Michigan).

For his family and friends that never got to see him in action in the 2000's & 2010's, here's a preview..... Dennis participating in the newspaper's staff games (newsroom vs. sales/advertising) at Windmill Island on July 24, 2004.



J.R. Valderas - November 19, 2025 at 12:33 AM

CJ

“ I remember so many summer days at the lake with Dennis and the rest of the neighborhood crew. Diving off the second dock and seeing who could reach the bottom and bring back some mud to prove your made it. My deepest condolences to the Geppert family.

Cheryl Verran Jordan - November 18, 2025 at 08:28 PM

DM

“ Dan Maroudis purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dennis Richard James Geppert.



Dan Maroudis - November 18, 2025 at 03:54 PM

VM

“ Vern and Peggy McCain. purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Dennis Richard James Geppert.



Vern and Peggy McCain. - November 18, 2025 at 03:15 PM

VM

“ Vern and Peggy McCain. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Richard James Geppert.

Vern and Peggy McCain. - November 18, 2025 at 03:15 PM

KY

“ Dennis really took me under his wing when I started out at Caberfae. He showed me how to enjoy work to another degree. He’s always greeted me with a smile and some off the wall comment, but that’s who he was and I loved that of him. He wasn’t really ever afraid to speak up when someone needed to be checked, and to that I’ll say that Dennis left a huge impact on me that will hold for many many years to come. I miss you D, we all do.

Kyle - November 18, 2025 at 02:50 PM

MI

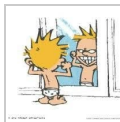
“ You will be forever missed! Such a soul buddy.

Missy - November 18, 2025 at 01:37 PM

GB

“ Dennis had a personality that could fill a room, and the talent and creativity to match. There was never a dull moment in The Holland Sentinel newsroom when Dennis was around. I remember being in awe of his Norman Rockwell re-creations, and a little bit amused by his classic boat restoration project. But that was Dennis. Rest in peace friend.

Gary Brower - November 18, 2025 at 01:37 PM



Dennis painted my house a year ago. imagine our surprise when we saw him bartending at Caberfae! He will be sorely missed. He made everyone feel welcome and was always good for a laugh. RIP, my friend.

Scott Dunlop - November 18, 2025 at 02:59 PM

MM

This is terrible news. I haven't talked him in a long time, but he was a great guy. My deepest condolences to his family and friends-he really was a good one.

Matt McGill - November 18, 2025 at 06:02 PM

SM

*To Aunt Barb , Daviad , Darlen , & Danial
I am so sorry on your loss my thoughts and paryers go out to the whole family at this time. He will be deeply missed . Love you Niece Sherrie Marker*

Sherrie Marker - November 19, 2025 at 09:24 AM