



Dennis R. Princing

December 5, 1936 - January 23, 2025

Mr. Dennis R. Princing
Saginaw, Michigan

Our beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, January 23, 2025, at home at the age of 88. Dennis Russel Princing was born on December 5, 1936, in Saginaw, MI to Russel and Mae (Pearce) Princing. He married Nancy A. (Slachta) Princing on June 22, 1957. She survives him. He is also survived by his children and their spouses, Kimberly Princing, Ann and Richard Main, Matthew and Jenny Princing, and Christopher and Jennifer Princing. He was predeceased by his son, Kurt Princing, in 2021. He is also survived by his beloved grandchildren, Sarah Grose, Caroline Yockey, Stephanie and Kyle Ecker, Bryttany and Brian Lienczewski, Jayson and Emily Yockey, Sydney Princing and Jenna Princing; sister Jane and Danny Cline; in-laws, Mary Princing, Don and Sally Zahnow Slachta; great-grandchildren, Hudson and Nolan Yockey, Maverick and Gunner Lienczewski; and many nieces, nephews, extended family, and numerous families that they became acquainted with over the years.

Dennis was predeceased by his parents, Russel and Mae Princing; his in-laws, Frank and Eva Slachta; brother, Tom Princing; sister, Judy and brother-in-law George Helvey, brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Henry and Mary Margaret Slachta, and sister-in-law, Joanne Slachta.

Dennis graduated from Arthur Hill High School in 1954, and Ferris Institute (College of Pharmacy) in 1958. He owned and operated Princing & Brennan Pharmacy and later Princing's Pharmacy in Saginaw for 60-plus years. Dennis was considered genuine, caring and loyal. Generations of families came to Princing's Pharmacy because of him and his generosity. Dennis employed hundreds of people throughout his ownership of Princing's Pharmacy, supporting many families, with whom he and Nancy are still friends.

Dennis was an active member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and served as an usher and elder of the congregation. He was very passionate about his faith, and, as such, was one of the founding members of Saginaw Valley Lutheran High School. He sat on the VLHS Foundation Board, and chaired the committee building the new school on McCarty Rd. In his various offices, including his last as President of the Board of Directors, Dennis handed out diplomas to hundreds of graduates. Dennis and Nancy continued to support Lutheran education at VLHS through the years and eventually watched several grandchildren earn their diplomas.

Dennis was interested and active in support of small, independent businesses, especially in Saginaw County. He was Past President of the Saginaw Exchange Club, and took pride in its dedication to the prevention of child abuse, promotion of American ideals, youth projects, and community service.

In his leisure time, Dennis loved spending time with his family; he and Nancy enjoyed many evenings entertaining a house full of children, grandchildren, other family and their many friends at the house on Lake Huron.

Dennis and Nancy were members of the Tawas Bay Yacht Club since 1975, and were given the distinction of Honorary Members last November. Sailing

with his kids and grandkids took top billing at the Club, but Dennis made time to support and help run races and regattas. As always, his focus was on advancing the small businesses in Tawas and East Tawas, and helping people enjoy the beauty of Lake Huron.

Funeral and committal services will take place on Monday, February 3, 2025, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 5335 Brockway Rd. Saginaw. The Rev. Paul Biber and Deacon Jeff Rauschert will officiate. Cremation will follow with private interment at Roselawn Memorial Gardens at a later date. Friends are welcome to pay their respects to the family at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Sunday, February 2, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Monday, February 3rd, from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 11:00 a.m. The service will also be live streamed at: www.goodshepherdsaginaw.com/live

Those wishing to express their sympathies may consider contributions to Valley Lutheran High School to the "Welcome. Gather. Worship. Initiative" to renovate the gym space with a new gym floor and bleachers, and the cafeteria space, or to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Memories and sympathies for Dennis may be shared with the family on his memorial website at WakemanFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens

950 N. Center Rd.
Saginaw, MI 48638

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
5335 Brockway Rd.
Saginaw, MI 48638

Visitation

FEB 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

FEB 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

NH

“ To Nancy, Kim and the twins. My condolences to you all. Nancy remember me Mary's daughter from 14th Street?, Dennis gave me my very first job there at the pharmacy. I'm so sorry this is so late but I just found out. Working with Dennis and Pat, my mom, Mabel Alexander, Tom and Floyd was not work when you enjoyed what you did. I visited all the locations where Dennis opened. I saw you last at the Michigan and Court street location. And when we loss my Dad, Dennis came to Evan's Funeral Home to see Mom and me Aug 2009, that was the last time I saw Dennis. I moved from Saginaw over 30 ago. Ask Kim does she remember seeing me at the Mexican restaurant on Bay Rd, it was so nice to see her. That was 9 grandchildren and 3 great grands ago. Dennis gave me a chance at the age of 17. I went into the store waiting for my Mom and I told Dennis that he needed to hire me because the shelves were dusty and he said okay. I moved up to sales clerk in less than a week, to handling BCBS payments, to training me to do Cash out, deposits and finally how to read and fill scrips. I left only because I got hired at GMAC the summer of 1975. He was a Great Boss with a loving family. That' was the atmosphere working at Princings & Brennans. We were a family! I will keep you and the family in my prayers Nancy, love Nancy Hall-Smith.

Nancy Hall-Smith - June 02, 2025 at 11:28 AM

NM

“ Dennis was a great pharmacist and friend. He knew my family was over 60 years. Way back when they still made house calls, When I would go in to his pharmacy?He always remembered who I was and asked about my family.He will be missed.
Nate morris



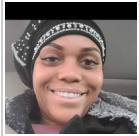
Nate Morris - February 21, 2025 at 02:59 PM

DT

“ Don, Lee, Rob, Kelly Thwing purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Dennis R. Princing.



Don, Lee, Rob, Kelly Thwing - February 02, 2025 at 02:08 PM



“ Dennis was an awesome man. He was always so kind and would often call to check on how I was doing. I will miss talking to him. I pray God's comfort to the entire Princing family & all who loved him. 🙏❤️

Kimberly Fletcher - February 01, 2025 at 09:48 AM

KF

“ Kimberly Fletcher & family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dennis R. Princing.



Kimberly Fletcher & family - February 01, 2025 at 09:45 AM

LM

“ Lisa and Dean and Tom and Magda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis R. Princing.

Lisa and Dean and Tom and Magda - January 31, 2025 at 11:45 PM

LM

“ Lisa and Dean and Tom and Magda purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dennis R. Princing.



Lisa and Dean and Tom and Magda - January 31, 2025 at 11:45 PM

DL

“ Denny and his dad Russ during the 1960's had their Pharmacy of Princing/Brennan on James and 14th in Saginaw and for a period of time were having difficulty getting Pharmacist help and I was prevlidged to be able to give them a helping hand. Very nice and professional. RIP Denny. You will be missed.

Dennis Lichon - January 31, 2025 at 07:31 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis R. Princing.



January 31, 2025 at 01:24 PM

DB

“ Dorothy BURCH lit a candle in memory of Dennis R. Princing



Dorothy BURCH - January 31, 2025 at 09:10 AM

DB

“ Nancy.....

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. So sorry to learn of Denny's passing. He was a wonderful and well respected person who I admired very much. We had many memorable times and laughs together over the years at Saginaw Exchange Club events and some of our get togethers in Augres. Always a true gentlemen and a lot fun to be with.

May he now Rest in Peace!!!

DENIS W BOISSONNEAULT - January 29, 2025 at 08:39 PM

JK

“ *Josephine Kapcia purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Dennis R. Princing.*



Josephine Kapcia - January 28, 2025 at 08:25 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dennis R. Princing.*



January 28, 2025 at 07:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Dennis R. Princing.



January 28, 2025 at 10:17 AM



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

January 28, 2025 at 10:17 AM

DB

“ Dennis and Nancy were like my third set of parents...I worked for them for 25 years, they watched my kids grow up...so many memories of those days, I couldn't even name them all..
I can still hear Dennis always asking how my kids were doing, just out of the blue as he was walking by during the work day...
We'd talk for a few minutes, he was a good listener...and had a great sense of humor...😂
When I first started working there about 1992
I always had Fridays off because my son was in a half day of preschool...when I would go in there on my Fridays off to pick up my paycheck, I can still hear Dennis saying
"You live a charmed life"
I'm guessing he meant because it was Fri, I had the day off, it was payday and the sun was shining...Lol..
It always made me smile...
Still does when I remember all the years working there...
It was always like family, and I made many friends there, lots of good times..

I still get to see Dennis and Nancy at my current job, and it's always a pleasure to wait on them and their kids and other family members...
The last time I saw them, I stepped away from my counter to give them both BIG hugs..
I didn't know it would be the last time I'd see you, Dennis...😞
They both meant so much to me even after I left their store...
Rest in peace, Dennis..
Until we meet again❤️❤️❤️

Debra Brandt - January 28, 2025 at 06:37 AM



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

January 28, 2025 at 12:41 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Dennis R. Princing.*



January 28, 2025 at 12:41 AM



“ *To the man who gave me my start in my pharmacy career: thank you. Thank you for your kindness, your wisdom, your humor. I am what i am today because of you. You took a chance on a teenage kid and opened the world to me. For that, i am eternally grateful. My professional life has always revolved around what I learned as a 17 year old girl working your pharmacy. The compassion, the care for your patients. The friendships. My days as a pharmacist have always revolved around “what would Dennis do?” And would Dennis be proud of this?”. You changed my life and I love you for it. After all these years- I’m still a sassy, know-it-all, 17 year old girl running the show and bossing people around. 😊*

Cindy (Gaudreau) Martin - January 28, 2025 at 12:27 AM



“ *Condolences to the Princing Family. I will forever hold him in my heart. Our bi-weekly check-ins were the high light of my day. He made me smile and laugh always. Rest in peace my dear friend!!*

Catherine Martinez - January 27, 2025 at 08:40 PM

JM

“ Jim and Donna McCargar purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dennis R. Princing.



Jim and Donna McCargar - January 27, 2025 at 08:06 PM

JS

“ Earl and I want to send our condolences to Dennis's family. We considered he and Nancy friends of ours for a lot of years while we lived in Saginaw. I was an employee of the pharmacy for a few years until we purchased Schrems Hardware. Working for him was quite an experience especially on Saturdays when we opened “around” 9 o'clock. He was not a morning person. Our children also attended Vally Lutheran high school together where Dennis was very involved. He will be missed by his family but also by many friends. Our love and blessings to the Princing family, Joyce and Earl Schindler

Joyce and Earl Schindler - January 27, 2025 at 04:35 PM

CH

“ I send my deepest sympathy to the Princing family. So many wonderful memories of mine go all the way back to my youth Of Special friendship, and great experiences. . With the Princing family. My heart is breaking today for all of you. May. God bless each and everyone. Of you. Love Carolyn Gilbert Dunscombe Habel

carolyn Gilbert Dunscombe. habel - January 27, 2025 at 11:01 AM

CG

“ *Dennis was a wonderful man. When he was able to he would help out at Faler pharmacy. He was more than a customer he was a friend. We will miss him, our hearts go out to his family.*



Crystal I George - January 27, 2025 at 10:43 AM

LB

“ *Lou Budd lit a candle in memory of Dennis R. Princing*



Lou Budd - January 26, 2025 at 08:53 PM

AC

“ *I met Dennis at the Exchsngc Ckub. He always had a story to tell or said something to make you laugh. Such a nice man he was always kind to me. Praying for the family.*
Arwanda Conner



Arwanda Conner - January 26, 2025 at 03:32 PM



“ *My heart is broken, he was the sweetest man with a very funny whit. I always enjoyed seeing and talking with him at the club. He will be deeply missed! My sincere condolences to Nancy and the entire family.*
Denise Carlisle

Denise Carlisle - January 26, 2025 at 12:39 PM

JS

“ My sincere love, prayers & condolences to the Princing Family. I'm in total shock with this tragic news. Dennis had been a forever friend. along with his whole family. There aren't many people with good, kind hearts anymore that treat you like family. I'm forever grateful to have known such a influential and remarkable family man. God's blessing to you all!!



Judy A Saxton - January 26, 2025 at 12:33 PM

MS

“ I worked for Dennis at the pharmacy on Michigan. What a wonderful boss. He wasn't a morning person . Never said Good Morning only morning. I could tell so many funny stories about him. Loved him dearly.

Sorry for the families lose.

Love

Marcia Sopcak

Marcia Sopcak - January 26, 2025 at 09:19 AM

BL

“ Basil LaBelle lit a candle in memory of Dennis R. Princing



Basil LaBelle - January 26, 2025 at 09:12 AM

DS

“ I was his neighbor sweet down to earth guy very nice! Would do anything for anyone without being asked! He would give you the shirt off his back if he knew you needed it! This man saw me grow up he saw my childhood!



Danny Stark - January 25, 2025 at 04:56 PM

SA

“ When Dennis bought his J22 Hog Tide, he and I took her out for a shake down sail on Tawas Bay. We earned no style points, but we were thrilled to get the spinnaker up and cruise across the bay. I will never forget how much fun we had that day.

Sue Alexander - January 25, 2025 at 02:14 PM



I am glad he had you in his life Sue. Thank you the memory!!

Sarah Grose - January 26, 2025 at 03:32 PM

JC

“ Judge Terry L. Clark lit a candle in memory of Dennis R. Princing



Judge Terry L. Clark - January 25, 2025 at 01:30 PM

DL

“ RIP Denny. Memories of helping you and your father at the Pharmacy on Jane's and 14th in Saginaw. It was a time Pharmacist's were hard to come by and I had some time to give a helping hand. Known each other for over 50 years.
Denny Lichon

Dennis Lichon - January 25, 2025 at 11:08 AM

NC

“ Years ago I was the fella that assisted in catching the guy that attempted to Rob the pharmacy. Your family over years have become my friends. So sorry for your loss. What a great Man.
Nicholas B. Cooper. Merrill MI.

Nicholas Cooper - January 25, 2025 at 08:04 AM

DS

“ Worked for Dennis and his dad Russ at Princing & Brennen Pharmacy under the co-op program when I was in high school. Have a lot of great memories of Dennis, he will be greatly missed. My condolences to the entire princing family.
May he rest in peace!

Dan Sabedra

Dan Sabedra - January 24, 2025 at 09:36 PM