

Dennis A. Schluckbier Sr.

December 25, 1954 - May 13, 2017

Schluckbier, Dennis A., Sr.
St. Charles, Michigan

Beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend passed away suddenly on Saturday, May 13, 2017, at Covenant Harrison. Age 62 years. Dennis was born December 25, 1954 in Saginaw, to the late Frederick J. and Evelyn A. (Buchinger) Schluckbier. He graduated from Arthur Hill High School in Saginaw in 1973, and later with a business degree from Delta College. He married Cindy Cramer on August 9, 1975. She survives him. Together they had three children, Amy (Dale) Gross of Lansing, Becky (Adam) Avila of Saginaw and Dennis Jr. of Saginaw. He also leaves four grandchildren, Ava and Elijah Gross, and Ellianna and Gracie Avila; one brother and one sister, Dale (Lorraine) Schluckbier of Florida, Karen Friebe, Kawkawlin; a brother-in-law, Lowell Friebe, Kawkawlin; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and other in-laws. He was predeceased by one sister, Joyce Friebe, and two brothers-in-law, Lloyd Friebe and John Cramer.

Family was always of utmost importance to Dennis and he enjoyed his time with his children and grandchildren above and beyond everything else. Dennis was also an avid fan of the Detroit Lions and enjoyed attending games, or watching them nearly every Sunday with family and friends.

Dennis began his career as a co-op student at Hayes Specialties Corp in Saginaw in 1971, working his way up to eventually being company president and part owner. He was a mentor to many in the company, as well as loved by countless customers and suppliers he'd met in his 46 years with the company.

Funeral service will take place 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 20, 2017, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 808 Weiss St. The Rev. Michael R. Korte will officiate. Private burial in Roselawn Memorial Gardens. Friends are welcome to visit with the family at Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc., 1218 N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, on Friday from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m., then at the church on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Memorial contributions may be given to his wife, Cindy, to be placed into his grandchildren's 529 College Savings Plans. Memories and sympathies of 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

MAY 19. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc.
1218 N. Michigan Ave.
Saginaw, MI 48602
(989) 752-8531
wakemanfh@charter.net

Visitation

MAY 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
808 Weiss St.
Saginaw, MI 48602

Funeral Service

MAY 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
808 Weiss St.
Saginaw, MI 48602

Tribute Wall



“ *Dennis A. Schluckbier Sr.*

September 13, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Dennis A. Schluckbier Sr.*

September 13, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Dennis A. Schluckbier Sr..*



May 19, 2017 at 02:32 PM

TM

“ Back in the late 1990s Dennis and I sat in his office, working on a plan to help maintain the largest figural neon sign in Michigan. Maybe, we thought, we could kind of jump on the band wagon of the popular Beanie Baby craze by having plush bunnies based on the different beans that are grown in the Saginaw valley. And we both smiled as we got down to designing the first bunny, the pink Neon Bunny. And over a ten-year period other Bean Bunnies followed: Lima Bunny, Black Bean Bunny, Dr. Karla Kidney Bean Bunny, Suzy Soy Bean Bunny, Billy the Boxer Black-Eyed Pea Bunny, Nibaw the Northern Bean Bunny, Patriot Pat Navy Bean bunny, Cranny Granny Cranberry Bean Bunny , and Pinto Pete. The program was a great success with over 30,000 sold. Dennis was so easy to work with and so very supportive. And we had fun, too.

Well, back-to-back storms back in 2009 knocked out the fabulous Bean Bunny sign, but now there is a group working to bring back the bunny by converting the neon to LEDs. Hopefully the sign will once again brighten the night sky as the 35'X50' bunny jumps over the 12'-tall B-E-A-N-S letters. Dennis would like that

Tom Mudd - May 19, 2017 at 02:20 PM

LN

“ Our hearts are sadden by your loss. Dennis was always so sweet and kind when ever myself or the boys ran into him. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Linda Nagel - May 19, 2017 at 01:46 PM

MM

“ *Dennis was an incredible man. I have met many people in my career in sales but Dennis and I got along right away. He was fair honest and hard working. Every time we met for business we had great conversations about work and life in general. He was one of my most favorite people to work with. Extremely sharp, always new the latest in the industry, very brilliant business mind. Great man. I will miss him a lot.*

marc morris - May 18, 2017 at 08:06 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Dennis A. Schluckbier Sr..*



May 18, 2017 at 07:53 PM

TO

“ *The Office of Dr. Renee L. I. Owen purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dennis A. Schluckbier Sr..*



The Office of Dr. Renee L. I. Owen - May 18, 2017 at 01:19 PM



“ Forwarded message from Tim Friebe:

Aunt Cindy, Amy, Becky, and Denny: you are in our thoughts and prayers. These are a few of the many, many memories that I have of Uncle Dennis. Being only nine years older, the name “Uncle” never really quite fit when I think of you. You were the one who came to visit when I was young and helped me to build sand castle forts with turrets and gates and roads. You then blew them up with fire crackers you had brought along – you were the coolest. I remember boat rides during vacations, also rowing the boat back from some of those rides because you forgot to fill the gas tank, and staying up late plotting our strategy to beat the neighboring camp site at volleyball. You were always ready to play games, have fun, and along with Aunt Cindy, took me to see movies (R-rated) that I was not yet old enough to see on my own. When I was sixteen you were playing around in the lake and said something about not being able to be dunked in the water, so I walked over, picked you up and much to your surprise threw you in. You were always interested in what I was doing and even had me explain my graduate school project in “simple terms” and by explaining it you, helped me understand it better myself. I remember meeting up with you while in grad school during a hectic show in Chicago and you taking the time to show me and my friend Jeff around and then taking us both out to dinner. I remember Denny following me around during one summer vacation and I hope I gave as much back as I received from you. You and Aunt Cindy took the time to visit Sue and I in Erie, Pennsylvania on your wedding anniversary. I have always looked forward to talking with you, hearing your stories, your face on the verge of a grin or a smile. You never fail to make me feel better for having talked to you. No the word uncle is not quite right – the word I was looking for is friend and I miss you. Tim

Rodney Wakeman - May 17, 2017 at 06:01 PM

EF

“ *Its hard to find the words to express how highly I thought of Dennis. I have been working with him as a supplier to our business for 15 years. I always knew that if you needed to get something done, Dennis was the man. He was thoughtful, thorough, resourceful and, frankly, quite special; much more than a supplier of goods, he was a friend.*

I shall miss phoning him at odd hours to look for a shipment . No matter the time, he would jump right on it. And next thing I knew, there was a response from China with the missing information. Or if I needed some special custom necklace or pin, lanyard, boxes - whatever. Dennis was up to it. Nothing was too crazy or too out of reach.

Sadly I say farewell to a man who was a devoted family man and role model and mentor to those fortunate enough to work with him - or just know him.

He left us too soon.....I shall miss him.

Esther Fuhrman

Esther Fuhrman - May 17, 2017 at 05:45 PM

 Daniel Pietrowsky

“ *An awesome business friend, always smiling, will miss you dearly!
Love Dan&Judy Pietrowsky.*

Daniel Pietrowsky - May 17, 2017 at 05:42 PM

PS

“ *POWER POINT INT`L INC & GREEN MASTER INT`L SERVICE purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dennis A. Schluckbier Sr..*



POWER POINT INT`L INC & GREEN MASTER INT`L SERVICE

- May 17, 2017 at 04:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis A. Schluckbier Sr..*



May 17, 2017 at 02:38 PM

LS

“ *We stopped in at Hayes to see Dennis about two weeks ago. We felt bad that we missed him but it was lunch time and he was gone. We didn't have time to wait for him and so we left with my husband joking about missing his cousin and needing to get back with him soon. We were shocked to read about his passing away so suddenly.*

Larry & Debbie Schluckebier

Larry Schluckebier - May 17, 2017 at 12:15 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis A. Schluckbier Sr..*



May 17, 2017 at 11:45 AM



“ *I was sad to hear that Dennis has passed away...what a wonderful and kind person and he will be missed by all! I met Dennis when I worked at Hayes Specialties and a memory of Dennis is that he loved his family and those grandchildren were the joy of his life. He talked about on many occasions,*

My thoughts and prayers are with you all,

Nancy Berg

Nancy Berg - May 17, 2017 at 09:49 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis A. Schluckbier Sr..*



May 17, 2017 at 07:55 AM

EK

“ *Eric & Frankie, Hong Kong - Wing Keung purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dennis A. Schluckbier Sr..*



Eric & Frankie, Hong Kong - Wing Keung - May 17, 2017 at 03:27 AM

SJ

“ *I was very heart broken to hear of such sad news, Dennis was a nice and caring person, a person that I had the pleasure of working with for 27 years, he was a family man and loved his siblings, he will be truly missed. His work here on earth was done, God needed you most, To all family and friends you have my deepest condolences, Dennis may you forever rest in peace.*



Ms Shirley Jones

Shirley Jones - May 16, 2017 at 02:53 PM

VC

“ *Vezina party centre purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Dennis A. Schluckbier Sr..*



Vezina party centre - May 16, 2017 at 02:34 PM

SF

“ Aunt Cindy, Denny, Amy and Becky. We were so sad and very very sorry to hear about Uncle Dennis. He was such a kind, funny, wonderful man. We share in your loss. Know that your family is in our hearts and prayers. We love you! Sue, Tim, Chris and Brad Friebe

Susan Friebe - May 16, 2017 at 02:10 PM

FP

“ from the staff at Bingo Pro purchased the Vivid R eollections for the family of Dennis A. Schluckbier Sr..



from the staff at Bingo Pro - May 16, 2017 at 02:00 PM

DK

“ Cindy and family,
Dennis was a dear friend of many of us at Gold Medal. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless.
Dan Kroeger
Gold Medal Products.
Cincinnati, OH.

Dan Kroeger - May 16, 2017 at 12:29 PM

AP

“ Aaron Hall & Family -
PartySuppliesDelivered.com purchased the Sapp
hire Skies Bouquet for the family of Dennis A.
Schluckbier Sr..



Aaron Hall & Family - PartySuppliesDelivered.com - May 16, 2017 at 11:11 AM

MK

“ *Michael Klemp purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dennis A. Schluckbier Sr..*



Michael Klemp - May 16, 2017 at 10:12 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis A. Schluckbier Sr..*



May 16, 2017 at 10:06 AM



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May 16, 2017 at 09:49 AM

MC

“ *Dear Cindy, Becky, Amy, and Dennis Jr.,*

Distance can not separate our respect and love for Dennis. Please help me present flowers to him. Dennis always lives in our hearts. His best friend in China, Mike

Michael Bao in China - May 16, 2017 at 08:59 AM

MC

“ Dear Amy,
I was deeply saddened to hear about your dad's passing. My sincere condolences to you and your family during this difficult time. You are in my thoughts.

Megan Callahan - May 16, 2017 at 08:41 AM

MB

“ Dear Cindy & Becky, and all Dennis family,

We are sad to lose Dennis as a good colleague and friend. We enjoyed sharing our life views on the side of business trips. I respected him as our dear uncle and will always do. We pray to Lord for peace for Dennis. He contributed all of his life to his family, friends and our company. His spirits of perseverance will live on for ever.

Michael Bao - May 16, 2017 at 08:36 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis A. Schluckbier Sr..



May 16, 2017 at 07:00 AM



“ To the family of Dennis Schluckbier,
I was very saddened to the loss of Dennis. He has been an inspiration to me in the bingo and carnival industry. I shared the same love of working in the outdoors having fun cutting brush. If I needed an answer on computers or chain saws, Dennis had the solution. I will miss seeing him at trade shows or just talking on the phone. We will keep him in our prayers.

Chuck & Janice Gajewski
Ray Gay Sales, Inc.
Buffalo, NY

Chuck Gajewski - May 15, 2017 at 08:27 PM

GC

“ Cindy, So sorry to hear about your loss. This makes my heart hurt for you and your family. Love you, Gale and Roger

Gale Cox - May 15, 2017 at 07:28 PM

SS

“ Cindy & Family,
Our very sincere regrets for your loss! Sylvia and I are in Cincinnati on a Ford job. Sylvia just told me the bad news. We have nothing but admiration and regard for you, your family, and Dennis. Please accept this note as an extension of our affection for the Schuluckbier Family in your time of loss. Dennis was a first class person whom I will always remember with a smile. Think about it, it is true. I am so happy we knew him and that we were and still are part of your family.

The warmest of regard, God bless Dennis, you and yours,

Sylvia, Stephen, Michelle, Will, Zachariah, Brittney


Stephen Schultz - May 15, 2017 at 05:45 PM

TK

“ To the family of Dennis Schluckbier,
My heart goes out to all of you. I not only loss my boss, but loss my best friend. We often talked about growing old together and living next to each other in an old folks home. Again, You all are in my thoughts and prayers and I love all of you with all my heart. Love always,
Tom and Cathie Kempter

TOM KEMPTER - May 15, 2017 at 03:07 PM

KR

Cindy & family,
We are so sad to learn of Dennis's passing. You couldn't find a nicer guy. We sort of loss touch in 2014 when I got I'll and eventually sold the store in St. Charles. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. It was a pleasure doing business with Dennis, which turned into a neighborly friendship. God speed 'ol friend. 

Kenny and Lori Rogers - May 15, 2017 at 08:07 PM

ER

To Cindy and Family

We will miss this good man and partner. I still remember the warm conversation when we first met in a trade. Over the years, we do see good integrity and sincerity in our business activities. While he is at rest, we will sure keep this friendship deep in our memory.

Eric - May 16, 2017 at 05:57 AM

CP

“ Cindy and family Roger and I are very saddened by the loss of Dennis and want you to know you have our deepest sympathy and you all are in our prayers! Roger & Charlene Posey

Charlene & Roger Posey - May 15, 2017 at 02:50 PM