



## J. Dennis Omlor

April 11, 2013

Dr. J. Dennis Omlor passed away peacefully on April 11, 2013 at the age of 68. He was a longtime resident of Berea, OH and also held residency in Brodhead, WI. He married Karen Austin on June 24, 1967 at The Congregational Church in Manhasset, Long Island, NY. Dennis was born and raised in Yukon, PA. He graduated from South Huntington H.S. in 1961, received his BS degree from Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA in 1965, received his MS degree from Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH in 1971, and ultimately received his Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH in 1978. He was a Computer Science professor at Cleveland State University and Cuyahoga Community College. He served the IT industry working at IBM, LTV Steel, and Omlor Data Systems. Dennis loved traveling, dining, gardening, gambling, golf, springer spaniels, politics, Civil War history, the Steelers football team, Sudoku, Genealogy, TV classics and westerns, and telling bad jokes. His humor and smile lifted our spirits and warmed our hearts. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Karen (nee Austin); a sister, Marcia (Robert) Wallhagen; aunt Ginny (late Joe Stangry); uncle Mike (late Vera) Leon; nephew Eric Wallhagen; nieces Carol'Ann Wallhagen and Christa Dominico; "son" Scott Nimrod, and many wonderful cousins and close friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Ann Omlor; grandparents, John and Mina Omlor; and Joseph and Katherine Stangry. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in Brodhead, WI. Memorial contributions may be made to North Shore Animal

League, 16 Lewyt Street, Port Washington, NY 11050 or Seidman Cancer Center - Southwest General Health Center, 18697 Bagley Road, Middleburg Heights, OH 44130. A special thank you to the doctors, nurses and staff on 2 West and 3 West, SICU and Seidman Cancer Center at Southwest General Health Center. In addition, a special thank you to the nurses and therapists at University Hospitals Home Care Services. We greatly appreciate the incredible care that was provided to Dennis.

# Tribute Wall

RW

“ I am so sorry to hear of Denny's passing . . . I was hoping he would get one more chance, after all he was through, he certainly deserved it. He was "one tough cookie!", that's for sure. I'm sending a photograph of the two of us you may already have, but . . . it really brings back happy academic times for me.

He and I had some great times at CSU . . . I sat in some of his classes (in the Quonset huts) immediately after I arrived there . . . I learned a lot from him; I was brand new to university teaching. He impressed me very much as a talented teacher . . . great at making complicated "computer stuff" much clearer . . . his imposing appearance didn't hurt, either.

I don't know if he ever told you about our escapades. In the CSU dining hall . . . where they originally sold salad by the plate, rather than by the pound . . . the two of us became the immediate cause of the cafeteria switching its salad pricing policy to "by the pound"! We had perfected a method to create an ingenious base structure of appropriate heavier salad ingredients on the plate, which then allowed us to pile an enormous amount of other salad ingredients about 4-5 inches high on top! What a team!

I'll remember him . . . he was one of a kind!

I have made a donation to The North Shore Animal League.

Rich

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Richard Wiersba - May 10, 2021 at 11:20 AM

BD

“ We have all lost a very dear man. Dennis was kind, intelligent, funny, caring and extremely well liked.

*It was so much fun hearing him talk about riding "shot gun" while K'Rene drove, and his thoughts on whoopee pies.*

*He will be greatly and sadly missed. My condolences to K'Rene, his relatives, and his countless friends. No one could ever take Dennis' place in our hearts or lives.*

*Sincerely,*

*Barbara Douglas*

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**Barbara Douglas** - May 10, 2021 at 11:20 AM

RD

“ We physically lost a great man. But because he was such a smart, neat, fun etc. guy, spiritually he will always be with us.

*I am the carpenter that works on the house in Wisconsin. The first time I met Dennis & K'rene was when they came to Wis after I almost finished a porch remodel. We introduced ourselves and the conversation turned to where to locate a light fixture in the ceiling of the porch. Should the light fixture be centered with door that exited the porch, or should it be centered with the door exiting the house into the porch? Dennis held the light fixture up in the different positions and K'rene would step back and look at it. After a few detailed and specific reasons from K'rene why it should or shouldn't be in one position or the other, I looked at Dennis and said "I feel your pain Dennis". He just roared with laughter, and I of course got "the look" from K'rene and a subtle reminder who was signing the checks. A friendship was born.*

*On a different occasion K'rene was driving to Wis. After going thru a small town in Illinois, a cop pulled them over for speeding. Well he issued K'rene a ticket. So Dennis asked the cop: "If I don't pay the ticket, how many nights can you put her in jail?" Dennis made a memory for that cop that he probably told several times over and will never forget. Dennis and K'rene were always lovingly sparring back and forth. A really fun couple to be with.*

*The passing of Dennis is a huge loss, but to have never known him would have been an even bigger loss/void. Our thoughts are with K'rene, family and friends. Rest in Peace Dennis. Love Ray*

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**Ray Douglas** - May 10, 2021 at 11:20 AM

CK

“ My deepest condolences to K'rene and the rest of Denny's family. I feel a sense of loss knowing that Denny has passed away. He was both my professor, mentor, and friend. I always have felt that he built the confidence in me through his warm words and great advice to allow my career to take off. Even during my more recent conversations with him he was still giving me advice. I truly will miss him and remember him.

*Sincerely; Chuck Kensicki*

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**Chuck Kensicki** - May 10, 2021 at 11:20 AM

TK

“ You have my heartfelt sympathy and you and denny are in my prayers while we have not kept in touch there is always the childhood memories while growing up together and in our younger years

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**tony kaferle** - May 10, 2021 at 11:20 AM

JJ

“ Our condolences go out to K'rene, Marcia, Scott and all of Denny's family and friends. Denny will be in our hearts forever! We will remember the good times; dividing the end cut at Harpo's, drives to the local cemeteries, our Florida adventures and that memorable dinner at The Armory! Denny fought a real battle, and now it's time to rest!

*Jean, and "your" dog Clancy*

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**Jean Jeffrey** - May 10, 2021 at 11:20 AM

TK

“ It ishe was my best man at my wedding and will be greatly missed buy with great sorrow that I have learned of denny's passing he was my best man at my wedding and will be greatly missed buy all who knew him our childhood memories of growing up are priceless and not to be forgotten may god bless and take care of denny and guide Karin and Marcia in thes though times my prayers are with you all

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**tony kaferle** - May 10, 2021 at 11:20 AM

DL

“ We offer our heartfelt condolences to K'rene, family and friends for the loss of such a great guy! We so enjoyed our family times together in Wisconsin! Denny was a man of tremendous generosity of spirit that will live on in the memories of so many. Although we might not remember the details of the jokes he told, we hold dear the memories of the laughs we shared.

*Debbie and Bill*

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**Debbie and Bill Lalor** - May 10, 2021 at 11:20 AM

BH

“ We have known Denny and K'rene for over 30 years. They both were wonderful friends to my mother-in law Betty Wenzel and sister in law Barb Marr. When Barb was going through her cemo for breast cancer they would go and sit with Barb for hours at Southwest Hospital and take her lunch and help her pass the time. They are both wonderful careing people. Denny was a kind and gentle giant. We so looked foward to their trips to FI and going out for lunch and catching up. I'm so greatful that Denny got to travel. We still have the plate he got us from Alaska. He fought so hard!!!! I pray for him that he is at peace and no longer suffering. We will always remember him in our hearts. Now Denny, you can eat all the banana bread you want and can even have the walnuts on top. We love ya both. Don & Bev.

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**Bev and Don Henry** - May 10, 2021 at 11:20 AM

LB

“ Oh Marcia, I am so sorry for your loss. I know how much you love your brother and sister in law and how hard this loss must be for you. Get comfort in knowing how special you were to him and how special you are to all that are blessed by you! Laura

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**Laura Baliestiero** - May 10, 2021 at 11:20 AM

TM

“ Very sorry to learn of Denny's passing. He certainly 'fought the good fight.' For years we made plans to play another round of golf. At least the plan kept him on the path of hope and gave him some strength.

He was a very human kind of guy and for a 'techie' had a great sense of humor including always trying to steer the conversation towards one of his jokes. He loved CSU basketball and the players were always in awe that one of their teachers cared enough about them to follow them on road trips.

Peace be with you K'rene and your family.

Tom McMahon

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**Tom McMahon** - May 10, 2021 at 11:20 AM

LO

“ To Dennis's Loved Ones,

*We were so sorry to read of Dennis's passing, and to learn he had suffered through illness. It was heartening, however, to read about the fulfilling career he enjoyed; the loyal friendships he nurtured with a humorous, compassionate nature; the lifelong love he shared with his family. What a life well-lived!*

*K'rene, my husband and I would like to express our deepest sympathy to you. Although we have not met, we were so pleased to learn of the joyful and loving relationship you and Dennis shared. Marcia and I were childhood friends, schoolmates, and neighbors, and I remember her fondly after all these years. The compassionate, fun-loving nature for which his friends praised Dennis is what I remember most about Marcia as well.*

*Marcia, we are so sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of our walks to and from school, buying after-school treats at Faulk's store, and enjoying the bond of friendship we shared daily. You were a sweet and dear friend who always reached out to help others.*

*May God ease your pain, and give you strength each day. May the warm, joyful memories keep your loved one ever near.*

*Our love and deepest  
sympathy,*

*Linda and Chris Jansante*

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Linda Ometz-Jansante - May 10, 2021 at 11:20 AM

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“ *Dennis and my father Norman Omlor were cousins. I got hold of Dennis through Ancestry.com when I was researching my family heritage. He helped me so tremendously and I will forever be grateful for the help he gave me in researching my family tree. I know he was suffering from prostate cancer as he told me he needed to take a break cause of his illness. I was praying for him to get well but now he doesn't have to suffer no more. RIP Dennis*

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**Teresa Omlor** - May 10, 2021 at 11:20 AM