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Dennis Craig Lange, 68 years of age, passed away Sunday January 24, 2021 at St. Vincent Medical Center in Toledo, Ohio after a courageous battle due to COVID-19. Dennis was an extraordinarily unique person, as he entered this world on August 9, 1952, born in back of his parent's car, Frank arriving at the hospital, with Dennis wrapped up in Lillian's nightgown. He grew up in Mantua, and was a 1970 graduate of Crestwood High School. A former member of Portage Faith United Methodist Church in Mantua, Dennis later became a blessed member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Toledo where his deep faith, made him a perfect match for his church and its many missions. The former owner-operator of Mantua Floral, Dennis had been employed at Burton Floral, and Vale Edge in Ravenna. In 1981, Dennis moved to Toledo, residing in what is known as the Old West End. Over the years he became well known both as a visionary, and entrepreneur, establishing "The Coffee Shop", and the opening of "Pumpernickels", which became the meeting place for locals. As he was involved with politics in Mantua, he soon became politically active in Toledo. Dennis helped lead the development of the Agnes Reynolds Jackson Arboretum with its dedication in 1986, whereas the first chairman, he directed and oversaw the planting of over 60 varieties of trees, flowering shrubs and bushes. Dennis gave of himself in so many ways, including the OWE Association as both chairman for several years, Food Chair for the OWE Festival, Co-chairing Tours de Noel, opening his home for New Year's and Mardi Gras parties, his involvement with the Lucas County Fair, and whenever needed, Dennis was there to help anyone, and everyone. Dennis loved everything about Christmas, collected Santa Clauses, and was an avid gardener and a wonderful cook. While his life came to an end too soon, let his love for others, his desire to do good deeds, remain in the hearts of all who knew him. Dennis is survived by his loving sons Brenner and Braden both of Toledo; his dear siblings Jack (Jenny) Lange of Mantua, William Lange of Leroy, Ohio, Gerald (Beth) Lange of Atwater, Michele Ustar of Leroy, Ohio, Connie (Harvey) Rager of Newton Falls, Jennifer (Edward) Rogala of Freedom Twp.; good friend Tim Reynolds of Toledo; many, many caring nieces and nephews; and a host of friends who will always cherish Dennis in their hearts. He was preceded in death by his parents,



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and his brother Edward Lange. Calling hours will be Saturday January 30, 2021, at the Green family Funeral Home & Crematory Service, 4668 Pioneer Trail at the corner of St. Rt. 44, Mantua, Ohio 44255, from 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M., where his funeral service will begin at 1:00 P.M. Final resting place will follow at Hillside Cemetery, Mantua Village, Ohio. His video tribute, condolences, and memories may be viewed at www.greenfamilyfuneralhome.com, and his funeral service will can be viewed at the funeral home website later Saturday afternoon.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Dennis Lange, please visit our floral store.

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Tribute Wall

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KK

Kathleen And Bob Kovacs posted:

Butterfly basket was purchased for the family of Dennis Lange by Kathleen and Bob Kovacs. Send FlowersWe will miss our neighbor and friend in Toledo's Old West End.Kathleen and Bob Kovacs

January 4 at 6:15 AM

WE

With Love Terry & Patti, Monica, Kelly, & Lauren, Tina, Stevie, Tucker& Emma posted:

Butterfly basket was purchased for the family of Dennis Lange by With love Terry & Patti, Monica, Kelly, & Lauren, Tina, Stevie, Tucker& Emma. Send FlowersRemember that we love and care about you through this difficult time and always ❤️With love Terry & Patti, Monica, Kelly, & Lauren, Tina, Stevie, Tucker& Emma

January 4 at 6:15 AM

ES

Expression Of Sympathy posted:

Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis Lange. Send Flowers

January 4 at 6:15 AM

LF

Lucas County Fair posted:

Basket garden was purchased for the family of Dennis Lange by Lucas County Fair. Send FlowersOur thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Thank you for your years of dedication you will surely be missed.Lucas County Fair

January 4 at 6:15 AM

JG

James Glass posted:

Tropical dish garden with fresh flowers was purchased for the family of Dennis Lange by James Glass. Send FlowersMy prayers for you and your family. Rest In Peace DennisJames Glass

January 4 at 6:15 AM

PB

Patricia Beaty posted:

I'll never forget Dennis.He was a true friend.He'll be missed.

February 1 at 9:51 AM



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MS

Michele E Shantic posted:

I knew Dennis in the younger years, and we had a lot of fun. Then I saw him again at a Alumni dinner and He hadn't changed. God bless you Dennis and now you are with all the flowers of God's fields.
Shelley Shantic

January 30 at 4:59 PM

BN

Beth Nehring posted:

My prayers and sympathy is extended to Dennis' daily. I will always remember the fun times we had in school growing up. I'm sorry I was unable to be with you today but please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. COVID has taken so many of my friends an it was hard to hear that it had also taken our dear friend. He will be greatly missed at our attempt to have our 50th reunion this year. God be with you and your families to remain safe and healthy
Beth Blunk Nehring
3639 W Dailey Street
Phoenix AZ 85053

January 30 at 2:42 PM

DR

Deb Misner Riley posted:

Sending condolences to Dennis' boys and immediate family, and as family as well, the middle daughter of Uncle Charlie, I am saddened for myself as well. There are so many memories us cousins shared in our younger years. Dennis was certainly a welcoming, never knew a stranger, kind young man. Although it's been many years since we all got together, as happens unfortunately with most families when we been to lose the cement, Grandma Elsie and Grandpa Clarence, then our parents, we drift apart into our own busy lives, but the sweet memories of a loving family remain. Dennis was always a joy, always a smile, and always had a contagious laugh. Those memories will always remain. A good soul lost way too early. Cherish the memories. See you on the other side, Dennis.
With love. Deb Misner Riley.

January 30 at 2:15 PM

DS

Dave Schulz posted:

Dennis was a fun and gregarious soul and was family. RIP.Dave Schulz

January 30 at 10:25 AM



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CK

Carol Kutsche posted:

The Old West End Neighborhood has been truly shaped by the heart of Dennis. His home which he affectionately dubbed the "White House" will always be in my memory as a gathering place for the Women of the Old West End's planning for "Tours de Noel". His hospitality was evident with the large pot of comforting soup and beautifully presented food to delight and sustain the committee. His passion for Christmas was evident with the effort for the "Cookie Walk" to donning the white furry robes of Father Christmas and serving as emcee during the Tree Lighting Ceremony in the Old West End Commons Park. Dennis was involved and cared about the Old West End neighborhood and will be sorely missed.

January 30 at 7:43 AM

VM

Vicki Koller Great Geauga County Fair Board Member posted:

So very sorry to hear of Dennis passing. I met him a long time ago when he worked at Burton Fliral with my Grandma and Esther. Then reconnected at the Geauga County Fair. We would always see him at the OFMA convention in January. I will miss his humor and smile. RIP Dennis

January 30 at 5:57 AM

MT

Maggie And Sam Thurber posted:

I'm so very sorry to learn of Dennis' passing. He was a good, true friend - in thick and thin - with a smile that could help make everything better. What a loss for anyone who knew him. ❤️❤️

January 30 at 4:36 AM

KS

Kathy Brooks Shanholtzer posted:

God bless you Dennis and your family. I enjoyed seeing Dennis at the Alumni Banquets each year. Will miss you in The Park Street picture!!! Rest in Peace

January 29 at 2:34 PM



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TM

Toni Moore posted:

To Dennis's family we were so sorry to hear of Dennis's passing. Set a plate for him at your next Thanksgiving Dinner. He loved having you all join him at his home for Thanksgiving. We here in the Old West End of Toledo are grieving the passing of our wonderful and extraordinary friend Dennis. Dennis has left a legacy with his willingness and passion to be involved, to stay involved and do what mattered. Dave and I will truly miss you Dennis. Tours de Noel will never be the same. Thank you for all the memories and there are many. ❤️ Dave & Toni Moore Women of The Old West End

January 28 at 2:05 PM

SW

Sue Wright posted:

My name is Sue Dickinson Wright I graduated from Crestwood with Dennis I remember him being so jolly and caring He will be truly missed Due to Covid I will not attend the services but will keep the family in my prayers Hopefully high upon a hill we will meet again RIP Dennis

January 28 at 1:30 PM

KI

Kent Illenden posted:

We were all so sorry to hear of Dennis's passing. The Agnes Reynolds Jackson Arboretum would not be the beautiful park it is today without your leadership and continued support. We will miss you Dennis. Kent Illenden and the ARJA Board of Directors

January 28 at 9:44 AM

MK

Marlene K Klamut posted:

So sorry for this unexpected loss. Dennis was always so special and loving to our family.

January 27 at 5:05 AM

JS

Judy Stone posted:

Dennis, my dear friend, how I miss you. I remember our first Old West End festival meeting so many years ago when we met and you suggested those very unique coffee mugs as a fund raiser. We had so much fun on the hayride, trick or drinking and the pajama party. And the beautiful flower arrangements you did for our wedding. Your contribution to the Toledo and the Old West End was huge! And your sons, Brenner and Brayden, they are amazing. Your love and friendship was always there. And you will always be in my prayers and thoughts. Much Love Judy and Skip

January 26 at 2:59 PM



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MM

Michelle Hall (Micki) posted:

Uncle Dennis rest in peace. Even though familys drift apart through out the years you will always have a special place in my heart. I remember the smiles and laughter you always had when I would see you. You will be missed by so many. Love you. My prayers are with the family

January 25 at 4:51 AM

KR

Kathryn Haylett-Ramsay posted:

Dear sweet Dennis, You will be missed by anyone who ever met you. I am so sorry for your family's loss as well. Rest in peace dear sweet man.

January 25 at 4:36 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Dennis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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