



## Dennis Cowan

December 22, 1948 - August 4, 2021

GREENFIELD – Dennis R. Cowan, age 72, of Greenfield, passed away Wednesday, August 4, 2021. Born on December 22, 1948, he was the son of Kenneth R. Cowan and Wanda J. (Horner) Cowan. He graduated from Arlington High School in 1966 and received a Bachelor's of Science degree from IUPUI. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force Reserves. He married Teresa (Jones) Cowan on March 11, 1994 in Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

Dennis spent much of his childhood growing up in the countryside of Indiana. It was there that his appreciation for the natural world and simple pleasures in life took root.

Throughout his life, some of his favorite pastimes included horseback riding, walks in the woods and creek beds, hunting for arrowheads, working in his woodshop, and tending to his property and animals, especially his beloved dogs.

Dennis earned his architectural license in 1979. While doing so, he worked in the engineering department at Eli Lilly and Company in the fields of project management and design. Passing the architectural qualifying exam on the first try was exceptional and one of the accomplishments for which he was most proud. Dennis owned Monroe Custom Utility Bodies in Greenfield since 1994. He was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church.

Some of his best memories were made spending time on the water boating, skiing and relaxing with family and friends in Michigan and along the Ohio River. Dennis' natural athleticism and adventurous spirit led him to travel and spend time enjoying a variety of hobbies including golfing, playing the guitar, UTV trail riding, and piloting small airplanes.

Friends and family say of Dennis that he never met a stranger, and his gentle demeanor had a way of putting people at ease. His smile could light up a room and his hugs would lift you up and carry your troubles away. Dennis' dedication to his family, friends and employees was a driving force in his life.

He is survived by his wife, Teresa Cowan of Greenfield; children, Chad A. (Vanessa)

Cowan of Greenfield, Angela M. Cowan of St. Petersburg, FL, and Casey M. Cowan of Greenfield; and grandson, Caden. He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Wanda; sister, Carolyn Sue Oberle, and nephew Randy.

A celebration of life will be held on August 21, 2021. Please contact a family member for more information. Arrangements are being handled by Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory in Greenfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made by mail to the American Lung Association by website at [action.lung.org/](https://action.lung.org/). Friends may share a memory or condolence at [www.erleweinmortuary.com](https://www.erleweinmortuary.com).

# Comments

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“ Tim And Marilyn Chisler lit a candle in memory of Dennis Cowan



**Tim and Marilyn Chisler** - August 20, 2021 at 11:22 AM

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“ It has been many years since Dennis and I have had contact as we were business associates before becoming friends. I shall always remember the fun times at the MCB Indy weekend parties. Dennis was a kind, gentle, and warm-hearted soul who loved life, his family and friends. The world has lost a special person and he is a fine addition to the angels in heaven. Thanks for the memories. Rest in eternal peace my friend.

**Dennis D. Urban, Oak Ridge, TN** - August 14, 2021 at 10:31 AM

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“ Doc was an amazing boss and friend! He is going to be deeply missed! Ronnie Stacey Rylee and Hunter Riggins.



**Ronnie Riggins** - August 12, 2021 at 09:52 PM

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“ RIP DENNIS! I REMEMBER YOUR KINDNESS FROM ST.MICHAEL'S! PEACE TO U, AND UR FAMILY/ FRIENDS! THE BARR FAMILY



**Susie Barr** - August 09, 2021 at 09:27 PM

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“ Derik & Elizabeth Whitmire lit a candle in memory of Dennis Cowan



**Derik & Elizabeth Whitmire** - August 09, 2021 at 03:16 PM

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“ I'm going to miss his hugs...

**vanessa cowan** - August 09, 2021 at 01:31 PM

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“ Denny was my first cousin. We practically grew up and raised our kids together. Many of my favorite memories were the summers we spent together at Denny's cabin in Michigan. We enjoyed boating, skiing, and tubing. We played a lot of euchre. I think I beat him more than he beat me. Lol! I also really enjoyed all the times our families plus Uncle Lloyd's family got together to vacation. We had a lot of fun sitting around sharing the same funny stories year after year. Every year, those same stories got bigger and funnier. Half the fun was hearing how those stories would grow each year! Good times!

**Cindy Cox** - August 08, 2021 at 09:53 AM

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**Cindy Cox** - August 08, 2021 at 09:30 AM

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“ Grant him eternal rest O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.

**Marsha Kramer** - August 07, 2021 at 07:42 PM

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“ Sending much needed strength to family & his friends,  
he was one of a kind.



**John Hockersmith** - August 07, 2021 at 02:04 PM



“ My memories of Dennis are the fun times we spent with him and the Cowan family. I first met him at a summer family get away at one of their favorite places called Cozy Cove. That was before I married his Uncle Lloyd. The stories they told and the laughter was beyond hilarious. We had the blessing of having Dennis, TJ, and Casey visit us several times and memories of visiting their home. The same stories were always funny. Although we haven't been able to visit for awhile due to Lloyd's and my health issues, Dennis death has left us with sadness and broken hearts for TJ and their family. Sending Love and Prayers for them.

**Shirley Cowan** - August 09, 2021 at 12:51 AM



“ As a supplier and a friend I will deeply miss Dennis "DOC". My thoughts and prayers go out to the Cowan family. I think the world of you guys!

**Dwight Lohr** - August 12, 2021 at 03:07 PM