



## Dennis Denny Claus

November 23, 1944 - February 20, 2025

Dennis Oliver Claus, born November 23, 1944, passed away peacefully at the age of 80 on February 20, 2025. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather who led a life full of service, passion, and dedication to both his family and his community.

Dennis began his career as a barber, serving his clients with care and skill before being drafted into the Vietnam War. As a crew chief of a helicopter airship, he served his country with honor and pride and was recently recognized through Honor Flight Chicago this past August. After returning home from Vietnam, he worked as a truck driver for Airgas, where he became well-known for his reliability and hard work.

Dennis had a lifelong love for sports, particularly the Chicago White Sox and Chicago Bears. His passion for these teams never wavered. He also enjoyed playing golf and treasured the time spent vacationing with his family.

A dedicated volunteer, Dennis served as the Commander of the AMVETs and was deeply involved in supporting veterans. He was an active volunteer at the Veterans Home in Manteno, where his compassion and commitment to fellow veterans left a lasting impact. Dennis also spent time volunteering at the Beecher Fire Department and Beecher's Sportsman Club, further demonstrating his commitment to his community.

Dennis is survived by his loving wife, Pat Claus, children, Brian (Mindi) Claus and Lisa (Robert) Gemo, grandchildren, Madison and Shelby Gemo, sister-in-law, Crystal Claus and many other family and friends who will forever

remember him for his kindness, loyalty, and love for life.

Dennis is preceded in death by his father, Oliver Claus, his mother, Florence Claus, and his brothers, Lyle and Redgie Claus.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family to give to veterans of foreign war.

# Cemetery Details

## Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W Hoff Road  
Elwood, IL 60421

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 23. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Hack-Jensen Funeral Home  
753 Hodges Street  
Beecher, IL 60401  
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com  
<http://Hackfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

FEB 23. 6:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

TC

“ I met Denny (the Air Gas Guy) when I started dental practice in Harvey in the 1970 's. He and Pat were dear friends and patients in Crete. He will be missed. Pat, my deepest sympathies.  
Todd Cubbon

Todd Cubbon - February 28, 2025 at 09:00 PM

FE

“ We just heard today of his passing. All of us at Airgas send our condolences. I met Dennis for the first time in 1994 as a new young rep at Airgas. To this day we all talk about Denny and the fond memories of him. He is a legend here.

Fred Ewing - February 26, 2025 at 01:29 PM

JS

“ I met Dennis several years ago at physical therapy in Beecher. We both named the therapist a warden of prison. One evening she hurt me so bad I screamed and Dennis came to see if I was ok. I was crying so bad but Dennis said I'll be ok. Ever since then Dennis and his lovely wife Pat were very special to me & Wes. Dennis was just an awesome person and very sad he's gone. He was helping Pat and they both fell. I hope that Pat will get better and prayers for her and the family!



Jeanette & Wesley Segert - February 24, 2025 at 07:18 PM

RS

“ *Janice Brands and I didn't sign the guest book but we were there. My husband and Denny were AMVETS together. Both showed their love and loyalty to our country through their volunteer work. We always considered Denny a special friend. Except for Denny's physical limitations he would have been asked to be a pall bearer at my husband's funeral. I know Lawrence would want to express his sincere sympathy to Pat and the rest of Denny's family. I am truly sorry for your loss. Ruthann Sanders*

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**Ruthann Sanders** - February 23, 2025 at 10:05 PM

PS

“ *Denny a smile on his face and laughter in his heart!! Our condolences to the family. Denny will be greatly missed. Whitey and Pauline*

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**Pauline and Brian Swenson** - February 23, 2025 at 08:06 PM

KF

“ *Dennis was a wonderful man I really enjoyed his conversation may he rest in peace kathy Fabie*

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**kathleen Fabie** - February 23, 2025 at 07:37 AM

WT

“ *I remember back in the 60s Denny cutting my hair in his parents basement. He was such a very nice young man always respectful to others. I was honored to fly with Denny to Washington DC this past August on an honor flight I will always remember that flight. It was a special day for Denny and me. So very sorry for your loss. Denny will be missed by many. He was a good friend, and I will never forget him.*

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**Wayne Truetner** - February 22, 2025 at 04:55 PM



“ Remembering the first time I met Denny, made him a Southern Comfort Manhattan. His smile was everything so friendly!!! So blessed to have had such a nice person in this life. I'll be hoping for the White Sox to win a World Series again for you. Your presence will be missed. Much love and hugs to your family.

February 22, 2025 at 09:30 AM



“ 1 file added to the album tribute wall



irma hasman - February 21, 2025 at 08:35 PM



My friend Dennis whom I have known for 78 yrs as neighbors on Woodward st. Little League,paper routes,US 30 drag races things we enjoyed together. His great laugh that reminded of his dad Oliver.We will have a tear in our eye when thinking of him. Sympathy to family

vern - February 22, 2025 at 07:06 PM



Vern's childhood friends Denny Lonnie Ginny .

vern - February 22, 2025 at 07:08 PM



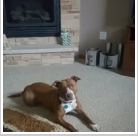
Thanks for posting, I have mine on my book case for all to see. Loved you all.

Ginny Haseman Bauman - February 25, 2025 at 12:20 PM

PL

“ Deepest sympathy to you all! Thankful that we will see Dennis again in heaven 🕊️

pam luele - February 21, 2025 at 06:37 PM



“ Denny has had his share of medical emergencies along with his wife. While in this life they always had a smile and a greeting which was always pleasant. A devoted couple their love and kindness for themselves and family and friends. Those gestures of kindness will linger for many warm memories. To his family we are sorry for your loss and it was a wonderful He will always be remember for that

Cheryl Hartill - February 21, 2025 at 06:19 PM

PL

“ Pat & Erin Lane purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dennis Denny Claus.



Pat & Erin Lane - February 21, 2025 at 03:53 PM

AF

“ Austyn Gray & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Denny Claus.

Austyn Gray & Family - February 21, 2025 at 12:37 PM

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“ Austyn Gray & Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Dennis Denny Claus.



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**Austyn Gray & Family** - February 21, 2025 at 12:37 PM



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

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February 21, 2025 at 09:35 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dennis Denny Claus.



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CK

“ I have so many memories of Denny I wouldn't know where to start. He and Pat were good friends of mine for many years. Denny and I always gave each other a bad time but was always done in fun I will miss him a lot. He was always happy to see his friends and always took time to talk to you. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

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**Chris Knapp** - February 20, 2025 at 08:14 PM



“ *Dennis was a kind, sweet neighbor to have, he will be greatly missed. Brian their son grew up with our son and were great friends. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family. Heaven has a beautiful soul.*

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**Joyce Urban** - February 20, 2025 at 07:15 PM