



Edward Dennis Clendennen

June 11, 1947 - October 3, 2016

Dennis Clendennen, 69, of Santa Maria and Sacramento, California passed away September 30, 2016.

Dennis was born in Madera, Ca on June 11, 1947.

He attended Emerson Elementary in Chowchilla, Ca and moved to Bakersfield, Ca with his family at age 9 and then to Santa Maria, ca at age 11 where he attended

Fairlawn Elementary, Orcutt Jr. High and Santa Maria High where he graduated in 1965. He played football all four years of high school. He attended Allan Hancock College, played football and received a football scholarship to Sacramento State College, where he graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Physical Education.

He taught for a few years and one summer got a job in car dealership to finance going back to school to get his masters degree. He was so good at car sales he decided to stay and was very successful for the next 25 years.

He loved his family and friends, camping, and especially fishing. He played Santa Claus for children of friends and family for many years and then was hired by a lawyer friend Michael Clayton. A Santa booth was built where Dennis was Santa for 14 years!! Christmas will never be quite the same

without his big smile and wonderful Ho, Ho, Ho.

Dennis is survived by his mother Edetta Clendennen, two sisters, Judi Frei and Kathy Luis, favorite niece Lisa Santana, nieces, Kellie Churchman, Cheryl Willard, Vicky Johnson, Deanna Luis; nephews, Gary Frei, Mike Luis and Mark Luis, plus numerous great nieces and great nephews.

Tribute Wall

AL

“ Dennis my Best Friend! So many good memories. I will always cherish those good times playing football together , since frosh thru hancock. What good party time at hancock. Part of the growing up process. What an adventure going to Sac State with Charlie Acosta and Lenny Lizalde. Some really great life experiences we had . It was extra special that we had joined the same fraternity, and made some great friends together. Wow..did we party big time. We did have some great adventures. I remember those bus trips to Tahoe. Especially, that one trip on New Years evening. I will always have you close to my heart. RIP my friend! My main man ROCKET!!

ALBERT.SEPE - November 14, 2016 at 02:42 PM



“ TO MY BELOVED BROTHER FROM YOUR SISTER KATHY. I ONLY HOPE YOU KNOW HOW TERRIBLY I MISS YOU. THIS HAS TRUELY BEEN ONE OF THE HARDEST THINGS I'VE BEEN THROUGH. YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN SUCH A JOY IN MY LIFE. SO MANY FOND MEMORIES FROM WATCHING YOUR FOOTBALL GAMES TO WATCHING YOU AS SANTA FOR MY GRANDCHILDREN. CHRISTMAS WAS ALWAYS MY FAVORITE HOLLIDAY SO WHEN YOU BECAME SANTA I WAS THE HAPPIEST SISTER EVER. I'M PLANNING A MEMORIAL FOR YOU DECEMBER 17TH SO THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS AND YOUR SPIRIT WILL BE ONE. WATCH OVER US ALL AND REST IN PEACE. MUCH LOVE,KATHY

Lisa Santana - November 02, 2016 at 06:53 PM



My aunt Kathy's message. We're not to techy with our phones! LOL 😊

Lisa Santana - November 02, 2016 at 07:14 PM

CP

“ Dennis my friend you'll be missed by many. Your smile your laughter and your fun to be with. I have lots of memories being with you . One memory is meeting you and John at the Strawberry Lodge before the Fourth of July that shot of tequila and we were friends forever. Rest in peace my friend until we meet again .

carol pappas - November 02, 2016 at 05:45 PM

PD

“ Denny is my cousin and I remember him in my life when I was really young. We use to have dinners during the holidays at my Aunt Betty and Uncle Warrens house. His mom and my Aunt Betty made these awesome pineapple stuffed cookies that I was always trying to sneak off the table when nobody was looking. I actually use to have to be watched closely because I was a cookie thief. I remember Denny would actually sneak cookies to me when nobody was looking and he was forever after my cookie hero because of it. As we grew up we saw each other less and less, but when I did see him he was always smiling:) I am certain he made one great Santa!

Pamela Cain Davis - November 02, 2016 at 04:03 PM



“ I can't believe its been a month already. I miss you so much and Christmas will be sad this year. I promise I will be good and I will live my life to the fullest. I plan to visit some of the places that you loved and I know you are watching over your favorite niece in everything I do. I love you!



Lisa Santana - November 02, 2016 at 03:03 PM

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“HOLY SPIRIT.....comfort the clendennen family.....

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