



Dennis John Higgins

March 14, 1954 - October 13, 2025

Born March 14, 1954 in Milwaukee to Eugene and Clarissa (Hubmann) Higgins. Born to Eternal Life on October 13, 2025 at the age of 71. Life partner of Christine Prevetti. Brother of Mark (Cyndie) Higgins, Jim (Donna) Higgins, GERALYN (Mark) SPANKOWSKI and Maureen (Dan) Holahan. Proud Godfather of Eamon Holahan and Jenny Higgins, and loving uncle to fifteen nieces and nephews.

Dennis will be profoundly missed by many, many friends, several of whom he's known since grade school.

Dennis was in the last graduating class of Don Bosco High School in 1972, he was delighted to note the building was promptly razed afterward. Upon graduating from Marquette University in 1976, he had a long and colorful career in the Raynor Memorial Library in a variety of positions. He was co-founder of The Jean Cuje Milwaukee Music Collection and an original member of The Western Civilization Blues Band. We will always remember his nimble wit, boundless kindness, vast knowledge and love of all kinds of music, expert genealogical research, songwriting, and playing many instruments from penny whistle to Irish bouzouki to Fender Telecaster.

Dennis loved traveling in Ireland and was known to relish a spot of Irish whiskey. He treasured autumnal days on Lower Clear Lake and enjoyed a variety of sports, especially Packers football, non-LIV golf, and horseracing.

Please join us in celebrating his life on Saturday, November 22, 2025.
Visitation from 1 until 4 p.m. at the funeral home followed by a memorial service at 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, a donation to a charity of your choice in his memory is suggested. Private inurnment held at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Previous Events

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

NOV **22**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KT

“ My condolences to Dennis’s family Dennis and I met during high school and were friends throughout college, We would run into each other throughout the years that have followed. He was truly one of my favorite people. I am so sorry to hear of his passing.
Kathy Tessmer Kemmeter

Kathy Tessmer - November 22, 2025 at 12:31 AM

SH

“ Dennis was my boss at Memorial Library in the early 90s and I have great memories of my time there with him. I'm so thankful I had the chance to pay tribute to him last year at his birthday party. He was one of a kind and truly a great mentor for me. Rest in peace, boss.

Steve Heser - November 17, 2025 at 10:21 AM

LR

“ I met Dennis when attended a union dance with Christine. After introduction and much laughter we hit the dance floor to Polka!! And every party afterwards WE were destined to do our dance even when time and body said “hell nah” Nahhhh no way... but when we saw each other we always reflected and sighed together remembering good times. So Dennis rest up... ❤️🤔🥺🥺🥺

Lois Redic - November 03, 2025 at 04:14 PM

MA

“ I met Dennis at a party when we were both 25. We stayed in touch intermittently, but he was always dear to me. My condolences to his family. My heart aches at his passing. Sincerely, Mary (Barnes) Brhel

Mary - October 26, 2025 at 05:20 PM

RL

“ *I was so sad to hear about Dennis. We worked together at Marquette Memorial Library for 10 years. He was a good person always laughing and joking. He will be missed.*

Robert Leyba - October 26, 2025 at 09:53 AM