



Dennis George Fossey

September 30, 1948 - May 10, 2026

Dennis was born September 30, 1948, in Gary, Indiana and passed away peacefully at home due to leukemia on May 10, 2026, at the age of 77.

He is survived by his loving wife, Louise (Vassallo) Fossey, who he met in 1966 while registering for classes at IUN. The running joke was that if “Lu” had not graduated from high school one year early, they might not have met. Of course, they were meant to be together. Dennis and Lu would have celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on August 24th of this year.

He is also survived by a devoted daughter, Denise Fossey-Oliver (Jim) of Valparaiso, Indiana and a brother, Gary Fossey (Lee) of Acworth, Georgia.

Proceeding him in death are his parents, George Phillip Fossey and Dona Jean Fossey.

He was a 1966 graduate of Lew Wallace High School and attended Indiana University Northwest for one year and earned an electrical engineering associates degree from Purdue University Calumet.

Dennis had many jobs throughout his lifetime. He worked in the Industrial Engineering department at Gary Works, an officer at the Hobart Police Department, a beer deliveryman and finally, an ammunition reloading business, Precision Cartridge, Inc. which he owned for 40 years. As part of his

business, he travelled to many interesting places, making many new friends along the way. He went to Nuremberg, Germany to attend the European IWA trade show and the Las Vegas shot shows every year. Dennis was a benefactor member of the NRA.

He loved to travel! He and Lu would go to the Oktoberfest in Munich, Germany often and visited Berlin both East and West. Because of this, he accumulated a large collection of German artifacts of which he was very proud. They also went to Denmark, Spain, Paris, France, Italy, Belgium, England, Czechoslovakia, and walking in the sand along the Mediterranean Sea. Those that knew Dennis best can tell you that to HIM, the best parts of the trip were the good food and the great BEER. The worst part about the trips was leaving his beloved Airedale dogs behind. He had rescued Airedales since 1998 and many times, one or the other rode with him while delivering ammunition. Of course, he gave them names such as Bullet, Reload, and Magnum.

He and Lu went to many 60's and 70's concerts in the area and Las Vegas.

For the past 8 years, Dennis relaxed and enjoyed a great time in his sky box at the RailCats Stadium in Gary. His friends were always welcome to come and share the food, drinks, and good times with him. Dennis was like a brownie: somewhat crusty on the edges but warm and soft on the inside.

Dennis made many friends through the years, and they offered their support and kindness during his last days. But there was one that he held closest to his heart and that was Larry Winters who remained a loyal friend ever since they worked together on the Hobart Police Department in the 70's.

To honor his wishes, there will not be a visitation or funeral service. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory entrusted with arrangements. Please visit

Dennis' online guestbook and obituary at www.BurnsFuneral.com

Tribute Wall

KM

“*Lou, Denise, I'm so sorry to hear of Dennis' passing. I remember well the fun we had with you in Jaycees and Jayshees. Sincere Sympathy!*

Kay Wuchner Marcus - May 26 at 10:31 PM

DA

“*Lu, Denise and Jim, so sorry to hear about Dennis. Charley and I have fond memories of Dennis -- pinochle club, house parties, dances, cookouts and of football games on TV. The boys did Super Bowl and us girls did Bunco, wine, and food! Great FUN, great memories at Deep River Drive. He will be missed.*

Darla Allen - May 22 at 05:29 PM

PS

*Lu and Denise,
I am so truly sorry for your loss. I am so glad that you have so many great memories of so many wonderful trips together especially the ones to Vegas, when I was able to see you because we know Dennis was always working 😞. I will keep you all in my prayers and talk to you soon.*

Love you both (all) ❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏🙏

Peggy Savage - May 28 at 01:15 PM

RM

“*Nina and I both are so sorry to hear about Dennis. Dennis and Nina brother were very good friends. I know fossey was part of many stories that he had with Dennis vanecek .*

robert and nina massa - May 22 at 07:39 AM

KS

“ Lu , Ken and I are so sorry to hear of your loss May Dennis rest in peace Kathy and Ken Sieckman

Kathleen Sieckman - May 21 at 05:52 PM

DH

“ His calls were always welcome to report on Magnum and Hope. Dennis always had a story to tell and he absolutely loved the Airedale babies. Rest in Peace. Dr. Juanita Dusty Holt, Dustys Airedales

Dr Juanita Dusty Holt - May 21 at 11:34 AM

KD

“ Lou, may the love and support of family and friends give you comfort and peace.

Karen Drake

Karen Drake - May 20 at 12:22 PM

LF

“ Denise, It is with our deepest condolences that we hear of the passing of your beloved father. You are such a beautiful and devoted daughter. May God comfort you and your mother during this difficult time, and may He surround you both with strength, peace, and love.

May God embrace Dennis in His eternal love and light.

We love you,

Leda and Katia Fedor 🙏

Leda Fedor - May 20 at 12:01 PM

AS

“ *Lou and Family,*

My condolences on the passing of Dennis. I remember Dennis well, from your days, in Turkey Creek South, and his days at Purdue. Always fun to be with. May God grant him eternal life and memory eternal,

Alex Sarafin

Alex Sarafin - May 20 at 11:33 AM

LK

“ *Lou so sorry to hear of Dennis's passing. Hope you and Denise are doing well. Lynn Kostbade*

Lynn Kostbade - May 20 at 12:44 AM

TW

“ *Our deepest condolences to you Lu and Denise at the loss of Dennis. We know how much you will miss him. He always had joke when we saw him. Your family has been a part of our lives for many years and we too will miss Dennis and always keep him in our prayers. May he rest in peace. Sending our love. Tom and Stasia*

Tom & Stasia Wefler - May 19 at 11:16 PM



“ *A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dennis George Fossey.*

May 19 at 09:32 PM