



Dennis Briston

December 21, 2011

Dennis Briston, age 66, passed away December 17, 2011, after a remarkable fight with pulmonary fibrosis for 11 ½ years. Beloved husband of Carolyn for 36 wonderful years. Brother of Frank (Sandy). Big brother to Jon Brohm. Brother in law to Balagna's Jim, John, Dave, Susanne, Diane, Joe, Rick and Marianne. Loving uncle to many nieces and nephews. Dennis worked for 29 years for Chrysler and General Dynamics. He was a very passionate owner of Bristoni's Ristorante of Auburn Hills, MI. Visitation will be Wednesday from 2:00 pm until 9:00 pm, with a 7:00 pm Scripture Service at the Sterling Heights Chapel of the E.J. Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. (NW corner of 18 Mile). Dennis will lie in state from 9:30 am until time of Mass on Thursday at St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church, Mass will be at 10:00 am. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dennis Briston*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Dennis Briston*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM

ST

“ I had the privilege of working for Dennis at his restaurant, doing two "tours of duty" in the kitchen.

I'd like to think he was not only my boss, but also a friend.

When my first son was born I stopped at the restaurant to see Dennis, deliver the news and give him a cigar. He asked what name we had chosen. I told him we were thinking "Declyn" but I was apprehensive. Dennis asked why, I told him I worried such an uncommon name might lead to teasing, jokes, and such.

He said "He's your son. You give him the name you choose and to hell with what other people think." So the decision was made. In some small way my son owes his name to Dennis.

The restaurant closed and I lost touch with Dennis. I tried unsuccessfully a few times to contact him.

I learned of his passing years after the fact when I bumped into a former coworker from the restaurant.

Goodbye my friend. We'll meet again and enjoy cigars. I have many new tales to tell.

-Steve Palmer

steve - April 09, 2016 at 07:12 PM

RR

“ Carolyn and family, My deepest sympathy to you in your loss. Please know you are in my prayers and thoughts.

Robert Rose - December 22, 2011 at 05:18 PM

DP

“ Dear Carolyn, I met you actually through Dennis as he was the cook for our group that cooked for the "Mcrest". I am so glad to have met you both. What a great man he was. I am grateful for our friendship that has grown from this. I enjoy talking to you on Sundays. I will pray for you and your family at this sad time.

Dianne Palus - December 21, 2011 at 06:10 PM

JM

“ Carolyn....what a wonderful man Dennis was. The world has lost a beautiful soul, but Heaven is all the better now knowing Dennis is up there! We can't even begin to imagine the pain you're in right now. May God bring you comfort and strength to get through these sad days. Whenever we think of or talk about Dennis, it is always with a HUGE smile on our faces. He was one of a kind and we are so grateful we had the gift of his friendship in our lives. You are in our prayers Carolyn. God Bless....

Judy and Jim Mercurio - December 21, 2011 at 02:42 PM

RP

“ Carolyn & family, We are extremely sorry to hear of Dennis' passing. He was such a great man and true friend. We have such great memories our dinners and celebrations at Bristoni's. You are all in our prayers! May God Bless You All. Love the Price Family

Ron, Dawn and Krystle Price - December 21, 2011 at 02:25 PM

KF

“ Carolyn,
It is with deep saddened heart to hear of Dennis' passing. He was remarkable in all he did. He will be missed by all that knew him.
Kevin and Diane

Kevin Filary - December 21, 2011 at 09:32 AM

MJ

“ Carolyn, words cannot express what a truly wonderful person Dennis was. Dennis meant so much to so many. He was a mentor to me and I learned so much from him. I am honored to have been able to spend nearly every day with both of you for six years. Oh my goodness, the memories we all share, they will stay with me forever. You, Carolyn, are so very special to me and I am here for you always. Love, Mary

Mary Joseph-Martin - December 21, 2011 at 09:23 AM

JN

“ Carolyn we are so sad to hear that Dennis passed, he will be greatly missed. Knowing that he is in a better place does not make it any easier, but we are glad he is no longer suffering. We cannot help but laugh when we think of the many great times we had with both of you. He is the great guy that took a big chance on Jim and put him in management way back in the day, that was Dennis. Our prayers are with you and all your family. He will always be with us. Love Jim and Kathie

Jim and Kathie Nihls - December 21, 2011 at 09:19 AM

TK

“ Dear Carolyn and Family,

I was truly shocked and saddened to hear of Dennis' passing. Dennis was a great man, who cared for all those he met and I'm sure everyone is grateful for knowing Dennis.

The life influences that Dennis and Carolyn provided to me during the Bristoni's years and my early adult life have not, and never will be, taken for granted. If not for their support, I do not think I would be where I am today.

Unfortunately, I am still working in Dublin, Ireland and cannot attend the services in person by tomorrow.

Condolences and Love,

Todd Keith

Todd Keith - December 20, 2011 at 07:10 PM

LB

“ Dear Carolyn and Briston/Balagna families-

We were so sad to hear of Dennis' passing. Please know that he is in our prayers and thoughts. Our heart felt sympathy.

Larry and Maureen Bishop - December 20, 2011 at 04:00 PM

MG

“ Dear Carolyn & Family,
I am extremely sorry to hear about the passing of Dennis. When I read about it on Sunday, I sat there and thought to myself for a few minutes and the reoccurring thought was how awesome Dennis was. He ws one of the most supportive, caring, and generous man that I've ever known. My fondest memory was when Dennis shut down Bristoni's for an entire night to celebrate our National Chapionship. He hired a band and had an all-you-can-eat spread for us. That was the only way that he knew how to do it. Dennis treated us like family and for that, I am extremely glad that I got to know him. All of you will be in my thoughts and prayers. Unfortunately, I will be in Missouri until the 23rd.
Regards,
Mark Gole

Mark Gole - December 20, 2011 at 09:45 AM

DB

“ Dear Carolyn & family,
Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Diane.

Diane Bortolin - December 19, 2011 at 03:22 PM

FB

“ view condolences

frank briston - December 19, 2011 at 11:54 AM