



Dennis M. Murphy

November 27, 1955 - July 11, 2021

Age 65, of Braidwood, IL, passed away Sunday, July 11, 2021 at his home surrounded by family. Born November 27, 1955 in Joliet, IL to the late William and Josephine (nee Liberty) Murphy, he married Catherine Schmitz on September 1, 1990 at St. Patrick's Church in Joliet. Dennis was raised in Coal City and remained an active member of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church. Dennis was an electrician by trade and retired from Exelon after many years of service. He was an avid car enthusiast who enjoyed watching NHRA racing and working on his own automotive projects. Besides fixing cars, Dennis was an all-around handyman who learned to fix almost anything, and prioritized faith and family over everything. Surviving are his wife, Catherine Murphy of Braidwood; four daughters, Heather (Jason) Houck of Morris, Caitlyn (Tim) Wilkerson of Braidwood, Amanda Murphy of Norman, OK, and Kelly Murphy of Braidwood; son Nick Murphy of Braidwood; three grandchildren, Nikki Houck, Jared Houck, Ella Wilkerson, and an expected granddaughter on the way; three brothers, Tom (Tina) Murphy of FL, Larry (Pat) Murphy of CO, and Bill (Barb) Murphy of Morris; sister Rita (Jack) Hummel of Wheaton; and many nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his parents and a daughter Sarah in infancy. Visitation will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory on Thursday, July 15, 2021 from 4-8 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Coal City on Friday, July 16, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. Cremation rites will be accorded following mass, and inurnment will be private

at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Wilmington. For more information and to visit his online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook.

Cemetery Details

Mt Olivet Cemetery- Wilmington

498 Kahler Road
Wilmington, IL 60481

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **15**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home
401 East Main St.
Braidwood, IL 60408
(815) 458-2336
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<https://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com>

Service

JUL **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Church
245 South Kankakee Street
Coal City, IL 60416

Tribute Wall



“ *I remember Dennis from my childhood. He lived on the other side of the block from me in Coal City. I remember his red 68 Mustang. Sometimes he would show up at the sandlot where we would be playing baseball.*

My condolences to his family

Steven Arnold

Steven Arnold - July 14, 2021 at 01:27 PM



“ *My sister and I wish to extend our condolences on Dennis' passing. We are cousins from Joliet who visited Josephine every year, and Dennis always came by to say hello and visit a little. I also remember Dennis when he was an usher at St. Patrick's Church in Joliet. (I sang in the contemporary church group at 10 a.m. Mass.)*

The Buckley-Long family is spread far and wide.

Sincerely - Jeudi Reedy and Kate Spencer

[Julia Buckley Long; her daughters Teresa Veronica Long and Irene Long Fottler (your great grandmother). We are Teresa's grandchildren.]

Jeudi Reedy - July 14, 2021 at 12:17 PM

RS

“ It was my sincere pleasure to know Dennis Murphy during my teaching years at Reed-Custer School District. I was deeply saddened to learn of his passing. He raised and supported a beautiful and loving family. His enduring love and support for them was exemplified in his kind and talented children. They were a delight in school and an asset to the community and beyond. Mrs. Murphy, and the entire family, are my thoughts and in my heart.

Ron Steinacher - July 14, 2021 at 08:38 AM

PL

“ Phyliss Lachance lit a candle in memory of Dennis M. Murphy



Phyliss Lachance - July 13, 2021 at 06:20 PM

MA

“ Murph was a truly great guy, always friendly and always willing to help. He was always a great person to work with. You will be missed.

Mark Ashby - July 13, 2021 at 04:08 PM

MH

Murph was a decent person and good electrician. He was always helpful and polite.

Mark Hernandez - July 13, 2021 at 06:57 PM