



Dennis F. Fackler

March 25, 1945 - December 27, 2021

Dennis F. Fackler, 76, passed away peacefully on Monday, December 27, 2021 at Masonic Village Health Care Center, Elizabethtown, after a battle with lung cancer and peripheral artery disease. Dennis was a 1963 graduate of Donegal High School, where he served as vice president of his class. Immediately after graduating, Dennis began working as a bookkeeper for Union National Mount Joy Bank; in 2000, he retired from the bank as vice president of lending. Dennis served in the United States Army from 1965-1967, and was honorably discharged having earned the Army Commendation Medal. In addition to his work at the bank, Dennis was an active member of the community. He was a zoning officer in West Donegal Township, as well as part of the Township's auditing committee, acting as chairman for several years. As a young man, Dennis was a member of the Mount Joy JayCees, as both treasurer and vice president. Dennis acted as CubMaster of Rheems Pack 34, and coached his son's PeeWee baseball team. Dennis proudly assisted his community through his work with FDMJ (Fire Department Mount Joy) for over fifty years of his adult life, and was presented with an honorary lifetime membership. He was also awarded Fireman of the Year. Dennis acted as treasurer of Friendship Fire Company (prior to becoming FDMJ) for several years and was co-chair of the building committee for the New Haven Street station. Through the fire department, Dennis and his family made many lifelong friends and enjoyed many years of camaraderie, some of which included "ski trips" to the Pioneer Gun Club in Potter County, Pennsylvania.

The Pioneer held a special place in Dennis's heart, combining his love for family, friends, and the outdoors. Dennis was an avid sports fan; after retiring from the bank, he worked for six seasons in hospitality for the Harrisburg Senators, getting paid to watch baseball. He also had the pleasure of working alongside his friend Bill Martin, as an associate at Sheetz Funeral Home. Dennis loved model trains, building an entire O-gauge model train layout complete with mountain range and town in his basement. Dennis became active in MV & E Model Railroad Club prior to moving to the Village, and continued his work with the club after moving to Masonic as a scenery specialist. Denny was also a member of Christ Church, UCC in Elizabethtown.

Dennis is survived by his wife Crystal (Spickler); they were married 56 years on December 23rd, his son Matthew Fackler and his wife Lisa of Breckenridge, Colorado and his daughter Megan Fackler-Bretz and husband Gregory of Raleigh, North Carolina, as well as two granddaughters Isla (Fackler) and Gabrielle (Bretz). He is also survived by his sister Margaret (Peggy) Nissley Lahr of Mount Joy. He was predeceased by his parents William H. and Margaret F. Fackler, as well as his toddler brother Billy and sister Lynne Milligan. Dennis was looking forward to joining his dogs Gus, Audee and Daffodil at the rainbow bridge. Special thanks to Dr. Meghan Dermody and Dr. Michael Flood for giving Dennis six more years with his family and friends. The service will be private and at the discretion of the family. In lieu of flowers, go enjoy a baseball game or train ride with your family and friends in Dennis's honor.

Tribute Wall

SF

“ *Crystal and family,
Thinking of you and please know you are in my thoughts and
prayers.
Sincerely,
Sharon Funk*

Sharon Funk - January 11, 2022 at 09:50 AM

KG

“ *My deepest sympathies to Crystal and the
entire family. Dennis was the best supervisor
we could have asked for at Union National. I'll
never forget all of the times we contacted the
radio station to play "Werewolves of London"
just to see his reaction when it came on the radio. Fun times! Rest
in Peace, Dennis.*



Kim Garman

Kim Garman - January 02, 2022 at 09:17 PM

JF

“ The Fackler family were my neighbors for 23 years. I love them all as extended family. Denny was an amazing role model in the community and of fatherhood. He was especially a role model for me, since my father had left. He helped my mom with banking and managing finances as a solo mom and he helped us “Fox Girls” when something like the hot water heater stopped working and emptied the tank. He was there with squeegees (and chest waiters just to be funny, because we had no basement) and helping us (as my mom was working in the OR at Hershey Med. and couldn't leave.) He was always affable friendly and open to a good conversation. This pic shows him chatting with my mom on their porch. Hopefully, Linda will let him get a word in if they meet in Heaven. Also pictured is Gus. My mom later got a German shorthaired pointer too, Cocoa. Every funeral I had attended for family through the years, Denny was there. Just being greeted by him and chatting about how everyone was doing, made a somber situation lighter. He will always be a great man and one of the best fathers I know. I am sending much love and light to my Fackler Family loved ones. -xo Jen Joy Fox



Jennifer Joy Fox - December 31, 2021 at 11:18 AM

SP

“ I'm so saddened to hear of Denny's passing. My sympathies to the family.

Sharon Rae Presto - December 31, 2021 at 10:20 AM

LC

“ *Leona Charles sent a virtual gift in memory of
Dennis F. Fackler*



Leona Charles - December 30, 2021 at 04:18 PM

LC

A neighbor from up the street on Marietta Ave. Knew Margret and Denny from Chiques UMC. And again at Christ's United Church of Christ with Crystal. My Sincere Sympathy to Crystal and Family.

Leona Charles - December 30, 2021 at 04:24 PM

HE

Sorry for your loss Mrs Fackler he was a nice man.

Helen Ennis - December 31, 2021 at 06:55 PM

CM

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Fackler Family, We haven't seen any of you for a long time, Connie and Dick Martin

Connie and Dick Martin - January 02, 2022 at 12:44 PM

PS

I had so much fun with Dennis in our early years. I loved him great friend and a wonderful family. His dad used to call me the big load. God bless you Chrystal

phil saylor - February 04, 2022 at 04:26 AM