



## Dennis J. Hernden

July 13, 1939 - August 30, 2020

Dennis J. Hernden passed away on Sunday, August 30, 2020, at the age of 82 in Warren. He was born on July 13, 1939 to Melvin Earl and Ann (Kozlowski) in Detroit. Beloved husband of 52 loving years together to Sandra (Smith). Loving father of Dennis John and Kristopher (Sandra Renee) Hernden. Loving and proud grandfather of Zachary, Connor, Keira Rose and Jaxson Hernden. Dear brother in law of Sally Ann and Patrick (Ila) Smith. Dear uncle of Rachel Jean, Patrick Jr. (Melissa) Smith and proud great uncle of Patrick III. Dennis started his career working for the Detroit Police Force for 40 years working in the 5th Precinct, then to MCMU division, Aviation Division and retired from the 6th Precinct.

A memorial service for Dennis will be held at a later date. Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at [www.wasikfuneralhome.com](http://www.wasikfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Cremation**

# Tribute Wall

MP

“ *When Dennis gets to Heaven and Saint Peter says "Smoking lamps out", Dennis will know what to do.*

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**Melvin Postek** - September 06, 2020 at 11:48 AM

SM

“ *You are an unforgettable person with your no nonsense personality, a joke thrown in once in a while to stir things up. A love for your work, and your service to our country, and the stories you loved to tell about them. You lived to protect and serve, and found life within the adrenaline it provided. You admired your comrades, and loved your family. We love you, and we will miss you Papa. ~Caleb, Keira, and Sandra M.*

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**Sandra M.** - September 02, 2020 at 07:51 PM

DT

“ *I met Dennis while I was a DMC/DRH Officer in Detroit. I also worked with his son who I became good friends with. Dennis was a cops cop, a stand up guy and one who wasn't afraid to speak to anyone who needed a word. He was filled with advice for all of us at our department and he looked out for us when he was in the Hospital. I can't say how sad it is to lose him as a person that I was happily able to come to know.*

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**Darrell Thompson** - September 02, 2020 at 06:34 AM

JS

*I met Denny when I was first on the job in Grosse Pointe Park PD. A great cop and great friend, always kept it light. Just one of the many DPD officers that taught me the job. Rest In Peace Denny, you deserve it.*

*John Schulte  
Chief of Police  
Grosse Pointe Shores*

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**John Schulte** - September 06, 2020 at 06:03 PM

JS

“ *Dennis and I worked as partners for a number of years at the 5th Pct at Jefferson and St Jean. Dennis was a serious COP!. When we got into the scout car it was ALL BUSINESS!. There was no goofing around. I recall how Dennis loved to hide a distance away from a scene where hold-ups (car-jackings) were happening with regularity. He was dogged in his pursuit of bad guys. Yup, Dennis was all work and no play. Talk about having a work ethic,.Dennis exemplified it. Even on those long, cold winter nights, when only the four-legged rats came out, Dennis was still doing what he was being paid to do.*

*And oh boy.. Dennis could really hold your interest with his many life's adventure stories.. I often wondered how one guy could've experienced so much. He was sure fun to listen to.*

*I'm sorry he's gone . I'll always remember him as a helluva good COP---and story teller*

*..Dennis: I love ya my Brother In Blue! You were one of the best partners I ever had*

*. I'll see ya on the other side pal...I know you're sharing some yarns with the LORD.Save one for me....*

*Jan Stachura  
5th Pct Ret.*

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**Jan Stachura** - September 02, 2020 at 12:59 AM

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*Thank you Jan For your kind words. He loved his job and working with you.*

**sandra hernden** - September 02, 2020 at 03:17 PM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis J. Hernden.*



September 01, 2020 at 08:23 PM

SS

“ *We flew many missions together at the aviation unit. He was a great man and will be missed.*

**Stephen Sokol** - September 01, 2020 at 07:05 PM

RO

“ Dennis was my partner at the 5th precinct, and we also were together at MCMU (better known as the Big 4). We had some great times together and he was the type of partner, and friend, that you could, and DID, trust with your life. He was the consummate story teller. I remember one fellow cop on the shift who doubted that Dennis could have done all the things he talked about. One day he had watched a documentary on a particular subject and when he got to work he put his theory to the test. He brought up the subject to Dennis in the scout car, and Dennis began rattling off his vast knowledge and experience on the subject. I saw that partner later, and he said I'll never doubt anything Dennis says. He knew more than the documentary did.  
He lived a full life. We had each others back then, and I hope to have each others back again when I join him. May God let him rest in peace.

*Robert "Boog" Bulgarelli*

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**robert** - August 31, 2020 at 04:24 PM

SH

*Thank you boog. He really loved working with you.*

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**sandra hernden** - September 02, 2020 at 03:15 PM

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*I retired from 1st pct in 2013, saw Mr Hernden, standing in lobby by desk>First impression. Firm but fair. A cops cop. And from the Remembrences that I have read>A real go getter My condolences to family and former coworkers and friends.*

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**1300Beaubien** - September 08, 2020 at 04:31 AM