



# Dennis P. Spoto

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## **Dennis P. Spoto**

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**D**ennis (Denny) Peter Spoto, 77, of Tarpon Springs, peacefully passed away on Thursday, July 16th, 2020. He was born on January 9th, 1943 in Brooklyn, New York to Peter Raymond & Dorothy (Meigs) Spoto. After graduating from High School in 1961, Denny joined the Air Force and served his country honorably until 1965. While in the Air Force, he showed an aptitude for electronics. He always had an analytical mind and throughout his entire life, he was taking something apart to learn how it worked. After leaving the Air Force, he continued his studies and work in the electronics field eventually becoming a mainframe computer technician. He worked with computers for many years; then turned entrepreneur with a successful vending business. In 1970, a new job moved Denny and his family to Florida where he fell in love with the weather, the water and fishing. An avid fisherman, he became involved in the Suncoast Tarpon Roundup tournament and in his first year of competing took a third place. His love of fishing lent itself to a new hobby, building custom rods, both for himself and others. He also created how-to videos on rod building, which was captured by an on-air news story. Of course, with fishing comes boating, which Denny enjoyed so much he built several of his own. On the land, he loved baseball. As a boy, he and his brother would collect candy wrappers to trade in for tickets to the Brooklyn Dodgers. And when the Rays baseball club came to Florida, Denny became a fan. But most of all, he loved his family.

Denny is predeceased by his parents and a brother, Raymond Spoto. He is survived by his loving partner, Grace Edge; his two daughters, Susan Spoto and Deborah Gaito; his son-in-law Todd Gaito; and his grandson Robert Gaito. He is also survived by a niece, Renee Spoto Spafford, nephew Peter Spoto, and great nieces and nephews Destiny Spafford, Peter, Anthony, and Michael Spoto, and Brian Deegan, as well as many friends.

A celebration of Denny's life will be held at a later date.



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The family would appreciate hearing about your good memories of Denny. To leave your memories, please click on the "Tribute Wall" tab.



## Tribute Wall

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DH

**Dave Hinrichsen** posted:  
Greatest friend father ever  
October 21 at 5:11 PM

SS

**Susan Spoto** lit a candle in honor of Dennis.  
It's hard to believe you've been gone from the Earth for nearly a year. Gone but never forgotten and let this eternal candle be proof. I love you dad - Susan  
July 4 at 6:43 AM



SS

**Susan Spoto** lit a candle in honor of Dennis.  
December 4 at 11:39 AM



GE

**Grace Edge** lit a candle in honor of Dennis.  
August 24 at 9:21 AM



GE

**Grace Edge** sent a virtual gift in honor of Dennis.  
August 24 at 9:20 AM



DH

**Debbie Hammond** posted:  
So sorry to hear of Denny's passing. May he rest in peace.  
July 25 at 3:41 PM



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**Susan Spoto** lit a candle in honor of Dennis.

July 24 at 10:08 AM



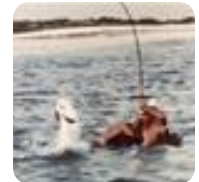
**Susan Spoto** shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

July 24 at 10:07 AM



**Susan** shared a photo to the **Fishing!** album.

July 24 at 9:00 AM



**Will Johnson** posted:

I am so very sorry and sad to hear about the loss of Dennis. I immediately liked the guy when I first met him about a decade ago. He's one of those people who make you think he's one of the cool ones. And I will always remember cooking that holiday (lasagna) meal with him and his family and friends. Thank was fun, but it was also ironic since I'm probably more Scottish than anything, and I was cooking my lasagna in his kitchen. But he did give me a gift of some very fine Scotch. And that made the dinner extra special. May you forever be cool, and may you rest in peace.

July 22 at 3:52 PM



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**Jeanette Weiss** posted:

Prayers and condolences to Dennis's family. May he forever Rest in Peace. Jeanette Weiss

July 19 at 3:02 AM



**Larry Kelley** July 21 at 7:53 PM

I had some good times with Dennis in the years past. We use to do a little Tarpon fishing. I remember this chum he use to mix up so we could cast net for our white bait. That stuff was nasty, he got a kick out of watching me deal with the smell. He knew all the spots, and two or three cast and we had more then enough bait. Dennis was easy to talk to and to get along with. Thanks for all the good times Dennis.



## Media

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Who needs a boat to catch tarpon...



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Who needs a boat to fish for Tarpon



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Dennis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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