



## Dennis "Denny" Henry Kwiatkowski

July 30, 1945 - September 29, 2021

Dennis "Denny" Henry Kwiatkowski, age 76, of Asheville, passed away on Wednesday, September 29, 2021. Born in Chicago, IL, he was the son of the late Stanley and Lottie Kwiatkowski and the husband of Marlene Santowski Kwiatkowski.

He earned his bachelor's degree in Marketing and Management from DePaul University, Chicago, IL. A Senior Executive Service with the Federal Emergency Management Agency where he oversaw Disaster Relief and later Nuclear Regulatory Control. Dennis also chaired the National Food and Shelter Committee.

In addition to his wife, Marlene, Denny is survived by his four children, Craig (Katherine) Kwiatkowski of Huntersville, NC, Christopher (Jennifer) Kwiatkowski of Davidson, NC, Daniel (Bligh) Kwiatkowski of Middle River, MD and Jaime (Daniel) Ciolek of Candler, NC; eight grandchildren, William, Grace, Andrew, Jacob, Brennan and Johnathon Kwiatkowski, Katelynn and Colin Ciolek, three brothers, Kenneth (Kathy) Kwiatkowski, Kevinn (Christine) Kwiatkowski, Dean (Joyce) Kwiatkowski; sister, Donna Kordik, sister-in-law, Pamela Kwiatkowski and his loving dog, Wrigley.

Denny is predeceased by his grandson, Nicholas Kwiatkowski and brother, Glenn Kwiatkowski.

The family will receive friends from 4:00pm to 6:00pm, Sunday, October 3 at Morris Funeral and Cremation Care, 304 Merrimon Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801. His Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00am, Monday, October 4, at St.

Eugene Catholic Church, 72 Culvern Street, Asheville, NC 28804.

Morris Funeral and Cremation Care oversees arrangements and condolences may be sent to the family at [www.morrisfamilycare.com](http://www.morrisfamilycare.com).

# Previous Events

## Family will Receive Friends

OCT 3. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Morris Funeral & Cremation Care  
304 Merrimon Ave.  
Asheville, NC 28801  
(828) 252-1821  
info@morrisfamilycare.com  
<http://www.morrisfamilycare.com>

## Funeral Mass

OCT 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Eugene Catholic Church  
72 Culvern Street  
Asheville, NC 28801  
<http://www.steugene.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dennis "Denny" Henry Kwiatkowski*

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October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Rosemary, Ray, Sheila & Mike purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Dennis "Denny" Henry Kwiatkowski.*



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**Rosemary, Ray, Sheila & Mike** - October 06, 2021 at 08:47 PM

RT

“ Dear Marlene and Family,

*Pat and I send our love and deepest sympathy. We were so fortunate to meet Denny and Marlene on our 50th Wedding Anniversary Cruise to the Mediterranean. We hit it off immediately and were lucky to share some very special moments together, especially during our Lake Como excursion. Denny and I were selected to make homemade pasta at a cooking event, and the laughs we shared will always remind me of that special time. We were both rewarded with a signed autograph apron from the five star chef, which I'll always cherish. Our last conversations focused on the four of us taking a future cruise together, which we so looked forward to doing.*



*I will never forget we were facing a terrible hurricane in Florida, and Dennis called me to invite us to stay with him and Marlene until the storm passed, and it was safe to return. His thoughtfulness and compassion shown through his big heart. They say you will meet others in your life that feel you've known them forever. Such is our feelings towards Dennis and Marlene.*

*God Bless,*

*Ron and Pat Timonere*

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Ron Timonere - October 06, 2021 at 09:43 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis "Denny" Henry Kwiatkowski.



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October 04, 2021 at 10:24 AM

GR

“ Dear Family of Dennis Kwiatkowski,

*On behalf of the St. Eugene Church Bereavement Ministry, I would like to express my condolences for the loss of your loved one. Know that our Ministry will be praying for your family during this time of sadness. Please be in touch with us if there is anything we can do to help your family.*



*Blessings,  
Ginny Raviotta  
St. Eugene Bereavement Ministry*

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**Ginny Raviotta** - October 03, 2021 at 06:56 PM

CH

“ *My heart goes out to all of you with love and condolences. Please know that those of us who worked with Denny at FEMA all remember his leadership and that smile. He was a one-of-a-kind guy. He will certainly be missed.*

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**Carol Hector-Harris** - October 03, 2021 at 10:18 AM

SH

“ Dennis was a smart, sharp, polished , and measured leader. Always made me feel good when he was in charge. May he RIP and may all of us in emergency management remember the significant contributions Dennis made to our industry and communities around this country.

*I feel blessed that at the end of his career I had the good fortune to have Dennis join Hagerty Consulting, serve as a mentor to me and others, and ultimately introduce me to the country's youngest state director (Brock Long) at the time who joined Hagerty Consulting and ultimately served as FEMA Administrator, before returning as our Executive Chairman.*

*Dennis' public spirit mindedness will long live in all of us who had the good fortune to know him.*

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**Steve Hagerty** - October 03, 2021 at 08:54 AM

JP

“ Marlene and children, am so sorry for your loss. Had many fond memories of you both at DCASR Chicago. Prayers are with you.  
Jackie Wachowicz Pomis

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**Jacqueline Pomis** - October 02, 2021 at 11:42 AM

JS

“ I am so sad for Marlene and all of Dennis's extended family for the loss of a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend, and stand with you in your sorrow. Joan Sussex

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**Joan Sussex** - October 02, 2021 at 06:47 AM

JH

“ I worked at FEMA with Dennis who was a star director. He was admired and respected as a model public servant who gave his attention and care for disaster victims. May his family know that Dennis’ contributions helped millions of Americans. Jo Ann Howard.

Jo Ann Howard - October 01, 2021 at 05:55 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dennis "Denny" Henry Kwiatkowski.



October 01, 2021 at 05:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis "Denny" Henry Kwiatkowski.



October 01, 2021 at 05:00 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Dennis "Denny" Henry Kwiatkowski.



October 01, 2021 at 02:13 PM

CP

“ Cookie, Alicia, Tammy, and Patty purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dennis "Denny" Henry Kwiatkowski.



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**Cookie, Alicia, Tammy, and Patty** - October 01, 2021 at 01:58 PM

TC

“ The Kwiatkowski and Kordik Cousin purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dennis "Denny" Henry Kwiatkowski.



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**The Kwiatkowski and Kordik Cousin** - October 01, 2021 at 11:55 AM

TF

“ The Kwiatkowski and Kordik Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dennis "Denny" Henry Kwiatkowski.



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**The Kwiatkowski and Kordik Family** - October 01, 2021 at 11:55 AM

JV

“ Please accept our deepest condolences for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time. Dennis was a lovely person, who will be deeply missed.  
Julie and Guy Vachon.

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**julie and Guy vachon** - October 01, 2021 at 08:57 AM

TS

“ So very saddened to hear this news. What a great guy! Our sincere Prayers for the family and he will surely be missed by so many.  
*Tedd & Gail Smith*

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**Tedd & Gail Smith** - October 01, 2021 at 08:22 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Dennis "Denny" Henry Kwiatkowski.*



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September 30, 2021 at 08:16 PM

DS

“ *Dennis, Barb, Greg and Julie Santowski purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Dennis "Denny" Henry Kwiatkowski.*



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**Dennis, Barb, Greg and Julie Santowski** - September 30, 2021 at 05:41 PM