



Earle R. Dorman Jr.

April 26, 2020

Earle Raymond Dorman Jr. fell asleep in death on Sunday, April 26, 2020, in his home in Stafford Springs, Connecticut after battling cancer for over five years. He was born in Stafford Springs, son of the late Earle Sr. (Bud) and Myrtle (Brown) Dorman. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Regan Dorman, his children, Heidi Dorman Olden and Joseph Dorman, as well as his siblings, Ethel Dorman Rioux, Leslie Dorman, Barbara Dorman Estabrook, Bertha Dorman LaFlamme and Martha Dorman Niewinski. He was predeceased by his brother, Lewis Dorman. He is also survived by cousins and many nieces and nephews. Earle carried on his family's reputation of welcoming all into their home. His parents, Bud and Myrtle, had a full house with seven children plus their friends. Tom Furness was one of his closest friends. Together they joined the Navy using the Buddy System in 1968. Earle was honorably discharged from the Navy in June of 1970 in San Diego. Here he first met his future wife, Patricia. The first time they met he said he knew he would marry this girl. His mother had told him years before that he would hear bells when "the one" came along. Well, Patricia carried a purse that jingled with bells attached. She drove into the gas station Earle worked at in her 1959 Chevy Impala with a huge dent in the side, a dead plant in the back seat, and a missing rear window. She asked him: "Do you know what a vacuum leak is?". He flashed his signature smile and said, "I sure do!". And that was the beginning. They were married on December 22, 1972, in Stafford Springs, Connecticut, at the Methodist Church. After living in Connecticut for a short while, they returned to California and started a family. Their daughter Heidi was born in 1974, and their son Joseph was born in 1980. In 1981, Earle joined his wife as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. Earle worked in various garages and auto dealerships until he started his own mobile auto repair business. As his business expanded, he opened a garage in the City Heights area of San Diego named Earl's Engine Rebuilders. He later relocated to Rancho San Diego where he operated as Earl's Engine Machine. Earle was well known in San Diego and was loved by all of his friends and customers. In 1990, he moved his business and family back to Stafford Springs, Connecticut. He spent many happy years at his shop reconnecting with his family and old friends and made many new dear friends who remained at his side up until the end of his life. Earle loved people and was happiest surrounded by his friends. Everyone loved to hang out with Earle. He had a

truly genuine spirit and found so much joy in helping others. He loved to talk about the things that meant the most to him: his God Jehovah, his wife and children, and of course, his cars and Harley Davidsons. He was the best mechanic around and he will be deeply missed by many.

Comments



“ Earle will be missed by so many people. I know Pete and I will miss him dearly. We really looked up to Earle and his wife Patricia, they were the most amazing people we ever met. Very honest and genuine people. We love you both dearly. Rest In Peace our friend Earle till we meet again you will always remain in our hearts along with my Mom and Dad. Love you always.

Bobbi-Jo - July 17, 2020 at 07:20 PM



“ Earle and Patricia were my two favorite people at the kingdom hall growing up. I absolutely loved them both! My thoughts and prayers are with Patricia, family and friends during this time! What a beautiful couple, lovely family photos and endless amount of memories Earle leaves behind. He will be missed Greatly!



Nichole Wilson - May 09, 2020 at 12:34 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



JAMES NANSTAD - May 06, 2020 at 11:14 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Earle R. Dorman Jr..



May 03, 2020 at 12:37 AM



“ 7 files added to the album Earle R Dorman Jr.



Martha - May 02, 2020 at 03:56 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Earle R Dorman Jr.



martha - May 02, 2020 at 12:09 PM



“ One of the things we most loved about Earle was his love of people. He could make friends with everyone. And he really cared. Lyn and George

Lyn Chappell - May 02, 2020 at 11:08 AM



“ Brenda Friedrich lit a candle in memory of Earle R. Dorman Jr.



Brenda Friedrich - May 02, 2020 at 10:48 AM



“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Earle R. Dorman Jr..



May 01, 2020 at 05:30 PM



“ Condolences and many thoughts and prayers Bert, to you and to all of your family from the both of us.

Terry & Laurie Edberg - May 01, 2020 at 05:06 PM



“ Diane Davis lit a candle in memory of Earle R. Dorman Jr.



Diane Davis - May 01, 2020 at 04:16 PM



“ Sorry for your loss, Patrica and Forman family. We were glad to establish a friendship with y'all and especially the meetings at your house. We all look forward to seeing all those we lost to death and living under perfect circumstances. Stay strong, time is getting short for this system. Love Y'all, Debbie and Stan.

Stan Ruganis - May 01, 2020 at 02:22 PM



“ Sorry if i offended any one
Love to family. Sorry .

Cheryl Olden - May 01, 2020 at 01:05 PM



“ I believe My first. Post. Was. Deleted. Thats why. I apologized.
I realize others. Dont feel. My way.

Cheryl - May 01, 2020 at 01:07 PM



“ 41 files added to the album Earle R Dorman Jr.



Patricia Dorman - April 30, 2020 at 08:50 PM



“ Thank you so much for he beautiful pics!!

Tracey Fuller - May 01, 2020 at 10:30 AM



“ Many good memories working with Earle at conventions and secular work. He was a true friend and I will miss him even though we lived so far away in the last years. I will always treasure our friendship. Condolences to his family and other friend who treasured his friendship as I did. We will be together again under much better circumstances.

Jim Hill - May 01, 2020 at 02:16 PM



“ Dorman Family, I am so sorry for your loss. I did not know Earle, but after reading that beautiful obituary I felt like I did. He sounded like a great man. May he rest in peace.

Lisa Greene Everett - April 30, 2020 at 10:17 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. I will always consider Earl a good friend and miss our chats at Mill Pond.

Michael Malinguaggio - April 30, 2020 at 10:00 AM



“ Peter Ference lit a candle in memory of Earle R. Dorman Jr.



Peter Ference - April 30, 2020 at 09:22 AM



“ Excellent obituary really told the life of Earl done a tee!

Peter Ference - April 30, 2020 at 09:24 AM



“ Dear Dorman family
So very sorry for your loss. what a beautiful obituary for a wonderful man who will be missed by all who knew him. Until we see him again you're in my thoughts and prayers Tracey Fuller

Tracey Fuller - April 30, 2020 at 07:47 AM



“ Patricia I am so sorry to hear about Earle. He was a very knowledgeable and family man. I will truly miss him! Take Care.

Laura Lebel - April 30, 2020 at 06:41 AM



“ Paula (Bruce) Dupre lit a candle in memory of Earle R. Dorman Jr.



Paula (Bruce) Dupre - April 29, 2020 at 10:26 PM



“ My condolences to all of the Dorman family. I have wonderful childhood memories of Earle and all of you. Hugs to all.

Paula - April 29, 2020 at 10:28 PM



“ Patricia, Joe, and family, I was so stunned to see this obituary. I have asked everyone where you all were because I saw that the shop was no longer in business. I really thought a lot of all of you and am sending lots of love and prayers. I have lived in Mass. since Bruce passed away in 2010. Please be safe and well during this terrible virus.

Diane - May 01, 2020 at 04:23 PM



“ Sorry about your loss he was a great guy always willing to help others

Wayne Berriault - April 29, 2020 at 08:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Earle R. Dorman Jr..



April 29, 2020 at 04:26 PM



“ Earle will surely be missed.

Guy Estell

Guy Estell - April 29, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ Peter Ostrowski lit a candle in memory of Earle R. Dorman Jr.



Peter Ostrowski - April 29, 2020 at 02:31 PM



“ Mark Ostrowski lit a candle in memory of Earle R. Dorman Jr.



Mark Ostrowski - April 29, 2020 at 01:47 PM



“ Pat Rossi lit a candle in memory of Earle R. Dorman Jr.



Pat Rossi - April 29, 2020 at 12:49 PM



“ Dear Patricia and family, John and I are so sorry for Earle passing. We know he had a long time of being ill. I missed talking to you at JMH and was so happy to have met you. Earle definitely was a kind person and had the best smile and so knowledgeable about his garage business. God give you the strength to get through this challenging time and cherish the memories with family and friends.

Sandy and John Emhoff



Sandy and John Emhoff - April 29, 2020 at 12:37 PM



“ Dear Patricia, Joe, Barabara and Martha,
What wonderful person Earle was to all of u. Made us all laugh. Helped everyone he could BUT loved his family. Love Patti Nunez

Patti Nunez - April 30, 2020 at 11:56 PM



“ Dear Dorman family. I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Earle from when I was a kid living on Rockwell Hill. We rode the bus to the public schools together and I often visited their home. It sounds like he had a full life full of love, family, friends, a passion for his work and a loving community. Blessings to you all during this difficult time.

Linda LaBell - May 02, 2020 at 09:38 AM



“ Dear Dorman family, I am so sorry and sad over the loss of our dear brother. We all loved him so much. He was an easy guy to love! The memories will always keep him in our hearts. Love, Lynn, Jack and Jane

Jane Banker - May 02, 2020 at 06:54 PM