

Darroch, Dennis Duane

September 9, 2024



Dennis Duane Darroch

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of **Dennis Duane Darroch**, born on July 14th, 1947. Dennis passed away peacefully on Friday, September 6th, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of love, learning, and compassion.

Dennis was raised in Carievale, Saskatchewan. He was the first of six children for his parents, Marion and Carl Darroch. In his younger years, Dennis enjoyed playing sports and helping his dad and uncles on the family farm. There were many happy memories of visiting Sherwood, Mouse River, and the surrounding communities with his many friends and family from the Carievale area.

Dennis was always a big sports fan. He enjoyed playing slow pitch and curling, and was a huge fan of the Saskatchewan

Roughriders, Moose Jaw Warriors, Toronto Maple Leafs, and loved watching all of the major curling bonspiels on tv. Dennis was also a long-time member of the Moose Jaw Royal Canadian Legion. He enjoyed visiting with his friends there and playing pool and cribbage. Dennis also loved playing cribbage with friends and family. His ability to immediately count each hand in the game was impressive! He passed along his love of the game to his kids and grandkids, and we will always think of him when we play the game.

Dennis met the love of his life, Barb Lyster, while teaching at the Saskatchewan Technical Institute (STI), where she was a student in his accounting class. Dennis dedicated more than 39 years of his life as an Accounting Instructor at STI, which later became SIAST and eventually Saskatchewan Polytechnic. His passion for education was evident in every class he taught. He was known for being a patient, kind, and knowledgeable instructor, earning the respect and admiration of both his colleagues and countless students. His ability to make complex topics understandable and his genuine care for his students' success made him an unforgettable teacher and mentor.

Dennis and Barb had a love for travel. During the early years of their marriage, they took several road trips throughout the U.S., visiting nearly every state in the country. In later years, they did several cruises with friends and family, enjoyed many vacations to the Caribbean and U.S., and took a memorable trip to the Maritimes with friends.

Dennis was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He took great pride in his family, and his warm heart, gentle spirit, and unwavering dedication to them were at the core of everything he did. His grandchildren were the light of his life, and he never missed cheering them on at sporting events or any of the activities that they enjoyed. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family at Buffalo Pound Lake, where we spent summers together every year.

We will forever remember our husband, father, and grandfather. Dennis is survived by his wife of 51 years, Barb; children, Jana (Jeff) Fox and Mark (Coral) Darroch; grandchildren: Brayden and Alaina Bollinger, and Ryder and Rustin Darroch; step-grandchildren, Jacob and Zachary Fox; siblings: Rick (Jeanette)

Darroch, Lonny (Tricia) Darroch, Sharilyn Ferguson, Carla (Kevin) McCannell, and Lori (Mac) Anderson; aunt, Kay Goetz; as well as many nieces, nephews, and cherished friends.

We want to extend a special thank you to the staff at Moose Jaw Special Care Home for their exceptional care during Dennis' final days. Your kindness, compassion, and wonderful care were deeply appreciated.

In keeping with Dennis's wishes, a Private Family Service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Cara Ashworth, Funeral Director 306-693-4550

1.



Joan Senchuk on September 9, 2024 at 10:29 pm

Barb and family. Sorry to hear of Dennis passing. He was a great guy who enjoyed life.

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2.



Gale Ellis on September 10, 2024 at 9:45 am

I send my sincere condolences. The Bible gives a real hope that your loved one will come to life again on a beautiful paradise earth when death will be no more in John 5:28, 29 and Revelation 21:4.

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3.



Gabe and Paula Freeman on September 10, 2024 at 11:42 am

Barb and family – So sorry to hear that Dennis has passed away. We are glad we had a visit at our anniversary. Time passes so quickly and we haven't kept in touch as we should have but please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Take care. Paula and Gabe

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4.



Tom Bellamy on September 10, 2024 at 3:52 pm

My sincere Condolences to Barb and family I am so sorry to hear of Dennis passing He was a great friend and a special guy he will be missed by all who knew him RIP my friend until we meet again

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5.



Joanne Brownlee on September 11, 2024 at 8:32 am

I'm so sorry for your loss Barb

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6.



Pam Ludwar on September 11, 2024 at 8:43 am

Barb & children,

I am so saddened to hear of Dennis's passing.

My memories of Dennis are of how much he enjoyed a joke-
and how he loved to laugh.

Sending you all my condolences.

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7.



Gabe and Paula Freeman on September 11, 2024 at 3:37 pm

Our sincere sympathies to Barb and family on the passing
of Dennis. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Take care
and cherish your memories.

Gabe and Paula Freeman

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8.



Vic Bruce on September 11, 2024 at 4:51 pm

Barb and family.

Enjoyed many enjoyable days at the lake with Dennis. He was
a friend. My thoughts are with you and your family.

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9.



Patricia Gilkes on September 12, 2024 at 2:03 pm

Barb band family

We were very sorry to hear of Dennis' passing. We have many great memories of fun times with Dennis and you at STI gatherings. Dave enjoyed teaching with him

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10.



Campion Swartout on September 13, 2024 at 3:32 pm

So sorry to hear about Dennis's passing. Worked with him for many years...STI and then SIAST. So many great memories. He certainly lived life to the fullest. Let your wonderful memories help through this difficult time.

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11.



Heather (Varley) Gemmell on September 13, 2024 at 3:53 pm

Barb – I'm so very sorry this has happened. I remember meeting Dennis as an instructor at STI. It was a lot of years ago but Dennis always remembered me & had a smile & warm hello.

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12.



Linda Stirton on September 13, 2024 at 5:45 pm

Barb and family, my sincerest condolences. Dennis will always be remembered as being happy and smiling. He will be missed by many. Sincere sympathy.

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13.



Robert Darroch on September 13, 2024 at 7:22 pm

We were saddened to hear that Dennis had passed away. Please accept our sincere sympathy.
Bob & Betsy Darroch

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