



Dennis W Oxendine

August 8, 1952 - June 10, 2021

Sunrise: August 8, 1952 Sunset: June 10, 2021

Dennis Wayne (Denny) Oxendine born on August 8, 1952, in Lebanon, VA to the late Richard and Audrey Oxendine entered eternal rest on Thursday, June 10, 2021, at the Johnson City Medical Center surrounded by his loving family. Denny was preceded in death by his brother Elbert (Bum) Oxendine, Knoxville, TN.

Denny accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized in the name of our Lord and Savior, thus beginning his personal relationship with Jesus Christ. In 1970, Denny graduated from Science Hill High School where he was an officer in JROTC Cadets.

He was the first black man to be employed as a Pole Jock lineman by United Intermountain Phone Company, later known as Sprint where he worked in different areas for over 30 years. He was known there as the "Phone Doctor." He really enjoyed his work because it gave him the opportunity to meet new people. With his warm personality, he never met a stranger; he could talk with anyone! Denny loved to joke around and laugh.

He liked to hunt and was an avid fisherman. His favorite pastime was gardening and watching football. His favorite football teams were the Tennessee Titans and the Tennessee Vols.

He loved drinking his coffee first thing in the morning and was a bean and potato man. He was a real country man at heart. Often dreaming of having a farm with acres of land, with his own fishing pond. He wanted all his children to live on his acres of land but in their own home (lol). He envisioned his grandchildren running free there, with him showing them how to fish the Denny way! When on Facebook Live, he would cheer his brother and son on when he saw them fishing on the waters in their boat. He would tell them, "Don't forget what I showed you son, so you can get the big one!" He would talk to them as if he were there.

When his daughter would facetime him, oh, how he would light up. Never mind the fact that she was married with her own family, she was still Daddy's little girl. He once tied a rope around her so he would not lose her while fishing. He did this so she wouldn't wander far from him. That's just like him, being the very protective daddy.

Denny had a special relationship with his grandchildren, from the oldest to the youngest they all affectionately called him - Papaw. Especially the youngest grandson who looked at him as his buddy, not just Papaw, he was more than that to him. Just the two of them, going on their special rides looking for that farm with all the acres and the pond that he longed for. And of course, the candy stops!

Thank God whenever his stepson stopped by. Denny knew he could relax knowing that whatever was needed to be done, he would jump right in and get it done. Even if it was just sitting and talking, watching wrestling, or running errands, that time meant a lot to him.

Denny loved all his children, grandchildren, and the great grands too. He would do anything for them, near or far away.

After 36 years, two young first love met, rekindled that flame, and were

married.

Denny leaves to cherish his memories his loving and devoted wife of 17 years Elder Berthanna S. Oxendine, Four children Celeste Wooten (Eric), Virginia Beach, VA: Dennis Adam Oxendine, Morristown, TN: Candida Oxendine, Hermon, ME: stepson William J. Sanders (Hannah), Johnson City, TN. Two siblings, James Oxendine (Prue), Bristol, TN: Raymond Oxendine (Carol), Johnson City, TN: Sister-n-law Mary Oxendine. Eight grandchildren, Tatianna and Alexander Carter, Virginia Beach, VA and Mikel Wooten, New Castle, PA: Zariyah Oxendine, Morristown, TN and Aniyah Oxendine, Lancaster, PA: Diana Oxendine, Hermon, ME: Destiny and Krayson Sanders, Johnson City, TN. Two great grandchildren, Amir and Prince Carter, Virginia Beach, VA., and many loving family and friends.

The family will receive friends at Birchette Funeral Home and Mortuary in Johnson City, TN on June 19, 2021, from 12:00pm – 1:00pm with a private service following.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **19**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *its me krayson his grandson my fav papal ever me and him the best guy in my life rip high fly high fly rip man*

Berthanna Oxendine - March 21, 2023 at 04:53 PM



“ *Dennis W Oxendine*

January 29, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ *I thought I gave my online condolences, but it looks as if I missed it. I believe I signed the guest book at the funeral home. Brother Oxendine was a wonderful man and those who came around him soon began to smile or laugh because Brother Oxendine loved life. I was only able to meet him a few times in person. However, Brother Oxendine would listen to me doing Daily Devotions Online when Elder Berthanna Oxendine (His Wonderful Bride) had the Facebook LIVE or the replay going. From time to time I would hear his thoughts and feed back, which blessed me. Jesus used Brother Oxendine as an encourager to me. I am so very grateful to have been able to meet him. When my Bride (Lori) and I attended Brother Oxendine's funeral, the amount of love in the room was so beautiful. As God brings our friend, Elder Berthanna Oxendine to mind as He often does, we pray. Mine and my Bride's deepest condolences go to the entire Oxendine Family then, now and in all the days ahead. Much Love and Blessings to all. Elder Berthanna Oxendine, thank you for choosing to be in mine and Lori's life as TRUE FAMILY! We love and cherish you.*



Michael Blankenship - April 26, 2022 at 08:33 AM

DB

“ *Diane Bradley lit a candle in memory of Dennis W Oxendine*



Diane Bradley - June 19, 2021 at 05:48 PM

LB

“ *Lynn & Rayetta Bachman lit a candle in memory of Dennis W Oxendine*



Lynn & Rayetta Bachman - June 19, 2021 at 01:12 PM

TW

“ *RIP old friend*

Teresa Williams-Brown - June 18, 2021 at 10:57 AM

GG

“ *Bert my sincere condolences to you and your family. Sending love and prayers.*

gail goines - June 16, 2021 at 11:56 PM

DE

“ *Destiny lit a candle in memory of Dennis W Oxendine*



Destiny - June 16, 2021 at 06:42 PM

NG

“ *Nancy Greenlee lit a candle in memory of Dennis W Oxendine*



Nancy Greenlee - June 15, 2021 at 06:28 PM

VR

“ *Van Rollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Dennis W Oxendine*



Van Rollins - June 15, 2021 at 05:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis W Oxendine.*



June 15, 2021 at 03:55 PM

SA

“ *Sandy.Sylvers lit a candle in memory of Dennis W Oxendine*



Sandy.Sylvers - June 15, 2021 at 03:35 PM

CA

“ *Crystal Anderson lit a candle in memory of Dennis W Oxendine*



crystal anderson - June 15, 2021 at 02:55 PM

CW

“ *Dear Daddy,
My heart is so broken but your time here on earth was complete. I had 49 years with you. We're they all peaches and cream, absolutely not, but in the end it was still us. Take your rest and we will continue to look after Momma Bert. I love you forever and always. Celeste*

Celeste Wooten - June 15, 2021 at 09:09 AM

CB

“ *Charles Buford sent a virtual gift in memory of Dennis W Oxendine*



Charles Buford - June 15, 2021 at 08:23 AM

JN

“ *Jean Neal lit a candle in memory of Dennis W Oxendine*



Jean Neal - June 14, 2021 at 10:08 PM

GB

“ G. L. & Trish Bristol sent a virtual gift in memory of Dennis W Oxendine



G. L. & Trish Bristol - June 14, 2021 at 07:42 PM

ET

“ Sending many sweet prayers to the entire family of Dennis (Denny) Oxendine. May the good lord comfort and give you strength and peace. Denny was a good man. I loved his beautiful, precious momma. She loved him. Together with his beautiful family. 🙏❤️



Elizabeth Treadway - June 14, 2021 at 06:02 AM

RO

“ TO MY 3RD. OLDEST BROTHER, THE FUN TIMES FISHING, WITH BUM AND JUST BEINGING WITH EACH OTHER ON THE THE LAKE, OR IN THE GARAGE ACTING UP, MAN, RIP BRO.LOVE YOU MAN I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN.

Ray Oxendine - June 13, 2021 at 11:54 PM

AS

“ Andre Stevens lit a candle in memory of Dennis W Oxendine



Andre Stevens - June 13, 2021 at 01:48 PM

SB

“ *Sandra Stevens- Bell sent a virtual gift in memory of Dennis W Oxendine*



Sandra Stevens- Bell - June 13, 2021 at 11:43 AM

SB

Fond memories of childhood growing up in projects..

Sandra Stevens- Bell - June 13, 2021 at 11:45 AM

JW

“ *Janice Wells sent a virtual gift in memory of Dennis W Oxendine*



Janice wells - June 12, 2021 at 07:42 PM

LB

“ *Lee & Lydia Bridwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Dennis W Oxendine*



Lee & Lydia Bridwell - June 12, 2021 at 06:56 PM

KR

“ *Sending prayers of peace and love to all of those who knew and loved Denny. May each memory warm your hearts! Love, Sista Krista and my entire family*



Kristin - June 12, 2021 at 11:54 AM

MW

“ *Mary Williams lit a candle in memory of Dennis W Oxendine*



Mary Williams - June 12, 2021 at 08:45 AM



“ *William H. Hill Jr. lit a candle in memory of Dennis W Oxendine*



William H. Hill Jr. - June 12, 2021 at 02:29 AM



Wow, I am in shock to hear of another brother/friend gone, I for one will always cherish the fun memories of growing up in Carver with you and your family, we all was family, Rest In Peace 😞

William H. Hill Jr. - June 12, 2021 at 02:37 AM

SC

We are so sorry to hear of your family's loss. Dennis was a friend to our family, and our brother's best friend. He was a good person, with his own unique sense of humor. He was always kind to our Grandmother, I remember, and she loved him. He was a good and thoughtful friend to our brother, who thought the world of him. I'm sure Dennis will be missed by all who knew and loved him. May GOD strenghten you, and ease your family's grief, at this time. GOD bless you.

Susie Colston - June 12, 2021 at 01:42 PM

BS

“ *Blanch Seward lit a candle in memory of Dennis W Oxendine*



Blanch Seward - June 12, 2021 at 01:49 AM

AH

“ *Alberta Harris lit a candle in memory of Dennis W Oxendine*



Alberta Harris - June 12, 2021 at 01:32 AM

PT

“ *To the Oxendine family ,my condolence, to all .family and friends .*

Paul D Taylor,Sr. - June 12, 2021 at 01:26 AM



“ Cheryl Rhea sent a virtual gift in memory of
Dennis W Oxendine



Cheryl Rhea - June 12, 2021 at 12:58 AM



Sending our prayers and condolences to you 🌸.

Cheryl Rhea Family

Cheryl Rhea - June 12, 2021 at 12:59 AM



“ Linda Workman lit a candle in memory of
Dennis W Oxendine



Linda Workman - June 11, 2021 at 08:09 PM



“ Carla Forney lit a candle in memory of Dennis
W Oxendine



Carla Forney - June 11, 2021 at 02:47 PM

EL

“ *Elaine lit a candle in memory of Dennis W Oxendine*



elaine - June 11, 2021 at 02:11 PM

GF

“ *Gary & Moricina Fain lit a candle in memory of Dennis W Oxendine*



Gary & Moricina Fain - June 11, 2021 at 12:47 PM

VP

“ *Viola Patton lit a candle in memory of Dennis W Oxendine*



Viola Patton - June 11, 2021 at 11:20 AM

NS

“ *Nancy S.Posey lit a candle in memory of Dennis W Oxendine*



Nancy S.Posey - June 11, 2021 at 11:12 AM

GC

“ Gail Charles lit a candle in memory of Dennis W Oxendine



Gail Charles - June 11, 2021 at 11:05 AM

MJ

“ Mary Ann James lit a candle in memory of Dennis W Oxendine



Mary Ann James - June 11, 2021 at 10:57 AM

TR

“ Tiffany Ryans sent a virtual gift in memory of Dennis W Oxendine



Tiffany Ryans - June 11, 2021 at 09:30 AM

Mary Rollins

“ Mary Rollins lit a candle in memory of Dennis W Oxendine



Mary Rollins - June 11, 2021 at 09:02 AM



“ *Paulette Robinson lit a candle in memory of Dennis W Oxendine*



Paulette Robinson - June 10, 2021 at 10:35 PM

PD

“ *Pauline Douglas lit a candle in memory of Dennis W Oxendine*



Pauline Douglas - June 10, 2021 at 07:03 PM

ML

“ *Mary Latham lit a candle in memory of Dennis W Oxendine*



Mary Latham - June 10, 2021 at 06:00 PM

RE

So sorry to hear about the death of Denny

Robin English - June 11, 2021 at 07:41 AM

JA

“ *Jaymon ,edna and adeline*



Jaymon - June 10, 2021 at 05:04 PM

KM

“ *Kathy Mills sent a virtual gift in memory of
Dennis W Oxendine*



Kathy Mills - June 10, 2021 at 03:44 PM