



Dennis William LaCroix

January 10, 1954 - January 1, 2024

Dennis William LaCroix, 69, of Mooresville, NC, left us peacefully on Monday, January 1, 2024, at home in the loving arms of his wife after a long brave battle with cancer.

He was born January 10, 1954, in Attleboro, MA to the late Kenneth Sr and Edith LaCroix. Dennis is survived by his beloved wife, Maria; children, Gene Hicks (Kim), Lucas, Landon and Logan Terriquez; brothers, Kenneth LaCroix (Linda), Timothy LaCroix (Paula); grandchildren, Michael Hicks (Jordan) and Holly Frankos (Josh); great-grandchildren, Giselle, London, Maverick and Everly; nephews, Derek LaCroix (Emily) and Timothy LaCroix (Kourtney); nieces, Heather Hunt (Scott) and Amanda Sanford (Charles).

He moved down to Mooresville in 1996 to drive a transport hauler for Brett Bodine Racing which started his career in NASCAR, and he respectively earned the nickname "keyman". During his 27 years in the sport, he was employed for various teams and touched the lives of many. He was one of the nicest people you could meet in the garage, always lent a hand if needed and was a hard worker. He always said "I have traveled millions of miles and have never seen a dam thing but racetracks". He not only transported the race cars, but he also fueled the cars, spotted on road courses and cooked for the team. He was well known for his grilling abilities which resulted in a few spectacular grease fires.

Prior to moving to Mooresville, he worked in management at Stop & Shop for over 20 years in Rhode Island. He took his jobs seriously, during the "Blizzard in 1977" he walked to work and stayed there for 4 days sleeping on the conveyor belt. On another occasion a kid sprayed him with perfume, and he chased him all over the store. He was finally caught.

For 20 years, he played drums with the band "Tony & the Memphis Sound" sharing his love of country music with anyone who wanted to listen. Dennis loved Elvis Presley, how appropriate that his last ride was in the same hearse that transported his idol.

His love for Miller Lite in a bottle and a good New York Strip steak was endless. Dennis loved automobiles and was a Jeep enthusiast with his prize winning 1985 Jeep Scrambler being his favorite possession along with his recently restored 1990 Ford Lariat Dually.

He also had a passion for IRacing and was known to be a great champion in his own mind, his favorite quote on the radio "was wreck him." Although Dennis was a quiet gentleman, he never met a stranger and had a great sense of humor. He had Carolina blue eyes with an infectious smile with his precious dimples. He was loved by many and will be missed more than words can say.

Relationships made in life are shattered upon death, but the bond, memories and love are forever unbreakable.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory, Mooresville, is proudly serving the LaCroix family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.cavin-cook.co

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Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

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“ *My forever Yogi. I have no words to say how sad I didn't say see ya later. Best big brother one could ask for. I'll miss you and your belly ache laugh and Yogi snore. Maria will always be your BooBoo. I'm honored to have called you family. I love you Dennis and see your handsome face soon. Ride high baby.*



Samantha Wright - January 20, 2024 at 04:33 PM

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“ *Angela Lopez lit a candle in memory of Dennis William LaCroix*



Angela Lopez - January 06, 2024 at 09:33 AM

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“ *Dennis was a great guy..he helped us at Spraker Racing several times. Racing is full of people but few as genuine has Dennis was.. my thoughts and prayers go out to his family..he never said no to me when I needed his help..God Speed ..*

Jeff Spraker - January 06, 2024 at 12:02 AM

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“ Maria we are heartbroken for your loss. Although I only had a few opportunities to spend quality time with Dennis, those opportunities were priceless. He was kind to me and Justin, and he was quick-witted and funny. I absolutely loved to watch the two of you banter back and forth in a sarcastic yet fun loving way and it always made me laugh and my heart smile. I love that he loved you as fiercely as he did and the love between you both was absolutely evident to anyone who knew you both. Even though I was sad when you left California, I was so happy that you had met your soul mate. Through the ups and downs of both of your cancer battles, it amazed me how the two of you never lost “faith” and everytime now when I see a pink flamingo I will forever think of the two of you. I am so sorry you did not get to spend more time with him but I know he will be looking down on you, protecting you, and loving you always from afar. Love you so much. Marla, Reza, and Justin.

marla mahoney - January 05, 2024 at 05:34 PM

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“ Dennis and I have worked together off an on since 2007 and we were teammates at RWR and trucked together for most of the year I'll miss you a lot God Speed my friend. Sorry for you loss Maria we love you and you I our prayers

Daniel Duncan - January 05, 2024 at 04:22 PM