



Dennis D. Louwerse

September 5, 1945 - September 5, 2013

Dennis D. Louwerse, 68, Lebanon, passed away Thursday, September 5, 2013 at the Lebanon Good Samaritan Hospital. He was the husband of Jean D. Buffenmeyer Louwerse. Born on August 9, 1945 in Scranton, PA he was the son of the late Albert and Carmella Thomas Louwerse.

He was the Executive Director and CEO of BARTA, Berks Area Regional Transportation Authority. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Millersville University and his M.Div. from Crozer Theological Seminary. He was a member of numerous professional organizations. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

In addition to his wife he is survived by children, Denise, wife of Garry Woodley, Middletown; Melissa, wife of Stephen Andrews, III, Lebanon; Dennis D. Louwerse, Jr., Enola, grandchildren, Garry Woodley, Emily Andrews, Timothy Andrews, Lynnsey Woodley; brothers, Tony, husband of Mary Louwerse, Cornwall; Thomas, husband of Nancy Louwerse, Cherry Springs and sister, Gillian, wife of Kenneth Arnick, Lebanon.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend Dennis' funeral service on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 7:00 PM from Porterfield-Scheid Funeral Directors & Cremation Services, Ltd., 890 Isabel Dr., (next to Quentin Circle)Lebanon with Rev. James Heath officiating. A viewing will be held Tuesday evening from 5 to 7 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flower memorial remembrances in Dennis' name may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dennis D. Louwerse*

October 22, 2023 at 10:35 PM



“ *Dennis D. Louwerse*

October 06, 2023 at 08:29 AM



“ *Dennis D. Louwerse*

October 05, 2023 at 11:43 PM



“ *Denny, We had some fun times. I'll see you again someday, don't know if they have GTO's in heaven. Hi Gig, hope all's well with you.*

Ben Stevens - Yorba Linda, CA - April 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Hi, Denny was the Pastor of my church, Conestoga Methodist back in the late 60's early 70's. He was very important to me in that he counseled me when my mother died. I thought of him often. I saw that he died in an article in the Lanc newspaper about a merger between RRTA and Barta. I read the article thinking I could find info about him. Well I sure did. Wish I would have known, would have come to the service. Many good memories, fine man. So sorry for your loss.*

Claudia Forrey - Millersville, PA - October 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ I am so sad to learn of Dennis's passing. He was a dear friend and colleague for over 30 years. We worked on many transit activities together, laughed together and helped each other out on many occasions. To say that Dennis will be missed is truly an understatement! He will not be forgotten. His work at BARTA will benefit Berks County residents and businesses for decades to come. He is a man who truly left his mark in a most positive way.

My condolences to his family. He will be missed by all who knew him. Rest in peace my friend. Rest in peace.

William - Stevensville, MD - friend and colleague - September 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ To the Family & Friends of Dennis, I was stunned and deeply saddened to learn earlier today that Dennis passed away earlier this month. He was a special human being who I met many years ago when I worked for the transit agency in Pittsburgh. Over the years, we became good friends and I always enjoyed catching up with him at the APTA conferences. He was always cheerful, energetic and bubbling over with enthusiasm. My hope is that many fond memories will help to sustain you at this most difficult time. He and all of you will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Mike Scanlon - Redwood City, CA - Friend - September 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Jean and family, Jack and I are deeply saddened and shocked to learn of Dennis's death. Our thoughts are with you all. He will forever hold a special place in our hearts.

Becky Bowers-Lanier - Richmond, VA - friend - September 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ *Dennis was the light of my life. I loved him way back then, love him now and will always love him.*

Virginia G. Flok - Hellertown, PA - A long, long time ago friend - September 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Dennis was a leader within both public transportation and the transportation industry. I met him on my first day of working for SEPTA and considered him a mentor and friend for the past seven years. His knowledge, leadership, integrity and friendship will be missed by all who had the opportunity to know him.*

Michelle

Michelle Schultz - Philadelphia, PA - colleague - September 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *We will miss seeing Dennis in our office. He always brought us a "trinket" from Barta. A wonderful and kind man. Our condolences to his family and friends. Sincerely, Missey, Shannon, and Joann*

A friend - September 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VP

“ *A friend to everyone. RIP*

Vicki Antonio - New Castle, PA - September 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I am so sorry to hear about Dennis's passing. My heart goes out to his family and those close to him. I knew Dennis for many years as a colleague in our industry. Although I only met up with him at transit conferences and meetings and didn't know him personally, I always thought he was a very nice and kind human being. Dennis was a consummate transit professional and a gentleman. I know that those closest to him will miss him dearly. Transit lost a great leader and we too shall miss him.

Sandy Modell - Alexandria, VA - Colleague - September 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM