



Denis George Drilling

December 19, 1939 - March 19, 2023

Greetings.....What can I get for you to drink? This was how you were greeted every time you walked into his door.

Denis George Drilling age 83 died March 19, 2023, in Little Rock, AR surrounded by his priest and loved ones. He was born to the late Clara (Schaefers) and C.W. Drilling on December 19, 1939, in Morrilton, AR. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Dixie (Malone) Drilling. He was a graduate of Sacred Heart School class of 1957.

He is preceded in death by his sister and brother-in-law Christine (Honey) Thessing and David Thessing; sister Joan Drilling and brother-in-law Bill Malone.

He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law Charles and Ellen Malone and sister-in-law Sandra Malone. Denis' legacy leaves behind his children, Mark (Kim) Drilling of Conway, Amy (Todd) Hoyt of Morrilton, David (Heather) Drilling of Morrilton, Jon (Stacy) Drilling of Morrilton and his best fur work buddy Gigi. He was Daddy D to his grandchildren Kevin (Lori) Harwell, Lance (Amber) Harwell, Lindsey (John Bryant) McConnell, Taylor (Austyn Brown) Hoyt, Adam (Teal) Hoyt, Ben, Jack, Dayton, Phillip and Ethan Drilling. Great grandchildren left behind include Baylea Johnson, Brandon Harwell, Natalie (Chris) Yates, Kelvin Baker and Lex Harwell. Denis was especially proud to recently welcome his two great-granddaughters Amy Claire and Anna Catherine McConnell.

Denis was a devoted family man. Denis' favorite hobby was always tending to

his family. As the best bartender and host, he was always planning and looking forward to the next gathering with family and friends. He was a businessman and his family called him a creature of habit. Denis took much pride in devoting himself to his church and school family. Denis humbly dedicated his life to serving others through the Lord.

The funeral mass will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday, March 23, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Jack Harris, Father Joseph Friend, Father Charles Thessing, Deacon Steve Mallett and Deacon Peter Post officiating. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. Rosary will be at 6:00 p.m. with visitation following Wednesday, at the funeral home. Pallbearers: Kevin and Lance Harwell, John Bryant McConnell, Taylor and Adam Hoyt, Ben, Jack, Dayton, Phillip, and Ethan Drilling, and Jamie Poteete. Honorary Pallbearers: Men's Choir Practice In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to either Sacred Heart Church or Sacred Heart School.

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Cemetery

Morrilton, AR

Previous Events

Rosary

MAR 22. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Harris Funeral Homes - Morrilton
1325 Oak St
Morrilton, AR 72110
(501) 354-4575

Visitation

MAR 22. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Harris Funeral Homes - Morrilton
1325 Oak St
Morrilton, AR 72110
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Funeral Mass

MAR 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
506 E. Broadway
Morrilton, AR 72110

Tribute Wall

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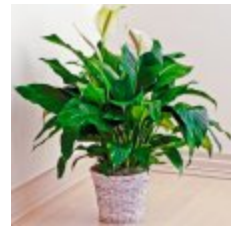
“ Deepest sympathies on the loss of Denis. Every time we walked in the door he did indeed greet us with the offer of a drink, usually accompanied by a plate of food. What a lovely man. I was fortunate to know him through Father Charles Thessing.

Sincerely,
Janice Triner, Yellville Arkansas

Janice Triner - March 26, 2023 at 03:50 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Denis George Drilling.



March 21, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ Lavender & White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Denis George Drilling.



March 21, 2023 at 08:16 PM

FM

“ Sending Prayers to you and your Family Dixie, may God be with each of you in your time of Sorrow.

Frances Mahan - March 21, 2023 at 06:31 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Denis George Drilling.*



March 21, 2023 at 05:35 PM



“ *Our community will certainly miss Dennis. One of the most giving and kind-hearted people I have had the honor of knowing. Prayers for Dixie and the family.*

Sarah Ryals - March 21, 2023 at 03:06 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Denis. Hugs and prayers are with all of you. James Ross Sheplear*



Nicki Harrington - March 21, 2023 at 12:46 PM



“ *Denis will leave a huge hole to fill! God bless his family and help them through this tough time.*

TL Starr - March 21, 2023 at 11:37 AM



“ *May the Peace of Christ be with you Denis. Your were a great classmate. I have so many good memories of you, Bernard, and Bobby from high school.*

James Bilgischer - March 21, 2023 at 10:02 AM

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“ *Rest In Peace, Our Friend. Dennis was a Good Friend and Well Respected in Our Community. Always ready to Help Others. Prayers for All of The Family.*

Tommy & Diane Thompson - March 21, 2023 at 08:53 AM



“ *Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Denis George Drilling.*



March 21, 2023 at 08:31 AM

AD

“ *Dixie knew you from The Election Law Institute and Christine since I was born. My heartfelt thoughts and prayers of comfort for the entire family are with you and yours. Rip Denis. Ann Donovan*

Ann Donovan - March 21, 2023 at 12:12 AM

TC

“ *I know him and Doyle are having a great conversation! I can't express how amazing he and his family have always been to my family and kids! I know he will be one man that will never be forgotten! Love and prayers from Tammy McDonald and girls!*

Tammy McDonald Chambers - March 20, 2023 at 07:39 PM

KI

“ *He was a good kind man willbe missed*

KimWyllia - March 20, 2023 at 07:00 PM

CK

“ Condolences to Dixie and all of the Drilling family. I got to know Dennis through the late Ineta Drilling when I began working in 1989 in the City Clerks office . She loved Dennis and the Drilling family her family so much. Prayers are with all of the family



Charlotte Kindle - March 20, 2023 at 06:54 PM

MC

“ Denis hired me to my first driving job some 30yrs ago at Drilling Wholesale.
One of the best I have ever worked for.
Praying God's peace and comfort for all family and friends.

Mark Cossey - March 20, 2023 at 06:16 PM

DM

“ Denis heard the words we all long to hear. “Well done my good and faithful servant “. May he Rest In Peace..

Dcn Steve Mallett - March 20, 2023 at 05:34 PM

RC

“ Dixie & family, So sorry to hear about Denis passing. He was a very good caring person & a good friend. God Bless all the family & May he rest in peace.

Ray Coffman - March 20, 2023 at 04:51 PM