



Dennis Edwards

December 24, 2022

Dennis Edwards was born on September 24, 1955, to Oliver Lee Edwards (died 1985) and Eleanor Linnea (Sjostrom) Edwards (died 1958). Oliver married Mary LaVerne Garrett in 1963. Dennis attended Parkview Elementary School, Risley Junior High, and Pueblo East Highschool in Pueblo, Colorado. His older brother David remembers adventuring with Dennis in the neighborhood and hiking the prairie with neighborhood boys using sling shots and BB guns and finding fossils and arrowheads. He also recalls the times they spent working together on a three-acre field that their dad rented and farmed. Once they turned 16, they worked for their dad in the scrap yard.

Dennis was a junior in high school when his dad took a new job in Denver. Rather than move Dennis his senior year, Aunt Lorene and Uncle Jack gave Dennis a bedroom. He made the second team all-City football team, playing linebacker; however, he was injured and finished the season on crutches. Dennis graduated from Pueblo East in 1974 then moved to Denver and went to work for his dad at Iron and Metal. He started driving large trucks in the scrap yard and would later get his trucker's license. He loved making runs to Leadville, and occasionally would stop and visit his cousin Joyce. Dennis went to York College in York, Nebraska playing soccer and baseball graduating in 1976. He then attended Lubbock Christian College for one year and transferred to Abilene Christian College graduating in 1980.

Dennis was always taking in stray animals including a pet ferret and racoon. He loved teaching industrial arts (shop) and coaching football and wrestling at Leadville, Colorado High School taking several teams to state competitions in both sports and industrial arts. All of the students loved him and knew him as Coach or Palomino. To this day, if Dennis walked into Leadville some grown adult (one of his students) would yell Hey Coach as he was the only blond guy in town.

Dennis married Cindy Guisinger before moving to Abilne. They adopted Linnea Edwards in 1984 and Casey Edwards in 1987. Tanner Edwards was born to Cindy and Dennis in 1989. Dennis also became like a second father to his student, Tom Harelson, who would eventually follow Dennis to the Fort Collins area. Dennis moved to Fort Collins because he would attend industrial arts conferences there and liked the community. He bought an old grain silo and built an apartment on the second floor, where they lived until the city forced them out of the space. He started Riverside Auto (a successful auto body shop) and built a house on a small lake.

Dennis and Theresia Edgar met on a cruise in 2001 which resulted in a long-distance relationship from Atlanta to Fort Collins. They then lived in Fort Collins together where they had a small farm with horses, goats, chickens, and ducks and were married there in 2005. In 2006, they moved to Gulf Shores, Alabama where they loved spending time on their boat and at the FloraBama listening to music and dancing with their family and friends. Dennis loved the water and sunshine. Dennis also loved spending time with his grandkids on Theresia's side building them a tree house on the Bon Secour River, setting up elaborate treasure hunts, having food fights, and launching fireworks. He really was a big kid at heart.

Dennis' younger sister Judy passed in 2018. He is survived by his brother David, ex-wife Cindy, three kids (Linnea, Casey, and Tanner) and two

grandkids (Neasea and Aspen), and his wife Theresa and her three kids (Sarah Veselka, Mark McClurg, and Jeremy Edgar) and four grandchildren (Flynt, Heath, Finley, and Henry).

Arrangements are entrusted to Cason Funeral Service in Foley Al

Tribute Wall

KC

“ A long long time ago, we were like brothers. I have missed him for many years and even more so now. Rest in peace. To his family, I wish you peace.

K. Thompson, Pueblo, CO - July 24, 2023 at 10:11 PM

RH

“ Dennis after reading this obit I am amazed at all the wonderful things you did with your life and all these life's you touched in your short time here!
I knew you to always be the one who seemed to be having the most fun! But mostly as one of the biggest hearted gentleman in our circle!
Thank you for always making us laugh and for lovely referring to me as your girlfriend Roxy❤️ until Richard came along! 🙏 Rest easy if that's even possible for you up there? We'll see you when we get there sweet friend!

Rhonda Hart - January 10, 2023 at 11:48 AM

MM

Tough way to learn some new things about my old buddy. Lots of love and condolences to the family. Hope to see you all soon.
The McSherry family

Mike McSherry - January 10, 2023 at 08:55 PM