



## Dennis J. Morley

February 27, 1958 - January 7, 2024

### In Loving Memory of Dennis J. Morley

Dennis James Morley, a beloved father, esteemed mayor, and cherished friend, peacefully passed away surrounded by his family on January 7, 2024, at the age of 65. Born on February 27, 1958, in Cleveland to the late Robert and Evelyn Morley (Ferraro), Dennis was a proud resident of Eastlake for over 40 years, where he dedicated his life to serving his community.

Dennis was the loving father of Renee Morley and Vicki Morley as well as the proud bonus father of Theresa (Donny) Ferritto. He was also Grandpa Dennis to Peyton, Chase, and Reagan "Trixie" Ferritto, who brought immense joy to his life. Dennis's love and unwavering support were evident in his dedication to his family, as he enthusiastically cheered on his grandchildren in all of their extra-curricular activities.

A man of many passions, Dennis found great pleasure in his hobbies. From traveling and relaxing on the beach to enthusiastically following NASCAR and avidly supporting the Cleveland Browns, Dennis lived life to the fullest. He also found joy in movies, the Mecum Auto Shows, gardening (and solar lights) and grilling. Dennis played softball for many years and was the proud coach of his daughter's softball team for years. Dennis's vibrant spirit and zest for life were infectious, and he brought laughter and happiness to everyone he

encountered.

Dennis was proud to be a graduate of Eastlake North High School, class of 1976. His dedication to his alma mater led to his recognition as a Distinguished Alumni, a testament to his exceptional character and achievements.

For the past decade, Dennis diligently served the City of Eastlake with great honor as its esteemed Mayor. His tireless leadership, unwavering commitment, and passion for the community have left an indelible mark on the city he loved so dearly. His legacy will live on through his many accomplishments, however he was most proud of the Miracle League of Lake County. Prior to his mayoral tenure, Dennis played a significant role in the workforce having worked at LTV Steel where he also served as the Union President of Local 1179. He had also worked at Stalloy Metals as the Operations Manager, where he made lasting connections and friendships.

Dennis will be deeply missed by his cherished friend and confidant Judy Moran, and his former wife Barbara Morley (Farina). He was preceded in death by his brothers Camille and Jimmy.

Visitation will take place on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 from 2-8pm at Monreal Srnick Funeral Home, 35400 Curtis Blvd, Eastlake. Uniformed personnel are encouraged to participate in a final salute to Mayor/Safety Director Morley at 7:45pm. Funeral services will be held in honor of Dennis James Morley on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 10am also at the Funeral Home to celebrate a life well-lived.

Dennis James Morley's legacy of laughter, integrity, and dedicated service will forever be etched in the hearts and minds of those fortunate enough to have known him. In celebration of his vibrant life, may we remember him for his

unwavering determination, his kind heart, sense of humor and his enduring commitment to his family and community. It is hard to put into words the true greatness of our father and all that he meant to us, however we know his impact will surely be felt for years to come. The outpouring of love, support and admiration of our father has made this evident.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his honor can be made to the Miracle League of Lake County c/o Judy Moran, 35150 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake, OH 44095.

"It's not who I am underneath, but what I do that defines me." - Batman

# Tribute Wall

SF

“ Back in 2017, we had a fire at our offices. Mayor Morley was there the next day to see how he could help us. He offered temporary offices for us until we could rebuild. Not sure if we could have survived as a business without his help. My sincere condolences to the family.

*Skip Follett*

*Ram Jack Ohio*

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**Skip Follett** - September 25, 2024 at 06:48 PM

SV

“ Hey everyone! I wanted to let you know how much Dennis meant to me. He was a ray of light for my sister Juda. He was so good and kind to her. They were such a great team. I thought of him as my brother and will miss him dearly. He did such wonderful things for the city of Eastlake. I followed their page more than my own! He really put life back into that city for sure! He touched many many lives in such a positive way. You should be so proud to have been able to call him "dad". Love, shirley vesel

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**shirley vesel** - January 22, 2024 at 08:56 PM

EM

“ R.I.P. my dear friend. Visit with those that have gone before us. You will definitely be missed. It was a pleasure to have worked with you and known you. Many prayers 🙏 to the family. Dennis made a great impact on everyone around him.

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**Edith Moyer** - January 20, 2024 at 07:00 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dennis J. Morley.*



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January 16, 2024 at 07:39 PM



“ *Stakes Manufacturing planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis J. Morley.*

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**Stakes Manufacturing** - January 16, 2024 at 07:39 PM



“ *Vickie and Renee I am so sorry about your Dad. I don't know if you remember you and your family lived next door to my family on Hulett. I remember waking your Dad up in the middle of the night when I came home very from a trip and my parents backdoor was open and they were out of town. I was afraid to go in the house and your Dad came over with the dog and went through the whole house to make sure no one was there. He even offered your couch if I didn't want to stay at home. I don't know if you remember but I babysat the 2 of you when you were small. Can't believe he is gone. Will continue to send prayers and hugs. Love Kim Helmick*

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**Kimberly Helmick** - January 16, 2024 at 06:50 PM



“ *Mayor Morley was a true gentleman that carried about Eastlake and all of Lake County. He was an outstanding Mayor and even a better person. Rest easy my friend.*

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**Michael Matas** - January 16, 2024 at 05:57 PM

MR

“ Dennis was a true All-star His commitment to the Miracle League has left a legacy where “everyone can play baseball” at the Miracle League field. Over 200 players participated this year. It was an honor to work with Dennis and Judy Moran to make the Miracle League field a reality. Mark Rantala

Mark Rantala - January 16, 2024 at 12:08 PM

NA

“ He was a kind, hard working great mayor. He cared about his constituents and was always available to help them. He will be missed. Sincerely, Nancy

Nancy - January 15, 2024 at 04:51 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Dennis J. Morley.



January 15, 2024 at 01:43 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis J. Morley.



January 15, 2024 at 11:25 AM

LO

“ *Catch ya on the other side Mouse* ❤️



Looby - January 13, 2024 at 09:30 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Dennis J. Morley.



January 12, 2024 at 10:33 AM



“ *Tender Tribute* was purchased for the family of Dennis J. Morley.



January 12, 2024 at 09:33 AM

ME

“ *My condolences and sympathy to all that knew Mayor Morley. I had the pleasure of working with him and his building staff for years. He was always so upbeat and pleasant. He will be missed!*

Megan - January 12, 2024 at 08:40 AM

JO

“ My condolences to his family at the time of grief. Mayor Morley it was a pleasure to see you at fun activities Eastlake put together. I'll miss seeing that infectious smile you always had on.



Joey - January 11, 2024 at 10:52 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis J. Morley.



January 11, 2024 at 07:04 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis J. Morley.



January 11, 2024 at 04:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis J. Morley.



January 11, 2024 at 04:14 PM

BG

“ *Many thanks to Dennis Morley and family for making Eastlake a better place to live. My past and future home.*

Barbara Goudreau - January 11, 2024 at 03:25 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis J. Morley.*



January 11, 2024 at 10:23 AM

DD

“ *I worked with Dennis at LTV Steel he was our Union President and I was his chief grievance man...he always said do the Wright thing no matter what a finer man I could not think of. Condolences to the family I am sorry for your loss*

Dale DeWolf - January 11, 2024 at 04:17 AM

KU

“ *So sorry for your loss. Sending love, hugs and prayers.*



*Kim, Dale, Ashley & Brittany Utterback*



Kim Utterback - January 10, 2024 at 10:59 PM

TG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.



Tricia George-Goss - January 10, 2024 at 08:50 PM

MG

“ Hugs to his family and everybody he touched.

Marcus Gondorcin - January 10, 2024 at 07:23 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis J. Morley.



January 10, 2024 at 06:58 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dennis J. Morley.



January 10, 2024 at 05:53 PM

TF

“ The Hanas Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis J. Morley.

The Hanas Family - January 10, 2024 at 05:53 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dennis J. Morley.*



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January 10, 2024 at 05:48 PM



“ *Kathie Walsh Kintz lit a candle in memory of Dennis J. Morley*



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**Kathie Walsh Kintz** - January 10, 2024 at 05:25 PM



*Barb, Renee and Vicki, praying your favorite memories of Dennis will bring you some comfort. Also, praying for guidance from God in enduring his loss. Take good care of each other.  
Sue Cannavino*

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**Sue Cannavino** - January 11, 2024 at 09:52 AM



*Enjoyed eating fried zucchini from my garden and listening to Genesis. Maybe a little Gin back in the early 80's. Roger Daltrey. RIP Friend. So sorry for your loss.*

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**Tom** - January 22, 2024 at 12:42 PM