



Dennis John Dorsey

February 26, 1935 - November 12, 2022

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A resident of Village on the Green, Longwood, Florida, he was born in San Jose California to William Arthur Dorsey and Francis Pace Dorsey and resided in West Sacramento, CA. He attended college at the University of Santa Clara where he majored in Business and Military Science, matriculating in 1956 as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. Dennis married Gillian C. Chadsey in Chevy Chase, Maryland after his return from duty in Korea. Dennis retired from the Regular Army after two tours in Germany, two deployments to Vietnam, a tour with NATO in Ankara Turkey along with multiple US duty locations. Dennis was the recipient of the Bronze Star, Air Medal, (4) Legions of Merit, (2) Meritorious Service Medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, along with numerous commendations and service awards for his time in Viet Nam and Korea. While on active duty, Dennis earned his MBA from Central Michigan University. Denny and his wife travelled throughout their time in the military and after, and he was also an avid tennis player. After retiring in 1978, Dennis held various personnel management positions in the public sector in and around Central Florida. Dennis lost his beloved wife Gill, after 56 years of marriage, in December 2016.

Dennis is survived by his son Dennis J Dorsey Jr. (Elise Livaudais Dorsey)

along with their three sons: Dennis J Dorsey III Esq., Dr. Andrew Corbett Dorsey (Dr. Natalie Stringer Dorsey) and Logan Livaudais Dorsey; by his son Richard P Dorsey (April Doebler Dorsey) and his brother Terrence Dorsey (Katherine Dorsey).

Dennis was extremely fortunate to find a wonderful companion and second chance at love with Minna Earnest who also recently preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held at Village on the Green in Longwood, FL on January 7, 2023.

The family of Dennis John Dorsey invites you to leave a message of condolence on the tribute wall created in his memory.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

Village on the Green
500 Village Place
Longwood, FL 32779

Tribute Wall

KW

“ *Kathy and Max Westmoreland purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Dennis John Dorsey.*



Kathy and Max Westmoreland - January 02, 2023 at 11:55 AM

KW

“ *It was circa 1971 when I met LTC Dennis J. Dorsey, or "Bear", a name derived from the cartoons he drew with which he communicated with his staff. I was in my first assignment as a WAC officer stationed in Washington, D.C. He was the incoming replacement of my first boss, a huge, gruff, cigar chomping Field Artillery Lieutenant Colonel who didn't know what to make of an inexperienced female subordinate officer. How lucky was I in LTC Dorsey being my new boss, he whose management style completely transformed the atmosphere of the office. In the subsequent time I worked for him he had a great influence on my early adult life. By example, he showed that in a male-dominated career-field wherein mostly grandiose egos and excessive rank consciousness abounded, there was another way to lead and provide a civil, inclusive, enjoyably productive environment. Not only did LTC Dorsey mentor me, but also the late MAJ Albert E. Jacobson, "Jake", who was assigned to the office as well and to whom he also became a life-long friend.*

Kathleen Westmoreland, LTC, USA, Ret.

Kathleen K Westmoreland - January 02, 2023 at 10:57 AM

BG

“ *Dennis and Gill were good friends and travel companions. I miss them both. Be at peace Dennis.* ”

Billie Giffin - November 28, 2022 at 11:34 AM

LC

“ *Dennis was my classmate in high school. I will miss his witty, sometimes cynical comments. God rest Dennis.* ”

Larry Cooke - November 25, 2022 at 10:36 AM