



## DENNIS M. ROMANELLI

April 26, 1941 - May 6, 2021

ALL SERVICES ARE PRIVATE BY THE FAMILY

In lieu of flowers, please share a memory on the funeral home web site. If you are moved to send a gift, please consider a donation to the two organizations Dennis supported:

Deborah Heart and Lung

or to

St. Joseph's Children's Hospitals

Dennis Michael Romanelli, of Stockholm, NJ, passed peacefully at home surrounded by his family on the morning of Thursday, May 6, 2021.

He leaves behind his loving wife of 53 years, Suzanne; his devoted children Stacey, Jimmy, Amanda, Christian, Michael, and Alyson; and his admiring grandchildren Lacey, Tyler, Matthew, Violet, Ella, Adeline, Julianne, and Lexi.

Dennis was a proud American, serving his country as a respected member of the elite 306th Bombardment Wing of the mighty 8th Air Force Division, and further by choosing to support his family working for The United States Postal Service for over 40 years.

An avid outdoorsman, an impassioned speaker, a cowboy at heart, a true

patriot, a lover of songbirds, Dennis had a gentle soul with the fierce heart of a lion. He has touched countless lives with his grace, his love, his caring, his consideration, and his advice; his legacy will live on through our memories and our lives.

Dad, Papa, was our almanac, our anchor, our morning wakeup call, our Cookie Monster. Small in stature, made up for in passion: he could quick draw faster than The Man with No Name; he could strut the Romanelli bounce with more swagger than a wiseguy; he connected with and respected nature with the reverie of Deerslayer Hawkeye; and he would fight for his family with the heart of the Roman warrior Maximus.

A true gentleman, an expert warbler, a connoisseur of crumpets, generous and dedicated, Dad played the Hungry Giant, was either The Good, The Bad, or The Ugly, and two-stepped around the house on Sunday mornings, making Buckwheat pancakes, spreading love and happiness and spirit.

He has gone on to God's celestial shores, but he will never be forgotten. We will see you, Dad, Papa, in the first robins and crocuses of every Spring, we will feel you in the crispness of every Brrr-month and in the thrill of the line each time we feel a bite, we will hear you in the songs of the tree frogs and the katydids, and we will hold your memory securely in our hearts until we can hold you in our arms once again.

Keep the porch light on...we will be home with you again one day.

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# Tribute Wall

CH

“ *Missing Dennis all the time and especially today. Missing staying up late watching a movie, having some apple pie, and talking about what we would like to buy next from our wish lists of sporting goods. It was always great going to our favorite store (CP) on a sunny Sunday morning and watching Dennis light up when he saw the shiny new latest and greatest sporting piece.*



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**Chris** - March 07, 2022 at 11:26 AM

FA

“ *I have so many loving memories of Uncle Dennis. Visiting New Jersey was always a warm time with lots of laughter. Jack and I were so pleased when Uncle Dennis and Aunt Susie came to our wedding. It made the day extra special and we will cherish those memories.*



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**Frances Arters** - December 24, 2021 at 06:29 PM

FF

“ We enjoyed Dennis's visits to Florida. One year when he and Sue arrived Angel ran to greet them and asked Dennis if he drove the school bus to Florida. He just laughed and said No. She and Dennis would take walks ~ I'm sure those were interesting conversations. Dennis was a good man and loved his family. Hold your loved ones close and cherish the happy memories.

Love, The Florida Yacco's

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**Florida Yacco Family** - December 24, 2021 at 06:10 AM

JY

“ Shortly after the Romanelli family moved into their new home in Lake Stockholm, we installed the new roof on their house. Then we were remodeling the small room off the dining room. It was getting near dusk and Dennis said close the the window because a bat will come flying into the house. I said a bat is not going to come flying into this house. And of course within a minute or two the bat came flying in the open window. Dennis went to get his bazooka to shoot the bat and I told him not to put a hole in my brand new roof. Dennis expertly shot the bat and all was well with the roof.

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**Joe Yacco** - December 21, 2021 at 02:11 PM

JY

“ Joe Yacco lit a candle in memory of DENNIS  
M. ROMANELLI



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**Joe Yacco** - December 21, 2021 at 01:58 PM

PD

“ Dear Sue,  
Jack and I feel so lucky to be a part of the Romanelli family. Dennis was a very wonderful part of our lives. His intelligence and kindness were examples of a good life. Always there when needed for his family and friends. He will truly be missed by all of us. Thank you Amanda for letting Jack and I be a part of your family.  
Love, Jack and Pat

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**Patricia Duchossois** - June 02, 2021 at 09:40 PM

JD

We remember Dennis as a very gentle and kind husband, father and friend. We have many happy thoughts the Christmas holiday's. He will truly be missed but will be in our hearts.  
MERRY CHRISTMAS DENNIS.  
Jack & Pat Duchossois

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**Jack & Pat Duchossois** - December 20, 2021 at 08:53 AM

AS

“ My condolences to the Romanelli Family! It is with a heavy heart that I read his obituary. Dennis and I were very good friends in Paterson Tech. We had a lot of fun together. He was tender hearted and yet came across as a tough guy. We did meet once shopping in Franklin NJ. I do think of him and remember are good times. So sorry to hear of his passing. Al Smith R.I.P. Dennis

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**ALFRED J SMITH** - May 13, 2021 at 07:40 PM

MH

“ Sue and family,  
There aren't enough words to describe the sadness in our hearts.  
Dennis was kind,  
caring and always a gentleman. We were blessed to have him in  
our family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Maria and Jack*



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**Maria Honan** - May 11, 2021 at 11:27 AM

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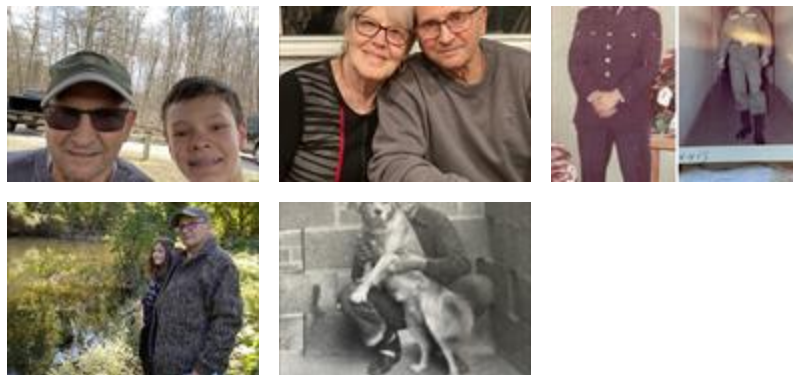
“ Although we only met Dennis a few times, his impact as a father  
and community leader lives on with his son Michael. We are proud  
to call Michael, Alyson, and their beautiful girls our friends... and our  
lives are fuller because they are part of it. Rest In Peace, Dennis.

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**The Peculis Family** - May 11, 2021 at 09:09 AM

AM

“ 19 files added to the tribute wall



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**Amanda** - May 11, 2021 at 12:53 AM

MR

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Mike Romanelli - May 10, 2021 at 04:14 PM

JS

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



jimmy Schaffer - May 10, 2021 at 12:28 PM

JS

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



jimmy Schaffer - May 10, 2021 at 11:42 AM

UM

“ Ushers from St Joseph's Church Charlton, Ma. purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of DENNIS M. ROMANELLI.



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**Ushers from St Joseph's Church Charlton, Ma.** - May 09, 2021 at 07:49 PM

PJ

“ Sue and family,  
Please find some peace in the many prayers sent to you at this time.  
May Dennis rest in peace.



*Pam and Mark Jackson*

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**Pamela C Jackson** - May 09, 2021 at 03:35 PM

RE

“ Mr. Romanelli was an adoptive Dad to me. I spent countless days and nights at his house, at his dinner table, and with the whole Romanelli family who treated me like I was a member of the family. I loved him like a Dad and am heartbroken he is gone. But I am forever grateful for having known him. I pray for peace and comfort for those he left behind that were lucky enough to have loved and known him.

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**Renee** - May 09, 2021 at 08:54 AM

JP

“ Rip Dennis God bless the family working & car polling many years good times Union brother&vet

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**John petsu** - May 08, 2021 at 09:17 PM

PD

“ To Dennis, not many people grow up and have a chance to experience a friendship that sticks with them all their life. Even though life seemed to push and pull us in different directions our hearts stayed connected. God Speed buddy and may your Family endure and remember the good times always. "Taka-Taka" my good friend. Always Swamper.

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**Phil DeMario** - May 08, 2021 at 01:22 PM

PD

“ Dennis was as unique as they come. Moving from Jersey City NJ to Wayne was such a culture shock, not to mention transferring from a city post office to a station on a lake with a cowboy wooden saloon door to walk through. I became very good friends with Dennis, Mike Maguire and Richie VanWolde and joining the posse George (Sandy) Nimmo. We soon became inseparable as the four Musketeers and Family lives intertwined. So many good memories. Friends like this so hard to come by. To bad life and it's mysterious ways pushes and pulls you in different directions. Although we did not see each other as much as I would have liked our hearts were always and will always be connected. I will never forget how the Country Boys accepted this City Slicker and we became Brothers. God Speed my Special Friend, Love Ya ! Philly (Swamper).

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**Phil DeMario** - May 08, 2021 at 01:18 PM

LF

“ Dennis Romanelli was a great friend and a firearms expert, in addition, he had a great knowledge about hunting and fishing. I leaned a lot from him when I first started on the shooting team and those tips and pointers stayed with me until today. My condolences to the Romanelli Family. Rest in peace, Dennis and Thank You for your service in the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Postal Service.

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**Louis Ferrante** - May 08, 2021 at 09:47 AM

GN

“ Worked many years with Dennis at the Wayne post office. Shot on the Wayne pistol leave for a few years and we hunted Vermont a few times. A professional carrier and a true American. Missing the old times! Rest In Peace my friend.

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**george 'Sandy' nimmo** - May 08, 2021 at 09:13 AM

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