



Mr. Dennis Eugene Daye

March 9, 1931 - October 5, 2021

Dennis Daye, 90, of Columbia, died on October 5, 2021. Born on March 9, 1931, in Iredell County, NC, he was the son of the late Eugene and Margaret Daye. He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Shirley Daye.

Dennis earned a Master of Regional Planning degree from UNC at Chapel Hill in 1958. His professional career spanned 42 years with positions in municipal government in Greensboro, NC, and Columbia, SC. He entered the consulting field first with Lyles, Bissett, Carlisle and Wolff and later with Wilbur Smith and Assocs where he retired as Senior VP of WSA.

In 2002 he was inducted into the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners. In addition to his contributions to the planning profession, he was cited for his mentorship of young planners and his community service.

An active member of Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Dennis served as an Elder and Deacon along with service among various committees and Sunday School leadership.

Survivors include his two daughters; Diana Abromaitis (David) of The Villages, FL; Pam Wills (Mark) of Augusta, GA; three grandsons, Mark Wills (Anne), Nash Wills, Bradley Abromaitis; and one granddaughter Rachel Marshaus (Luke).

A memorial service will be held 1:00 o'clock, Thursday, November 4, 2021, at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, officiated by Dr. Bradley D. Smith. The family will greet friends following the service in the church parlor. Shives Funeral Home is assisting the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 3200 Trenholm Rd, Columbia, SC 29204.

Events

NOV **Memorial Service** 01:00AM

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Eastminster Presbyterian Church

3200 Trenholm Road, Columbia, SC, US, 29205

Comments



“ Heaven has another angel with Dennis' passing. He was such a special, caring man who always had time to talk with you and interested in what you were saying. I first met him when he and Shirley attended SVPC. I shall never forget his going through a grieving process (his words) when he had to put Shirley into the Presbyterian Home and his devotion to visiting her every day until the nurses told he needed to take care of himself as well as Shirley. What a devoted husband he was for 60 years. I remember also visiting with him at JCC and Brad Benik's workout studio when he had personal training twice per week. He always commented that you had to take care of your body as well as your mind as you aged. At Brad's place he would bring his peanut butter and banana sandwich, which he would eat after his workout. What a very loving individual who always wore a smile and gave so much to church and family. He shall be missed.

Ann Canary

Ann Canary - October 18 at 10:13 PM



“ I am so sorry. Dennis and I were very good friends back in the day. I remember him very fondly.... smart, professional, kind and very likeable.

Fletcher Spigner III

Fletcher Spigner III - October 13 at 11:12 AM



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Pam Wills - October 12 at 09:44 AM



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Diana Daye Abromaitis - October 11 at 02:15 PM



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Diana Daye Abromaitis - October 09 at 07:01 PM



“ Blessed to have so many good memories of Dennis Daye and his family. His girls were my and my sister's age, and we all vacationed together for many years in the mountains and at the beach. He was always kind and caring. I will never forget how he and his wife Shirley were there for my when my mother's mother passed. Or the lifelong friendship he and my father enjoyed. Mary Thomas Kingsley

Mary Thomas Kingsley - October 09 at 02:51 PM