



## Dennis Cronmiller

October 21, 1957 - December 8, 2019

Dennis Richard Cronmiller, 62 years old, went home to be with the Lord on December 8, 2019 at 7:34pm surrounded by his wife, children, grandchildren, family and friends, after his long battle with cancer. He was born on October 21, 1957 in Huntington Park, California to his mom the late Carolyn June (Bunting) McHugh and his father the late Willam Warren Cronmiller. He was preceded in death by his nephew: Jonathan Ward; grandmother: Estelle Glantz; grandfather: Charles Bunting; grandfather: William Cronmiller; great grandmother: Hettie Estelle Gardner; great grandfather: Lynn Edward; great grandmother: Elizabeth Stimson; great grandfather Warren Stimson; uncle: James Spaulding. He was a loving and devoted son, uncle, grandson, great grandson, and nephew.

From an early age Dennis grew up in Las Vegas, Nevada until 1963 when his family moved to Scottsdale, Arizona. He began his EMS career by earning his emergency medical technician in Arizona. He then moved to Detroit, Michigan and served there until 1982. He then moved back to Arizona in 1983 to attend Paramedic School and became Nationally Registered. In 1984 he decided to move to Oregon where he obtained his firefighter certification. In 1988 Dennis relocated to Ocala, Florida and was hired by Ocala Fire Rescue. He then graduated from the Florida State Fire College in the same year. He then earned his law enforcement certification in 1992, after which while still employed by Ocala Fire Rescue he served on several special teams for the

police Department including, Department of Special Weapons and Tactic Team and the Tactical Medical Program. Then in 1995 he was hired by Marion County Fire Rescue and was assigned to Station #27. Shortly after he was then promoted to Lieutenant and assigned as a training specialist, where he then transferred to Lowell, Station #11. While serving there, he was asked to take command of the Special Operations Technical Rescue Team, starting with a team of 12, which later grew to a team of 30. He was then promoted to Captain and assigned to District 1, where he remained until he retired in 2017. His Legacy will continue to live on in several of the programs he developed, mainly the Honor Guard and Special Operations Team. He was also an expert in many fields such as rope, confined space, water, vehicle machinery, and wilderness search and rescue. He will always be remembered as Captain of the Guard.

Dennis loved the Lord very much. He became a member of Living Waters Church in February of 2003. He then became an Ordained Minister in 2005. He also joined the Living Waters Security team in 2005 through 2010. He became an Elder of the church in 2008 and served until he went home to be with the lord.

Dennis had a lot of passions and hobbies in life. He loved spending time with his family and friends. He loved to be outdoors, whether it was camping, hiking, horseback riding, being in his boat to go water skiing or tubing, mountain climbing, rappelling, hunting, white water rafting or just going for a ride on his pride and joy, his motorcycle. He loved to dance and sing. He also loved to write poetry. He was an avid gun collector and loved to reload his own ammo. He loved to make knives and he could make just about anything out of leather. He had the biggest heart, if you ever needed him, he was always there and he could do ANYTHING. He loved to be prepared and prepared he was, he was ready for anything that came his way. He also loved Tennessee and that is where he planned to move, to his cabin in the holler with the love

of his life after his retirement.

He is survived by his wife: Kimberla Cronmiller; great Grandmother: Mary Cronmiller; son: Max Riddle (Khrystyne); son: Jeramie Cronmiller (Beatriz); daughter: Kristina Giselbach (Joshua); son: Wade Schings; son: Gregory Cronmiller (Ashley); daughter: Haven Young (Christopher); Son: Jonathan Cronmiller (Jennifer); son: Justin Hawkins (Samantha); daughter: Koryn Harrod (Curtis); grandson: Micheal Riddle (Moira); Grandson: Ricardo Cronmiller; grandson: Justin Riddle (Cameron); granddaughter: Breannah Cronmiller; grandson: Joshua Riddle; grandson: Dakota Giselbach; granddaughter: Ryli Cronmiller; grandson: Danny Giselbach; granddaughter: Jasmine Cronmiller; granddaughter: Serena Cronmiller; grandson: Michael Cronmiller; granddaughter: Nasrin Cronmiller; grandson: Robert Cronmiller; grandson: Aedan Young; granddaughter: Aleigh Cronmiller; grandson: Isaiah Cronmiller; grandson; Nevan Young; granddaughter: Laylah Hawkins; grandson: Colton Cronmiller; granddaughter: Emma-Lynn Riddle; granddaughter: Lucy Harrod; grandson: Walker Hawkins; grandson: Sebastian Cronmiller; grandson: Silas Hawkins; granddaughter: Adelyn Cronmiller; stepfather; Mark McHugh (Sophia); sister: BonnyJean Burns (James); brother: Daniel Cronmiller; mother-in-law: Nora Hoschar; father-in-law: Jerry Steele; mother-n-law Betty Steele; nephew: Joshua Burns; niece: Amanda Burns; niece: Devon Lessetter (Brandon); great niece: Elsie Lessetter; great nephew: Caden Lessetter; great nephew: Clay Burns; aunt: Louisa Pratto; aunt: Charleen Store; aunt: Joan Spaulding; uncle: Mike Cronmiller; uncle: Warren Cronmiller (Tony); aunt: Mary Catherine Rodgers; aunt: Margaret White; aunt: Susan Cronmiller; cousins: Peter Pratto, Sean Pratto, Laurie Harry, Jay Jacobson, Joshua Spaulding (Beth), Jonah Spaulding (Melanie), Jennifer Colbeck (JR), Kim Korth, Michael Cronmiller, Clove Cronmiller, Kip Cronmiller, Michael Rodgers, Amber Rodgers, Galen White, Jamie White, Ira White, Forest White; second cousin: Davey Korth.

Dennis was an amazing husband and Kim was an amazing wife and caretaker to him. When God put them together he knew what he was doing. Dennis wouldnt have changed a thing. Just like he said He would have never missed the dance, because for a moment all the world was right. Though the time they had together was short, the love they had will last a lifetime. She was the love of his life.

Dennis loved his children, their spouses and his grandchildren and their spouses so very much and was so proud of each and every one of them. To his sons he was a confidante, a mentor and an example of how to be a true, loving, God fearing father and husband. To his daughters he showed them how to have compassion, what it is to love and care for others, but how to stand up for yourself. He was always there for each of them and would have never turned his back on any of them. He was truly a man of honor and integrity.

Though we miss him greatly we find comfort in knowing he is in heaven rejoicing. We are celebrating him today, that he is in his forever home with Jesus and he is no longer in pain.

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even into the end of the age. Amen -Mathew 28.20-

In lieu of flowers the family asks to please consider a donation to Marion County Firefighters Benevolence Fund ([www.mcfbf.org](http://www.mcfbf.org))in honor of Dennis Cronmiller



# Tribute Wall

AB

“ Kim, and kids, Our hearts are so broken for your great family loss, we have been praying for so long. May God comfort you, and angels wrap you in love, and give you all peace during this sad time. I pray God guides your steps as you move forward and you can be rest assured that He is no longer suffering. Peace to you all. Amy Charlie Marlee and Skylar Bennett

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**Amy Bennett** - December 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Prayers for you and the family Kim. I love you.

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**Beth Thomas** - December 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Our heart-felt condolences to Dennis' family and many friends. Dennis was a treasured colleague in the Fire Service and a treasured friend. We trained and worked together in Search and Rescue, and we learned so much during our time spent with him. We will forever hold those memories dear. Godspeed, Dennis.

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**Kevin and Cheryl Rolfe** - December 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ My life is Richer because of our time in ministry together....It was an honor to be your Pastor....And friend.....Heaven today is Richer and we are a little poorer...But we shall see you soon.....Bishop Jim Berry.....Senior Pastor...A Abundant Harvest Ministries.....Ocala

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**Bishop Jim Berry** - December 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *Kim ,my heartfelt prayers during this very challenging time especially during the holidays .I have not seen you for many years but my heart broke hearing about the lost of your husband and a fellow firefighter .I am praying for you and both of his families during this time .So sorry .Jen/Freedom Angels Zoe /Kimo*

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**Jennifer Tozzon** - December 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM