



## Dennis James Havener

February 2, 1948 - January 8, 2026

Dennis James Havener, born on February 2, 1948, in Waterville, Maine, passed away peacefully on January 8, 2026, in Ocala, Florida, at the age of 77.

Dennis lived a full and happy life, driven by a spirit that was always on the go. He found his paradise in the Florida Keys, where he spent years embracing the sun-drenched, saltwater lifestyle he loved. He was in his element—fishing the abundant waters, diving to catch lobster, and soaking up the warmth on the deck of a boat or a sandy shore. He was a man built for sunshine and had a legendary distaste for the cold.

In 1988, seeking new horizons, Dennis moved to Ocala. It was there he discovered a new career path, one that perfectly suited his meticulous and principled nature. He dedicated much of his life to his work as a Welder Fabricator, where his skill and craftsmanship were evident in every project he undertook. His attention to detail and unwavering commitment to quality made him a respected figure in his field. His personal motto, "Do it right or don't do it at all," wasn't just a saying; it was the code he lived and worked by. This integrity quickly earned him respect and camaraderie, allowing him to build a new circle of steadfast friends. He settled into the community, putting down roots and building a good life.

Dennis cherished simple, meaningful pleasures. He loved nothing more than gathering with his beloved wife and their friends for long dinners filled with laughter and storytelling. He often reflected that this was "time well spent," a testament to the value he placed on connection. His passion for the water followed him inland, transforming into countless hours spent chasing bass on the serene lakes of Central Florida, a pursuit that brought him both peace and excitement.

At home, Dennis was the family's cornerstone—the steady hand and wise counsel everyone looked to for answers and unwavering support. Whether it was a practical problem to solve or a personal hurdle to overcome, he had a quiet, reassuring way of knowing just what to do or say. His presence was a source of strength and comfort.

Dennis leaves behind a legacy of loyalty, principle, and joyful living. He will be profoundly missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him, a beloved man remembered by his devoted family and countless friends. Godspeed Dennis!

# Tribute Wall

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“ You will be missed by all, family and friends. Give Mom a hug and a kiss from all of us. Godspeed Dennis.

Monty Grant - January 16 at 02:55 PM

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Peace and blessings to u Dad. With all my love hugs and kisses.

Pattie Havener - January 16 at 04:56 PM

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“ Heather lit a candle in memory of Dennis James Havener



Heather - January 16 at 02:55 PM

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Pattie Havener - January 16 at 05:02 PM