



Dennis Wayne Mirabile

September 15, 1947 - January 12, 2023

Dennis Wayne Mirabile, 75, of Ocala, Florida, passed away peacefully at home with family by his side, on January 12, 2023.

Dennis was born in the Cragin area of Chicago, Illinois to Martha Potrzeba and Anthony Mirabile on September 15, 1947. He attended Weber High School and graduated in 1965. He went on to receive an Associates Degree from Wilbur Wright College, Chicago, Illinois.

He worked in business administration and was employed by IBM as an Operations Manager for over twenty-five years. IBM took him to San Diego, CA, Springfield, IL and Dallas, Texas for occupational opportunities. He completed his career with Experian, Schaumburg, IL, as a Customer Service Operations Manager. He enjoyed many awards and recognitions along his career path. He volunteered for community organizations and events in each state he lived and especially enjoyed efforts with the Boys Club in California and the Sojourn Shelter in Illinois. He served his parish churches as a Catechist, eucharist minister and usher for many decades. He was most happy each season coaching his boys basketball and baseball teams as they were growing up.

Dennis' pride and joy was his family. Perhaps his greatest accomplishment was being a good, loving, devoted family man. He was a true friend to many

and always enjoyed fellowship. A day on the golf course with friends was his favorite recreation. He was a skilled athlete in his youth and enjoyed his children's and Grandchildren's sports competitions immensely. He was an avid Chicago Bears and White Sox fan till the end. He was known as an easy, kind individual who loved a good laugh. He will be remembered and missed forever.

He is survived by his loving wife of fifty-one years, Melanie M. Mirabile of Ocala, FL, his devoted children, Amy Cozadd (Jason), Springfield, IL, David Mirabile (Alisha Howell), Sherman, IL, and Daniel Mirabile, Lisle, IL. His six cherished Grandchildren, Madalyn Guy, Tampa, FL, Lauren Cozadd, Largo FL, Ryan Cozadd, Springfield, IL, Grayson Drew, and Kendyl Mirabile, Sherman, IL and Great Granddaughter Mabel Rayne Garcia, and many dear nephews and Great nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his father, Anthony Mirabile (1998), his mother Martha Mirabile (2019) and his younger brother, Anthony (Tony) Mirabile, Jr. (2013).

Services will be held at Robert's Funeral Home and Chapel, downtown Ocala on Saturday, January 28, 2023, 11AM. Visitation followed by a Catholic service will be held.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to:

St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

This charity was close to Dennis' heart especially in his last year knowing children and young families shared the same challenges he endured.

The Mirabile family is forever grateful to all our beloved family, friends and medical personnel who repeatedly gave unwavering love, support and comfort

throughout Dennis' cancer journey.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations
606 SW 2nd Avenue
Ocala , FL 34471

Funeral Service

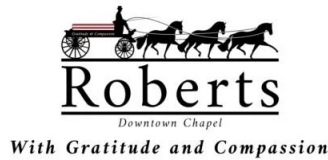
JAN 28. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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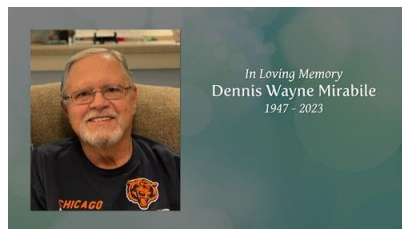
JC

*Dear Melanie,
Unfortunately, I was not able to attend Dennis' memorial service, but I was most appreciative to be able to view the webcast video. It was a beautiful tribute to Dennis. Love, Jan Cieslak*

Janise Cieslak - January 28, 2023 at 06:18 PM



“ *Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Dennis Wayne Mirabile*



Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations - January 27, 2023 at 07:05 AM

MM

“ It has been almost a year now Den and I miss you each and everyday. You truly were "Simply the Best". How privileged I am to have been your partner in life. I am forever grateful for your love and our beautiful memories. You live in my heart forever and always. Love Never Dies...

Melanie Mirabile - January 06, 2024 at 02:16 AM

VV

“ I met Dennis when I worked with him at Experian. Although we had lost touch, I am saddened to see he past away. Always a very kind man and thoughtful. My prayers are with his family.

vince virzi - February 07, 2023 at 01:07 PM

JT

“ My wife Ann and I had the privilege of seeing the memorial service in real time. We listened with great attentiveness and love to the tributes of David, Amy and Daniel. Thank you for making the livestream arrangements. We live in Charlottesville, Virginia.

I am a cousin of Melanie's. The Thunders and Morrisseys were very close growing up (our mothers were sisters) and we remain close. I believe that the first time I met Dennis he and Mel were engaged.

I fondly recall when Dennis and Mel came to vacation at Notre Dame one summer. Yes, he played golf on the very plain course on campus.

Jim Thunder

Jim Thunder - January 29, 2023 at 08:36 AM

MM

“ To Dennis, my brother-in-law:

It's hard to believe you have now left us. I remember you with the greatest fondness, which I have felt ever since I first met you 53 years ago. But of course, you remain alive in all our hearts now and forever. It's so touching to read all the tributes to you here and see all the photos of your journey through life on this website. They attest to the wonderful man you were to so many. As we all affectionately speak of you now in Latin, "Mirabile Dictu!" I know you were a wonderful life partner for my beloved sister, Melanie, and a wonderful friend, son, father, grandfather, and even great-grandfather of just the last few months, as all your tributes proclaim. Others should be so lucky as to be blessed with a devoted family man like you in their lives.

I wish I could have attended your funeral service today in person to be with all the important people in your life who knew you better than I did. But attending "from afar" online was the next best thing, especially hearing Amy, David, and Dan sing your heartfelt praises. We will all miss you, especially Mel, who could not have chosen a better man in this world.

Rest now in peace as you golf your way along the heavenly fairways in the great Augusta Beyond.

Mike Morrissey

Michael Morrissey - January 28, 2023 at 04:31 PM

CM

“ *Dennis was my beloved brother - closer than a brother-in-law. So many of my memories involve times my family spent with Mel and Den and their family. All the fun things we did together when our kids were young, all the visits and shared times when they were older - the Mirabiles were our closest family. I especially remember our get togethers at Thanksgiving and Christmas when they lived in Chatham. The holidays were so special because we could share them.*

When I became a widow, they were so incredibly helpful. Not only did I spend a lot of time at their home, which became my home away from home, but Den and Mel would ferry me back and forth from airports and/or train stations so I could make visits to my kids. Their support helped me heal.

Dennis was an incredibly good man- a man of faith who lived it every day. He was an incredibly loving husband, a caring and supportive father, and a helpful son who cared for his mother in her last years.. For me, he was the best brother and friend. I will always miss him, but I feel so blessed to have had him in my life.

Connie Meixner

Connie Meixner - January 28, 2023 at 03:05 PM

SP

“ I first met Dennis in April of 2001 when I joined Experian. His customer service team supported the product I sold so we interacted on a regular basis. We enjoyed talking and soon found that sharing our work frustrations with each other made each day just a little more tolerable. We were also able to relate to the physical issues we shared of doctor visits, meds and physical therapy.

Dennis went out on disability first and it was a sad day when I found out he wouldn't be coming back. We continued to stay in touch until I followed him out a couple of years later. Now instead of just email, texts and phone calls we could actually meet up and share lunch in an un-rushed manner never possible at work. I will always treasure these lunches just as I treasured our friendship.

It should be no surprise when I say Dennis was a considerate and caring person. Part of our shared neck experiences was me having three cervical fusions. That didn't stop our lunches as instead of meeting somewhere Dennis would come pick me up whenever I couldn't drive myself. With each recovery I would tell him I could now drive to him for lunch but he always refused. He even turned down my offers to meet halfway and continued to pick me up. I really missed those lunches and the chance to catch up when Dennis and Melanie moved to Florida. I always hoped that at some point they'd be back for a visit or I'd be able to travel to Florida for another lunch.

I told Melanie that I regretted not making it to Florida while Dennis was sick. But I could never seem to prioritize it because I always felt we had time. It just never felt like time was limited. Simply put I could never adjust to or accept the idea of Dennis not being here. As blessed as I feel for having Dennis as a friend, I'm sure that pales in comparison to being part of his family. Yes I'll miss him. But I'm sure his family will miss Dennis on a whole different level. They've lost an amazing husband, father and grandfather. Hopefully each one finds the strength to adjust to their loss and that sadness eventually makes way to joy for the treasured memories they all share.

With love to all,

Scott Palmer

Scott Palmer - January 27, 2023 at 10:04 PM

ST

“ We first met Dennis & Melanie when they moved in across the street in 2020 during the height of COVID. We would typically visit with each other on our driveways and would talk back and forth with them and our neighbors. Over time, Susie and I came to know Dennis and Melanie well. Shortly after moving here, I got Dennis to join our golf groups which played 3 days a week. On golf mornings Dennis would always be waiting in his golf cart at the end of his driveway waiting for me with my golf cart to go play golf. He would never leave without me ,following me for the 9 min. drive. His passion was playing golf and enjoying the 19th hole with the group. He also enjoyed playing our Thursday night poker with some of the golf buddies. It didn't seem to bother him much when I ended up coming home with most of his \$10 buy-in. Over time we began to socialize with our wives going to dinner and spending time in each other's homes. I came to love Dennis like a brother and we both expressed our love we had for each other like family. I admired him for his courage he showed as he fought his cancer to the bitter end. Although I only knew Dennis for a few years, I will always remember him and treasure the good times we had together. Steve & Susie Paxton



Steve - January 27, 2023 at 03:20 PM

SM

“ I remember the first time we met when you were in San Diego I knew immediately we made lifelong friends that will turn into family. You were such a kind, loving, considerate, wonderful man, wonderful dad and father rest in peace, Dennis you'll be so missed love, Sarah, and

sarah marelli - January 27, 2023 at 01:41 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis Wayne Mirabile.



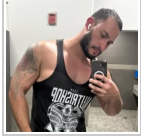
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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dennis Wayne Mirabile.



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“ *Mr.Mirabile was one of the most genuine people I had the pleasure of meeting. I still remember the first time we met, he came to visit Maddie and we all went to eat at a restaurant called the salted rim by the beach and he told us the story of how he met grams. The day that Maddie and me told them she was pregnant is another memory that I will cherish forever and so grateful that he got to meet our baby Mabel.*

Dennis Wayne Mirabile I just want to let you know how thankful I am for meeting you for how kind, welcoming and hospitable you have been you will be missed. You have left behind big shoes to fill I hope that one day I can be as good of a husband, father and hopefully some day a grandfather as you been.

Hansel Leiva - January 27, 2023 at 02:50 AM

DM

“ *Grandpa Dennis was a perfect example of how any grandparent should be. Though it may have been from hundreds of miles away, his support, love, and attention were all unending. Regardless of our distance, he never failed to call on a birthday or text about how he enjoyed watching my most recent sporting event online. Even after death, this distance doesn't sever our connection. Love you lots Grandpa Dennis.*

Drew Mirabile - January 26, 2023 at 04:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis Wayne Mirabile.*



January 26, 2023 at 01:28 PM

AL

“ When I became a *Mirabile*, Dennis told me *Mirabile* translates to “wonderful” in Italian, he then proceeded to make some joke about him being *Mr. Wonderful* in his typical good nature. The number of people who I have encountered that can actually pronounce our last name correctly on the first try is almost nonexistent. However, I was recently introduced to someone at work and he pronounced my last name perfectly. Turns out he is originally from Italy and he put me on the spot asking if I knew what my last name meant. Thanks to my dear father in law of course I knew what it meant! Rest in peace *Mr. Wonderful* - you put up a damn good fight.

Alisha - January 26, 2023 at 11:59 AM

RS

*A wonderful neighbor who we will miss.
Roz & Roy Simpson*

Roz Simpson - January 26, 2023 at 05:10 PM

DA

“ My dad...there aren't enough words to truly express the love and gratitude I have for you, for the kind of man you were and the kind of man you taught me to be. I was very fortunate to be able to tell you that and those moments I will cherish forever. I instead would like to reflect on the fond memories I will always have of the most dedicated father that you were and how lucky I am that you were mine. From little league baseball, to basketball games, baseball card shows and the '87 World Series. Agonizing over our Bears, a bucket-list trip to Augusta, cross country road trips to D.C., the Grand Canyon or Yosemite. Broken arms, broken legs, broken backboards. Friends I had and friends I lost. School, marriage, mortgages and kids. Every one of them you were there for me and for that I will forever be grateful. You always told me how proud you were of me as a father and I always replied that I learned from the best. You truly were the best. I love you Dad, thanks for it all.



David - January 25, 2023 at 09:53 PM

AG

“ I thank your ever sweet granddaughter Maddie for being introduced to you and your lovely wife. I was graciously invited to your house for dinner and upon meeting you and Melanie. I felt welcomed as if I were your grandchild as well and that was many moons ago. It left a lasting impression on me to see the love you two shared. It saddens me to hear you had endured any type of pain before your passing because I always referred to you and your wife as angels to Maddie. It is unfortunate that God always takes the kindest, most pure of heart individuals home. I dont think anyone will ever be ready when you have such a role model in their lives to keep them going. The only solace I have writing this post is that you are no longer in discomfort and that you will always remain nearby for the ones who you cherished most. I send love, strength, and prayers to your beautiful family. I send an extra prayer of strength to your precious wife. Hugs extended to all and peace be in your hearts to know you have such a great guardian angel by your side.

-With Love
Andrea Gairani

Andrea Gairani - January 25, 2023 at 07:11 PM

MM

“ Oh, so many fond memories of my dear cousin. We grew up together in a tightknit extended family including four cousins born within months of each other in the same year - knew him from the very beginning - Dennis being the youngest and me the oldest. Being this close over our early years brings memories of fun laughter and good times, all the time, during special occasions and not so special occasions - but all so good. Dennis's positiveness and thoughtfulness toward others was always apparent. If we had a world of people like Dennis it would be a much better place. Loved this guy. Miss him already.

Mike and Sheila Maschek

Michael Carl Maschek - January 25, 2023 at 05:40 PM

JU

“ Thoughts and prayers to the Mirabile Family. Big hugs to all. Gary & Judy

Judy - January 25, 2023 at 05:09 PM

RC

“ My grandfather was one of the toughest men I knew. I’m sure anyone who really knew the man was aware of just how headstrong he was. I remember growing up as a kid and getting to visit him and my grandmother in the summer, and how we would always go to downtown Chicago to explore, or how we would play board games every night. After hearing about his cancer, I never really realized how much of it I took for granted. I believed he would be around for as long as I was, and it came as a shock to me as I’m sure it did for everyone else. From then on I texted him on the chances that I could, just to remind him how loved he was, or just to talk about my day. Our last words to each other were “I love you.” Grandpa, no matter how many times I told you over and over, I still don’t think I could have ever properly expressed how much I loved you. You will always be a part of who I am in my heart. Rest easy.



Ryan Cozadd - January 25, 2023 at 12:42 PM

MG

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Madalyn Guy - January 25, 2023 at 11:46 AM

KM

“ A memory I will always remember is when I was younger and he would visit in the summer. I always had a lot of freckles in the summertime, and he would sit and count them all to see if I had any more than last time.

Love you so much grandpa. -Kendyl

Kendyl Mirabile - January 25, 2023 at 11:34 AM

GM

“ He was the best grandpa I could've asked for. He always knew how to put a smile on my face with his jokes. Everything he did for me will be cherished forever. From taking me to the zoo when I was a little girl to watching my soccer games in high school. He was always so supportive. I'm so very grateful for the time I got to spend with him. I love you forever grandpa.

Grayson Mirabile - January 25, 2023 at 11:11 AM

MG

“Hi there. I'm Madalyn, Dennis' granddaughter. I'm not sure where to begin because I have so many amazing memories with my grandpa. Every summer me and my little sister Lauren and cousin Audrey would go to Chicago to spend a few weeks with my grandparents and oh were we spoiled. I vividly remember my grandma and grandpa sitting on the couch and watching us girls put on skits for them. We would sing and dance and tell jokes, and they would be the best audience. It was something I always looked forward to as a little girl. Every year, weather it was at our house or their house, gramps was in charge of carving the thanksgiving turkey. I will forever cherish those memories of having the entire family together, it's something we often take for granted. Fast forward to recently, I think my most cherished memory will be when Hansel and I told my grandparents we were having a baby. It was such a beautiful, wholesome moment seeing the look on their faces once they found out they were going to be great grandparents. Considering the circumstances, it was a really happy moment for everybody. This past year I had the privilege of seeing my grandpa a lot since he moved to Florida. Either we would go to Ocala and visit or they would come to Tampa. And since I was pregnant it really meant a lot to me to have my family by my side. The moment he got to hold Mabel in his arms I think we all teared up a little bit because it was such a special moment that we had all been looking forward to. This past Christmas, even though it was a very different Christmas then we are all used to, i was just so thankful that we could all be together. I laid next to my grandpa and held his hand for a long time, and held my face and we both said I love you. We had the baby next to us, and he lit up with a big smile. These are the memories I will hold onto forever. I will show my daughter all the pictures they took together, and I will remind her how much he loved her, and she was his reason for fighting a little bit longer. I will always look up to my grandpa, the way he cared for his family. My family and I are forever grateful to have been able to spend so much time with him. I love him and miss him already. Rest In Peace grandpa, you deserve it times a million.

Madalyn Guy - January 25, 2023 at 11:10 AM

DM

“ *I'm always thinking of you Dad! You've been the best father anyone could ever ask for! You've given so much love to our family and everyone around you. I'm so lucky and blessed to be your son and part of this family. Always keeping you in my heart forever and always Pops! I love you! - Daniel*



Daniel Mirabile - January 25, 2023 at 11:08 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dennis Wayne Mirabile.*



January 24, 2023 at 07:00 PM

MF

“ *Melanie and family*

Carole and I send your our deepest sympathies and love for your loss. I have many memories that I would like to share.

MEMORIES GALORE

Dennis and I were classmates at St. Stans B&M through 8th grade. We were: teammates on St. Stan's Trojans baseball team that won the CYO City Championship game in 7th grade and one game short of Champs in 8th grade; played basketball together in 7th and 8th grade; Altar Boys from 4th through 8th grade; competitors on White Cap Little League, where Dennis played for the Pittsburgh Pirates and I played for the Cubs. We were also classmates at Weber High School through graduation. It just so happened that we worked together at Standard Oil Corp. for a few years. Also, I am proud to say that I had a hand in Dennis and Melanie getting together. These were just some of the memories we talked about when we got together, along with Weber's annual golf outing. These were all fun memories.

The call he made to me a few days before Christmas, to give him one last hug, is a memory that tore at my heart. May Peace be with you, my brother.

With love,

Mick and Carole Flisnik

Mick Flisnik - January 24, 2023 at 04:32 PM

MS

“ Mike and Sheila purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Dennis Wayne Mirabile.



Mike and Sheila - January 24, 2023 at 01:14 PM

AC

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Amy Cozadd - January 24, 2023 at 12:55 PM

AC

“ My pops ❤️. There are not enough words to let you know how much I adored you. You filled our family with such love and happiness. Thank you for always being there for us. I love you so much and I know you are watching over us everyday.



Amy Cozadd - January 24, 2023 at 12:54 PM

LC

“ I couldn't have asked for a better grandfather. He was always so proud of us kids and always let that be known, from school and sports, to watching us all grow up and figure out what life really means. His pride for his family is so appreciated. My mom and I went Christmas shopping and we're deciding what to get him for Christmas, we thought a very colorful bright and very Florida-y golf shirt was perfect. We thought he would never wear it because it wasn't like much of his other attire, but they just recently moved to florida so we thought it was perfect, and every single time after we got him that he wore that shirt!!! It always made us so happy because it truly showed his love and family pride and that he appreciated us. I love you grandpa!



Lauren Cozadd - January 23, 2023 at 08:40 PM

JC

“ Mr. M wasn't just a father in law to me.. he was another father. I will cherish the respect and love he always put forth not just towards me, but my entire family. I will miss the spirited conversation we were always sure to have. He truly was one of a kind, and we will miss him every day.

Jason Cozadd - January 23, 2023 at 06:21 PM

KM

“ Proud to call call Dennis my uncle! Many great memories of our families spending time together over the years. His genuine friendship with my Dad was instrumental in making all those memories (in addition to the Sisterlies, of course!) His love for the Bears was admirable. As for the Sox... ;) Love you, Denniser!

Kevin Meixner - January 23, 2023 at 08:52 AM

AC

“ Our hearts are broken for Melanie and family. Dennis's easy smile and generous conversational nature ensured a quick path to friendship.

Dennis, Larry and Fred solved many of the world's problems in Fred's garage. But much more needed to be discussed.

He is missed and we were blessed to know him.

Larry and Ann Marie

Ann Marie Curran - January 23, 2023 at 07:30 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis Wayne Mirabile.



January 20, 2023 at 05:36 PM

BL

“*Connie and I are the "newbies" in the neighborhood. Unfortunately we did not get to know Dennis that well. We were blessed with a surprise visit from him on Thanksgiving Day. He was cheerful, funny and you could tell he really loved to be around others. I did learn he won a ping pong tournament with a broken leg when he was a child. That Thanksgiving will be special for ever. We look forward spending time with Melanie to learn more about Dennis. May God bless Dennis and his family through this time. Barb and Connie*

Barbara M Long - January 20, 2023 at 11:52 AM



“*Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis Wayne Mirabile.*



January 20, 2023 at 09:23 AM