



## Dennis Joseph Bender

September 27, 1952 - February 19, 2026

Dennis Joseph Bender, age 73, of DeTour, Michigan, passed away on February 19, 2026, at his home. He was born on September 27, 1952, in Sault Ste Marie, Michigan, to Edwin Frederick and Delores Marie (Pontbriand) Bender.

Dennis grew up in Goetzville, Michigan, graduating from DeTour High School with the class of 1970. In October of 1976 he married his high school sweetheart, and love of his life, Cynthia Fountain. After high school, he began working for Michigan Limestone Operations in Cedarville Michigan, a job that allowed him and Cyndi to raise their two children in the same communities they grew up in. He retired 32 years later in 2004. Eventually he found himself wanting to work again, which he did for another eight years at the Drummond Dolomite Quarry before finally settling into full retirement.

In his younger years, Dennis loved riding motorcycles, playing the guitar in a band with friends, golfing, playing softball where he hit the first home run in the new Raber field, building and working on cars, and woodworking, often making unique gifts for his grandchildren. Dennis enjoyed baseball, the Detroit Tigers, and always got a kick out of watching his grandkids play the game.

Dennis was a proud supporter of AMVETS and a member of the DeTour Presbyterian Church.

Dennis is survived by his children, Nicole Walker (Josh) of Chattanooga, Tennessee, Levi (Brittney) Bender of Pickford, Michigan; mother, Delores Bender of Sault Ste. Marie; siblings, Jeanne (Bill) Adams of Utah, Debbie Forgrave of Brimley, Michigan, Linda (Red) Adams of DeTour, and Cheryl (Steve) Kutzley from Morencie, Michigan; grandchildren, Justice Mason, Jaden Mason, Mikayla Walker, Clayton Walker, Macie Bender, and Maxson Bender; and many nieces and nephews.

Dennis was preceded in death by his wife, Cyndi; father, Edwin Bender; and brother-in-law, John Forgrave.

A Graveside Service will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 11:30 AM at Maple Grove Cemetery, E. South Caribou Lake Rd. DeTour, MI 49725. Family and friends are invited to a Memorial Gathering following the service beginning at 12:30 PM at the DeTour Union Presbyterian Church, 166 Ontario St, De Tour Village, MI 49725.

Dennis' final resting place will be at Maple Grove Cemetery in DeTour.

Memorial Contributions in Dennis`s honor may be sent to AMVETS Dept of Michigan, 106 Thorpe Ave. Roscommon, MI 48653 or to Hospice of the EUP, 308 W. 12th Ave., Sault, Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Family Life Funeral Homes –Pickford assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be given to the family at [www.familylifefh.com](http://www.familylifefh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Grove Cemetery

E. South Caribou Lake Rd  
DeTour Village, MI 49725

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAY 26. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Maple Grove Cemetery  
E. South Caribou Lake Rd  
DeTour Village, MI 49725

## Memorial Gathering

MAY 26. 12:30 PM (ET)

DeTour Union Presbyterian Church  
166 Ontario Street  
DeTour Village, MI 49725

# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dennis Joseph Bender.

May 22 at 09:16 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dennis Joseph Bender.



May 22 at 09:16 PM



“ We were sorry to learn of Dennis’s passing. While most of our memories are from our early days, we always enjoyed his presence when our paths crossed. We hope that you find comfort in the precious memories that each of you shared with Dennis.  
*In Sincere Sympathy,*  
*Don and Helen Goetz*

**Helen & Don** - March 02 at 12:06 PM

CB

“ We are so sad to hear that Dennis has passed. Such a good guy!  
It was always a pleasure to chat with him & catch up. Our condolences to his entire family.  
Rest easy now Den, or better yet....Ride like the Wind!



Cheryl & Dennis

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C. Bernard - February 26 at 03:53 PM

LW

“ Jeanie, Debbie, Linda, and Cheryl -  
I was so sad to hear about Dennis! He was such a sweetie. Sadly, the last time I saw him was when he gave me a big hug at Mom's funeral, five years ago this May. With our families being so close in our younger years, it always felt like you were more like family! I'm still missing Eddie! Please know I share your grief, and my most sincere condolences to you and your families.  
Sending love,  
Lisa Wojnaroski

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Lisa Wojnaroski - February 25 at 06:38 AM

TM

“ Craig and I are so sorry for your loss. We both had a profound respect for Dennis. He was such a kind, faithful and honorable man. May he Rest in Eternal Peace.

Craig and Traci Miller 🙏💕

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Traci Miller - February 24 at 09:49 PM

DM

“ To Dennis's Family,

*So sorry for your loss. Dennis was a good guy and a good friend. I actually coached him in football in high school and did a lot of golfing with him over the years.*

*RIP Dennis, you will be sadly missed by family and friends.*

*Dave Miller  
DeTour Village, MI*

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**David F. Miller** - February 24 at 11:58 AM

MP

“ *Sorry to hear that Dennis passed, he was a great guy to work with.*  
*Milt Pott*

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**Milt Pott** - February 24 at 07:44 AM

SS

“ *So sorry for your loss Dennis was a great guy. Sharon (Fisher)  
Sadegh*

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**Sharon Sadegh** - February 23 at 08:23 PM

CR

“ *Dennis was an all around great guy, I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. He played softball with my brother Bob. The team was waiting with open arms. My deepest sympathy to all of his family* ❤️



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**Cherie Rosing Rye** - February 23 at 06:42 PM

KM

*Dennis and Cindy are reunited ❤️*

**Karen Munro** - February 24 at 10:53 AM

JN

“ *So sorry to here about your Dad he sure was a nice man*

**Joanne nelson** - February 23 at 05:59 PM

SA

*A great person who will be missed by many in the community. R.I.P. my friend and classmate. Prayers for the entire family and all of his friends*



**Shirley Van Alstine** - February 23 at 07:14 PM

FD

*So Sorry for your loss. Though and Prayers are with the Family*

**Frances M Danes** - February 23 at 08:35 PM

DA

*With our deepest sympathy for your family's loss. He will be missed greatly by all who knew and loved him. He had a good soul.*

**Denise Van Alstine** - February 24 at 07:29 AM