



## Mr. Dennis Edgar Watts

June 5, 1940 - June 23, 2020

Dennis Edgar Watts, 80, of Plant City, Florida, formerly of Endicott, New York, born in Portland, Maine on June 5, 1940, entered into eternal rest on June 23, 2020. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, serving between 1958-1962. He served his first 18 months on the USS Essex as part of the 2nd Div. Force Recon. His elementary school was in a 1-room schoolhouse. He had a great sense of humor, and gave himself fully to family, friends, and clients. He was a member of the Florida Chapter Mercury Marauders Club, and enjoyed reading, golfing, skiing, swimming, boating, and fishing. He is survived by his wife of over 55 years, Penelope Watts; son, Jason S. Watts (Yanping) of California; grandchildren; L.J., and Julia; and siblings, Harry "Stan" Stanley Watts, Jr. (Sally) of New Port Richey, and Stephen E. Watts (Stephanie) of Sebastian; nieces, Darcy Copal, Debra Goldstein, and Heather Maddox; and nephews, Adam Maddox, and Stan Watts III. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org). Expressions of condolence at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

TF

“ September 16th, 2020

*Rest In Peace in the arms of our Lord, Dennis. I think about you so often, and finally did a search to find this. Enjoy the open roads in Paradise, my MARAUDER friend! I bet "FruitPunch" runs better than ever up there!*

*Penny, God Bless you. Dennis made me laugh so many times, and now I sit here crying for you and your loss. But when I think back at the time I was able to spend with both of you, I regain a big smile and hear Dennis' GREAT BIG laugh.*

*God bless you and keep you.*

*Todd Fisher*

*MARAUDER Trilogy Twin screw #004*

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**Todd Fisher** - September 16, 2020 at 09:27 PM

DA

“ Dear Family,

*Words are hard as we are all heartbroken. Uncle Den or Uncle Waldo as our family called him will always be missed. Funny story... growing up I was a sensitive kid and didn't like to be teased. Uncle Waldo, as you know, was the ultimate jokester and little me would cry... One time, probably around 9 years old, I said in my heart, "When I'm grown, I will never talk to you again." Ha-ha the joke is on me because he became one of my favorite people in the whole world. As an adult he made me feel respected and loved. I will forever be his "Sweetheart". With love and prayers always, Darcy Watts Coupal*



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Darcy - July 03, 2020 at 10:42 AM

AM

“ It could be said of Uncle Dennis that his laugh was so infectious that he was under constant monitoring by the CDC and the WHO, his kindness so severe that the twinkle in his eye blinded pilots overhead, and that his sense of humor so silly that he would have found these poor excuses for jokes funny! In all seriousness, my heart and the hearts of my family hurt for his passing and we petition the Lord for the grace that Aunt Penny, Jason, and the rest of our family need during these times of mourning and beyond. If Dennis were here, his mere presence would brighten the darkest caves of our sadness. I miss you, Uncle Buttwhet\*!

- Adam

\* For those unaware, Buttwhet was the nickname he gave me in my youth, and using the full extent of my immature creativity, I slapped "Uncle" to the front and gave it back to him. The nicknames stuck! It's probably a good thing I never used him as a reference for a job!!

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**Adam maddox** - June 30, 2020 at 12:51 PM

RM

Perfect description of your Uncle, Adam. He would have definitely gotten a kick out of it.  
You, Dennis, and Jason are like 3 peas in the same pod.

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**Robert Maddox** - June 30, 2020 at 03:09 PM

SD

“ What a wonderful man. I remember him taking the whole group of us to Song Mountain for the Alpine Slide. So sorry for your loss Penny and Jason and the entire family. Hugs to you!

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**Sharon Doyle** - June 30, 2020 at 12:39 AM

DJ

“ *What a wonderful second father to me. Skiing, softball, basketball and just a very cool guy. If I could've had a father like Jays....very saddened. Much Love to Penny, Jay and all the family.*  
*David Jackson*

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**David Jackson** - June 29, 2020 at 01:59 PM

DK

“ *IMG\_1439.jpg*  
*Wonderful memories of our times together over these last 50 years. Dennis's laugh and smile will always warm our hearts.*  
*Diane and Harry*💕

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**diane kost** - June 29, 2020 at 11:20 AM

LW

“ *LJ Watts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dennis Edgar Watts*

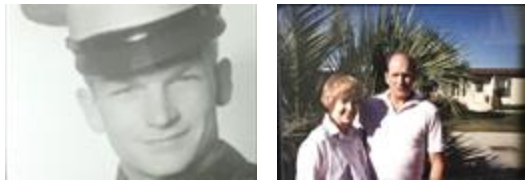


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**LJ Watts** - June 28, 2020 at 11:27 PM

LW

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



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**LJ Watts** - June 28, 2020 at 11:22 PM

KC

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Kristin C - June 28, 2020 at 03:06 PM

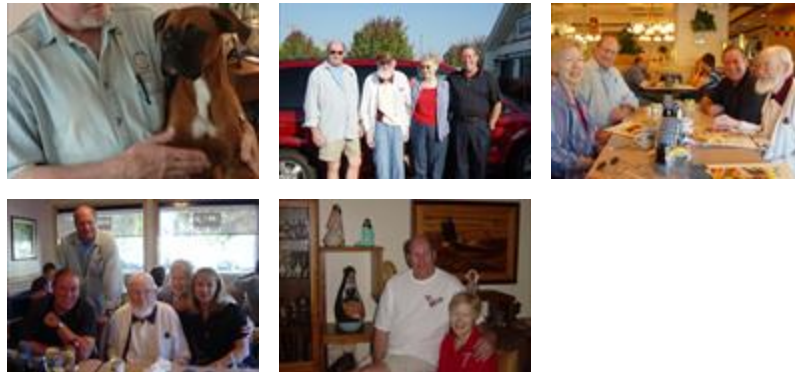
DA

What a special day, I'm so thankful Aunt Penny & Uncle Den could be there <3

Darcy - July 03, 2020 at 10:50 AM

GM

“ 8 files added to the album Dennis Edgar Watts memories



Geri L Maddox - June 28, 2020 at 12:35 PM

GM

“ Penny, Jason and family,  
Thinking of you in these difficult times and sending love. Prayers of  
peace to bring comfort, and the courage to face the days ahead  
filled with loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.  
I am forever blessed to have been in Dennis's life. Years of laughter,  
love, and wonderful memories of this one of a kind man. He will be  
greatly missed.  
With deepest sympathy and love,  
Geri

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**Geri L Maddox** - June 28, 2020 at 10:15 AM