



Dennis Craig Gipe

February 21, 1952 - January 7, 2017

Dennis C. "Denny" Gipe, 64, of Mt. Summit, passed away on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at St. Vincent Heart Hospital, surrounded by family and friends.

He was born on February 21, 1952 in Anderson, the son of Bill and Lillian (LeRoy) Gipe.

Dennis grew up in Alexandria and attended St. Mary's School and Alexandria Monroe High School. He was involved in school activities, including football and track. Dennis earned a Master's Degree in Education from Ball State University. He served as a navigator for the US Navy aboard the USS Bainbridge DLGN-25 during the Vietnam conflict.

Denny spent his career investing his time mentoring the students of Tri Jr.-Sr. High School. He taught Earth Science, General Science and Geography. He was the Varsity Football Head Coach for 20 years. He also coached Jr. High Girls and Boys Basketball and served as the assistant wrestling Coach for several years. After his retirement, the football field was named in his honor.

Denny loved old cars and traveled throughout Central Indiana showing the 1975 Super Beetle he restored. He was an avid reader of non-fiction, history and science books. He and Betty shared many camping adventures across

the United States, including Canada and Mexico.

Denny volunteered for Cerebral Palsy of Henry County and attended the New Castle Miracle Baseball League games. He was a great friend and neighbor. The family is deeply gratified by the outpouring of sympathy and support from his former students.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 33 years, Betty Gipe; mother, Lillian Gipe of Alexandria; daughter, Gayle (Brent) Frost-Soliday of Mt. Summit; son, Dale Frost of Mt. Summit; grandchildren, Luke Soliday of Mt. Summit and Tristan Soliday of New Castle; siblings, Paul (Nancy Nies) Gipe of Bakersfield, CA, Lee Ann Frost of Alexandria, William Gipe of Harrisburg, PA, Gina (Curt) Brisco of Alexandria; nephews, Derek and Zak Frost; nieces, Angela (Tom) Rao, Linda "Shelly" (Bill) Stewart, Bethany Brisco and Emma (Evan) Bates; three great nephews; brother and sister-in-law Jim (Linda) Weaver and Larry Gooding as well as a large extended family.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by, a brother, Jimmy Gipe and brother-in-law Tim Frost.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am, Friday, January 13, 2017 at Sproles Family Funeral Home. Eulogy will be delivered by longtime friend, Bryan Peggs and the opportunity will be given for others to share memories. Burial will follow at Mt. Summit Cemetery.

Family will receive friends from 2 – 8 pm on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service on Friday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project. <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate>

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.co

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The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Dennis Gipe.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Summit Cemetery

Mt. Summit Cemetery
Prairie, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
2400 S Memorial Dr
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Celebration of Life

JAN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MR

“ Denny was such a good and special person as well as a gifted teacher and coach. It was my honor to teach at Tri during a portion of his tenure there. For many years before my retirement, I had a poster in my library that read, "Will It Matter That I Was?" Well, the many tributes on this "wall" confirm, many times over, that it definitely did matter that Dennis C. Gipe was! He both touched and influenced the lives of of so many students as they were making, choosing their paths in life. Sincere condolences to his family and gratitude for sharing this special man with his school family. Melanie Kay Razor - THS Faculty, '72-'80.



Melanie Kay Razor - January 15, 2017 at 02:23 PM

GP

“ So sorry for you loss our thoughts and prayers are with you George and Kelly Pierce and family

George Pierce - January 13, 2017 at 05:01 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Craig Gipe.



January 12, 2017 at 07:30 PM



“ 12 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sproles Family Funeral Home - January 12, 2017 at 10:13 AM

KT

“ *Gayle, Betty & Dale...I just can't believe it, and am so saddened to see this. I looked through all of the pictures, and each one of them captured his spirit & personality, so well. He was a genuine and kind man who always treated me like one of his own. One of my fondest memories of him, was me having a mouthful of cheeseburger, and him yelling at you Gayle, "We'd have more food around here if you weren't feeding all of your friends"!...as my 20 year old self, choked & gulped it down! Gruff....but not really...just Denney! And I never even touched one can of his cream of chicken soup! I ran into him and Tristan at the Muncie Mall a few years back, he struggled a bit, but remembered me! He was so thrilled to see me, as I was him. :-)* I am so sorry for all of your loss. There will be a void, but he truly made his mark. Love & Miss you all.....each of you will always hold a special place in my heart.

Kellie Thurman

Kellie Thurman - January 11, 2017 at 10:44 PM

JW

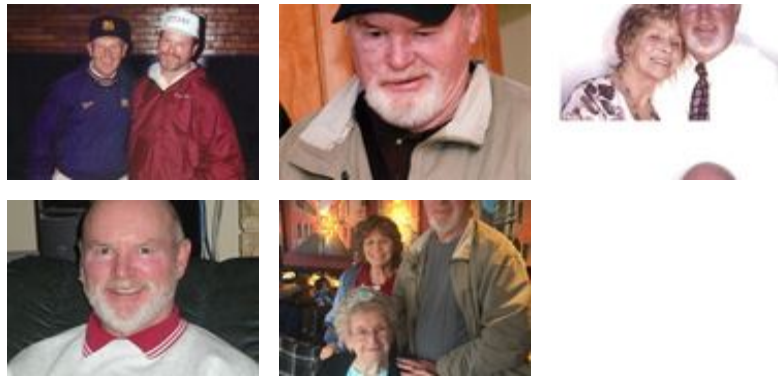
“ So sorry for your loss. Please tell your family they are in our thoughts and prayer. May God watch over you during this time. We are Dennis's cousins from Peck side. Lillian is my godmother. I babysat with Dennis when he was little. With all our love and prayers the Peck family.



Jane Peck Warren - January 11, 2017 at 09:12 PM



“ 116 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sproles Family Funeral Home - January 11, 2017 at 07:17 PM

SS

So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers for the Gipe family!!

Steven Skaggs. - January 11, 2017 at 08:02 PM

BC

“ We started out together in 1979 at Tri High and Eastern Hancock high schools. We had many great memories competing on the fields for 10 years against each other. Rest in peace my friend.
Bob Copeland

Bob Copeland - January 11, 2017 at 10:15 AM


Jennifer
Hudson

“ So sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of sitting in the garage and talking to Denny and Dale when I was growing up.

Jennifer Hudson - January 11, 2017 at 06:48 AM

DM

“ I grew up with Denny and have many fond memories of playing every sport imaginable with him and group between Garfield and Broadway Streets. He was always a guy those of younger looked up to. I am so sorry for the loss but look forward to seeing him in another contest on the other side of the rainbow.

Dave Moorman - January 11, 2017 at 06:04 AM

JP

“ Jon And Ruthann (Gross) Powless lit a candle in memory of Dennis Craig Gipe



Jon and Ruthann (Gross) Powless - January 10, 2017 at 08:16 PM

AS

“ He was a great teacher. He made Earth Sciece so fun. I have lots of memories from that class. He will be missed and remembered. So sorry for your loss.

Angela Sloan - January 10, 2017 at 07:02 PM

RS

“ *Mr. Gipe was a wonderful teacher and I have always looked up to him. He is going to be missed greatly by so many of us students who's lives it touched and enriched. Prayers and love for the family.*

Robin McBride Scott

Robin McBride Scott - January 10, 2017 at 03:19 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Dennis Craig Gipe.*

January 10, 2017 at 01:46 PM



AW

“ *Sorry for your loss. Prayers to the family's*

Anita Wickes - January 10, 2017 at 01:28 PM



Lana Ammerman-White

“ I enjoyed meeting you in the late 70's as you were my brothers coach and came to Tri after my years there and I am grateful for your leadership and mentoring. May your family find peace and comfort in Him and in your wonderful memory. Very glad I got to see you recently, you will be greatly missed. Lana Ammerman-White



Lana Ammerman-White - January 10, 2017 at 10:22 AM

GG

“ So sorry for your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Gary Gentry - January 10, 2017 at 09:13 AM

SC

“ I am so sorry for your families loss.



Sandra Wilson Cronk - January 10, 2017 at 06:56 AM

CP

“ cathy gary pierce purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Dennis Craig Gipe.



cathy gary pierce - January 09, 2017 at 11:06 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis Craig Gipe.



January 09, 2017 at 10:15 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Dennis Craig Gipe.



January 09, 2017 at 09:48 PM



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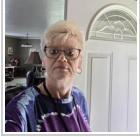
Cathy and Gary Pierce - January 09, 2017 at 09:28 PM



“ Myra Madden-Razor lit a candle in memory of Dennis Craig Gipe



Myra Madden-Razor - January 09, 2017 at 08:26 PM



“ *Cassandra Steele lit a candle in memory of Dennis Craig Gipe*



Cassandra Steele - January 09, 2017 at 08:24 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis Craig Gipe.*



January 09, 2017 at 07:40 PM



“ *Denny we never talked you never understood me but you smiled at me a lot I will always remember you telling dad your fun in fl you touched my life in many ways betty I love you hugs many prayers*



Lynda Alberson - January 09, 2017 at 07:19 PM



“ *The Whitton Family lit a candle in memory of Dennis Craig Gipe*



The whitton family - January 09, 2017 at 07:07 PM

BD

“ *Bill Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Dennis Craig Gipe*



Bill Davis - January 09, 2017 at 06:56 PM

KD

“ *Thanks for being such a great teacher, coach and friend. RIP Giper*

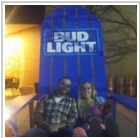
Knyvett Mummert DeCorte - January 09, 2017 at 06:56 PM

RD

“ *Ronald Curnutt-Bill Davis lit a candle in memory of Dennis Craig Gipe*



Ronald Curnutt-Bill Davis - January 09, 2017 at 06:55 PM



“ *Im so grateful for the man who sacrificed his time to be a mentor to the kids in his classes and on the football field. Thank you so much for helping me become the man I am today. You will always be remembered.*

Zane Dickson - January 09, 2017 at 06:32 PM

MN

“ Our deepest sympathie to the whole family from Mr. Dennis Gipe, Nico&Milly Niessen Elles, Nik, Ceciel, Joffrey, all Tri graduates



Milly Niessen - January 09, 2017 at 06:10 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Craig Gipe.



January 09, 2017 at 06:03 PM

TH

“ Had Mr. Gipe in seventh grade science. I can remember making a battery in class, I'm sure I drove him crazy he was a great teacher! Tina Selmeyer Humphries Class of 1987

Tina Selmeyer Humphries - January 09, 2017 at 05:44 PM

DK

“ Coach Gipe will be missed. He was a huge part of my life growing up. Playing for Coach has always been a highlight that I will always treasure. He was a wonderful mentor and I quote him to this day to my student-athletes: "Don't do anything to embarrass yourself, your family, or your teammates" and "It's football weather" are two of my favorites. My sincerest condolences to the whole family. He will be missed.

D.J. Knotts - January 09, 2017 at 05:42 PM

MB

“ Mandy Boyd lit a candle in memory of Dennis Craig Gipe



Mandy Boyd - January 09, 2017 at 05:36 PM

BP

“ I am so grateful that Denny was a part of my life as a friend, peer, and mentor. Coaching with him was an honor. I learned so much from him and his passion for the game was unmatched. I could never repay him for what he did for me. His greatest joy was sharing memories with his players. This fall when we honored his 86' and 91' sectional teams he told me " I am really happy". I loved this man and everything he represented. He loved Betty so much, she really kept him in line. It is hard for me to imagine not getting his council anymore. He was one of a kind. Love you Gipper, I will see you again some day. Peggs

Bryan Peggs - January 08, 2017 at 01:47 PM

JC

“ Thank you Betty for sharing coach Gipe with the many Titan football alumn. He left apart of himself in all of us. He played a great roll in helping us transition from boys to young men. What an honor to play for him, but more importantly to call him my friend. I have so many memories I cherish! Prayers for you and your family! TITAN PRIDE!!



Justin Cox - January 08, 2017 at 01:29 PM