



Denis G. Mulholland

September 25, 1960 - August 13, 2016

Denis Mulholland, 55, died unexpectedly on Saturday, August 13, 2016 in LaFayette, New York.

He will be forever remembered for his enormous capacity for good humor, love, and generosity toward his family, friends, and community.

He is survived by his wife, Eliza Bailey, and their two sons, Keegan Mulholland, 24, and Jamus Mulholland, 21, all of LaFayette.

Born in Delhi, New York, the sixth child of the late Murial and John Mulholland, he was a devoted son and revered brother.

In addition to his wife and sons, he is survived by his siblings; Ellen (David) Huggins of Clifton Park, New York, John Mulholland of Manhattan, New York, Kevin Mulholland of Oneonta, New York, Maureen Meyerhoff of LaFayette, New York, Eileen (Kenneth) Tiffany of Cary, North Carolina, Brendan Mulholland of Oakland, California and Megeen Mulholland of Albany, New York. Denis is also survived by numerous beloved nieces, nephews and in-laws.

Denis graduated from Delaware Academy in Delhi, New York, in 1978, where he played baseball and football, ran cross-country and was known for his

sense of humor. He then earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from SUNY at Buffalo.

Denis was a talented engineer and prolific inventor, holding numerous patents and traveling worldwide for business in the manufacturing industry. His lifelong insatiable curiosity and diverse skills served him well in his hobbies, which included woodworking, auto restoration, and music. Denis could fix just about anything, and loved working in his garage or woodworking shop, wearing his trademark red plaid clothing and hats.

Denis enjoyed whitewater kayaking and was a literal trailblazer, creating interconnected hiking paths throughout his many acres of property. To his nieces and nephews, Uncle Denis's maple sugar harvesting, apple cider pressing, and tractor hayrides were legendary, as were the games he organized and participated in at family events.

Denis married Eliza, his high school sweetheart, in 1987. He reveled in his family life with Eliza, Keegan and Jamus. Denis served as Troop 100 Cubmaster for many years, and was an enthusiastic youth coach for his boys' childhood sports teams. Later, he loved cheering on Keegan and Jamus in high school lacrosse and basketball, and collegiate lacrosse. He was extremely proud of Keegan for following in his footsteps as a mechanical engineer and of Jamus for his acceptance into medical school. Denis adored his large black Labrador Retrievers, first Aiko and then, more recently, Okia, and was frequently pictured holding them in his lap.

In the Irish language, the name "Denis" means "noble." Denis exhibited this characteristic in all he said and did throughout his lifetime, which preserves our collective memory of him, yet renders our collective loss immense.

Calling hours will be 4 to 7 p.m., Thursday, August 18, 2016 at Ballweg &

Lunsford Funeral Home, 2584 Field Lane in LaFayette, New York. A funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, August 19, 2016 in St. Joseph's Church at 6104 US 20 in LaFayette.

Lunch will follow at the LaFayette Community Center, 2508 US Route 11, LaFayette, New York.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to LaFayette Ambulance, P.O. Box 260, LaFayette, New York 13084.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Denis G. Mulholland*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - August 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *I was saddened to discover the passing of Denis some days ago, although I have not seen him in 27 years since I moved from the Harrisburg area. I remember him as a very human person and an exceptional mechanical engineer. I met Denis and Eliza about 1988 and helped them move from their house in St. Petersburg to Centerville and I always enjoyed their company and kindness. I remember him showing pictures of his wedding with Eliza in his prized ~1952 Volkswagen, and seeing this car in his garage. He was always pleasant and positive and knew how to play some good jokes at the job. He got me good with a fake cell phone antenna that he put on my old pickup truck to bring it into the modern age. I remember his prized Porsche, and going to concerts and yard parties that he and Eliza hosted and to those hosted by their friends around Lancaster. We were all so young then – they were good times. So long Denny Mul – you will surely be missed by all. I wish all the best to Eliza and the family! Bill W*

Bill Wychulis - April 10, 2017 at 10:24 PM



“ Remembering Dennis today from far away, and wishing we could be there today to show our love and support for you and the boys Eliza. In sadness of passing, and in joy of a life well loved and lived, we are thinking of you all. Chris, Brett, Augie and Lindsay.

August 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ How deeply saddened I was to hear of Denis's passing. Although, I left Delhi many years ago, I didn't leave the fond memories. Denis was one of them. He was not only a classmate, he was a good friend. I recall his laughter, his kindness, and the good times we shared. When Denis was young, he would at times stop in the County Highway Department in Delhi, and my father would marvel at how good he was with his hands. He had a true talent in making things. The best heritage Denis left behind is his family. Denis, I am quite sure, deeply loved his family and considered his best accomplishment was in you, his family.

Eliza, Keegan, and Jamus, I am so sorry for your loss. I am sorry I never had the opportunity to get to know you. One cannot explain why these things happen. Remember your heritage; it is the love of Denis the husband and Denis the father. It's the best gift one can receive.

May God grace you with peace and may He embrace you with His Love during this difficult time.

My deepest condolences,

Kathy Cox (Stanton) of Tulsa, OK - Classmate Delaware Academy - Class of '78

My father, Bob Stanton – DeLancey, NY

August 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *Eliza and Family: My condolences on your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Diane Ellsworth and Family*

Soft Glow - August 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Eliza and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. May God send his blessings to you all through family and friends and send you peace. My deepest sympathy to you. Cathy Nagel*

Candle of Memories - August 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *I wanted to post some photos from one of our "ski " weekends at Denis and Eliza's. Notice no snow, but a good time was had by all. I can't begin to express how sad I am for this loss and how grateful for having had Denis in my life. Rob and I love you and miss you Denis.*

Tina and Rob Kraybill

August 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Denis and I shared a number of adventures when we were young kids. Delhi was a long way from Wallingford, CT, but well worth the ride to visit Uncle Jack, Aunt Murial and our cousins. Even as a kid, Denis had a great sense of humor, and an equally impressive mischievous side. I think he had something to do with my fear of the gatehouse at the cemetery downtown (I was told to be careful walking by there, lest I was attacked by the ogre that resided within).

I can't believe Denis has been taken from us at such an early age. God rest his soul.

Cousin Mike Schaefer

August 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Although Denis (Denis with one "n" - inside joke) worked with us for a short time, he found many new friends and we loved working with him. His sense of humor, dedication as an engineer and all around good person will be MISSED. To his family, we send our condolences.

-Doreen Aurillo (Indium Corporation)

August 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ This was Khaki Day--- we all dressed like Denis in a white shirt & khakis-- he loved it!

August 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Thanks for that Donald

August 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Eliza, Jamus, Keegs ~ peaceful, healing vibes being sent your way. God Bless.....*

August 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM



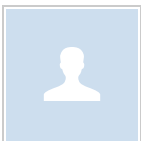
“ *My hart is heavy and my thoughts are with you what an amazing man .*

August 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Eliza, Keegan and Jamus,
Words can't express how saddened we are to hear of Denis's
passing. Our prayers our with you all at this very difficult time. If you
need anything, please don't hesitate to ask. The Agedal Family*

August 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thanks for sharing this Dawn*

August 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Eliza ("Mother"), Keegan, Jamus & Family,

I had the pleasure of working with Denis at Anaren back in the day. I heard many a tale of his and "Mother's" adventures together and how much he truly cared about all of you. Jamus & Keegan, he was so proud of the two of you... he would talk non-stop about fishing trips and such... you brought him great joy.

I will never forget his boyish smile & sense of humor... he was fun to work with and had a very creative mind.

My deepest sympathy to you all at this difficult time.

Dawn Cole

August 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Eliza, My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. May you find strength and healing in all the wonderful memories of 40 special years and may you have all the love and support of all your friends and family that love you so much.

August 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I was shocked to see Denis's obituary in the paper - too young. I met Denis from the 12 step fellowship and he was a kind soul - he was a special guy. Prayers of healing for you and your family.

August 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to be reading this, such a great person who was a known member of the LaFayette community...
With an amazing wife and awesome children.....I just hope it was not the storm on Saturday that took him home, as there was a lot of damage in the community.

August 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Eliza, Keegan and Jamus, we are saddened by this news. Denis left a lasting impression on LaFayette and all of the people who knew him. May your many memories help you through this sad, sad time.

The Beebe Family

August 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ To Mulholland family, I am very sad to hear about Denis, what a great guy! Had the pleasure to work with him at Anaren, and was a joy to work with. My prayers are with you.

*Manny Ribas
Sarasota, FL*

August 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ *Eliza and Family,
It's been about 10 years since I've seen Denis, but how can you
ever forget that sense of humor?*

*I met Denis in 1985 while working at RCA in Lancaster, PA. I
eventually had the pleasure of working with Denis again, at AMP in
Harrisburg, PA.*

*Not only was Denis talented as an Engineer, he was doubly
inventive when it came to pranks...*

*I can still remember when he showed up at work in an old Cadillac
Funeral Hearse, shiny black for Halloween, (as he was dabbling in
used cars at the time).*

*And he always managed to find the funny side to a situation, even in
business meetings. He never left
work or business get him to the point where it broke that spirit.*

*Eliza, I'm not much for writing condolences, but do know that the
mere mention of Denis, still evokes a smile on my face
remembering how funny he was to work with.*

*I was able to find some photo's from 2006, when you guys came
down to Hershey, PA for a summer party.*

Denis with John Hoffer & Jim Eberle - August 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts are with you, Eliza, Keegan and Jamus. I wish you
peace.*

August 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thought and prayers to family and friends.*

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