



## Arnold Eli Dennis

December 24, 1942 - August 7, 2020

On August 7, 2020, a bit past midnight Arnold Eli Dennis went to his reward that he worked most of his life for. He passed away in Frisco Texas at the age of 77 surrounded by his family. Funeral Service were held at 10:00 AM on Monday, August 10, 2020 at the Church of Christ in Saint Jo. Visitation was held from 4:00-6:00 PM on Sunday, August 9, 2020 at the Church of Christ in Saint Jo.

His life began December 24, 1942 in Grand Prairie, Texas. He spent most of his life in Saint Jo. He married Judy Thweatt on January 25, 1964 and in March 1965 Judy Kathleen (Dennis) was born she was just what he had wanted, "a sweet little girl".

After graduating from Saint Jo High School, he attended Texas A&M for 3 ½ years. He then went on to work for the Nocona Boot Co. where he was trained to complete and implement the first boot top collar computerized stitching in the industry at the time. During this time, he became a summer Little League Coach where he devoted many hours to working with the youth of Saint Jo. He loved coaching baseball tremendously, but he had a special love for his dear Boy Scouts. He was so proud of his scouts. During his time leading the scouts he had 10 young men that became Eagle Scouts. All 10 of these young men grew into remarkable individuals leading their lives by outstanding examples for others.

He owned and operated Arnolds Conoco for 17 years where he had the opportunity to continue the practice of influencing Saint Jo youth by employing and teaching them about hard work and exemplary work ethics. Hard work during the week and lots of fun being had on the weekends at the lake.

He was employed at Saint Jo ISD for 15 years as maintenance and transportation supervisor and project manager over seeing construction of the dome gym.

For the past 14 years he has worked for Collier Ranch as Ranch Foreman. This was his favorite job through the years. He would leave for work early and come home late in the evening. He loved being a part of working with and viewing God's wonderful creations every day, from the calves being born to the daily sunrises and the sunsets. He loved being a part of helping and improving the beauty of the land every day. A great joy for him was getting to work with and teach his grandson Cahlynn (Collin) for the past 2 summers on the ranch.

His grandkids Mackenzie, Cahlynn and Mason were the love of his life, he followed them all over the country to watch them play softball and baseball. He was so proud of them as he was Kathy and Rodney.

He was an outstanding example of a Christian man. He was a member of the Saint Jo Church of Christ where he served as a Deacon and Elder for many years.

Arnold was full of life and loved the Lord and lived to serve in all aspects of his life. He had a special zest for life that included giving and doing for others any time possible.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years Judy Dennis of Saint Jo, daughter Kathy Jones and her husband Rodney of Frisco, granddaughter Mackenzie Reeves & husband Mason of Celina, grandson Cahlynn (Collin) Jones of Frisco Texas. Brother Richard Dennis & wife Jeannie of Pilot Point, sister Frances Poynor of Saint Jo and Pat Jones of Burleson, Texas. Numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins and 2 incredibly special family couples Jr & Linda Thweatt and Gary & Cheryl Lovett.

He was preceded in death by his parents Elvin and Mattie Dennis and brother Elvin Dennis Jr.

# Cemetery Details

## Mountain Park Cemetery

Saint Jo, TX 76265

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 9. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Saint Jo Church of Christ  
103 W Williams St  
Saint Jo, TX 76265  
(940) 995-2538

## Funeral

AUG 10. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *My dearest Judy,  
I have wonderful memories of my visits with my mom and dad (Herman and Betsy) traveling to see you every summer. I was small, and you and Arnold were my heros. You loved me like your own and the two of you were a joy to be with. I used to beg my folks to leave me in Texas with you and Arnold and precious Uncle Mack and Aunt Jackie. What a blessing to be a member of this amazing and beautiful family. All my love. God bless.*

*Lani*

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**Lani Litton** - August 12, 2020 at 04:00 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Arnold Eli Dennis.*



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August 07, 2020 at 05:19 PM