



Emmet Dennis Hughes

February 13, 1941 - March 29, 2019

Obituary

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February 13, 1941 – March 29, 2019 (age 78)

Emmet Dennis Hughes passed away on March 29, 2019. Dennis, was born in Modesto, California. Dennis was the eldest son of Emmet and Marie Hughes and older brother of James Hughes. Dennis graduated Stagg Alonzo High School in Stockton and joined the United States Army where he was stationed in Stuttgart, Germany. After serving his country, Dennis came home and attended the University of California – Berkeley, University of Colorado, Hastings Law School, McGregor School of Law, and University of the Pacific.

Dennis was hired as an organizer by the Retail Clerks International Union in 1966 and moved on to the staff of Local 428 in 1968 where he served in various capacities including organizer, union representative, Secretary-Treasurer and ultimately as the Union's President until his retirement in 1997. Dennis was an excellent labor leader, who helped with many difficult contract negotiations. He worked tirelessly and eventually was elected President of the UFCW Union where he served until 1997. He was also on the International Union Advisory Board where he served until 1997. Dennis was a member of the American Leadership Forum. After he retired, Dennis worked

with many charities.

He was an avid fan of the Los Angeles Rams and the Cincinnati Reds. He enjoyed golfing with his sons and union friends. His greatest love was baking sweets with his three grand-daughters, Katie, Isabella, and Avalon, and one grandson, Thomas, and spending time with them in Maui. Dennis raised four sons, Dennis T., Jonathan, Peter, and Rory.

Dennis met the love of his life, Pepper in 1979. They were married in 1983 and loved each other for 35 years until his death. According to Pepper, they will love each other for eternity.

Family and friends will celebrate his life on May California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery 2900 Parker Flats Road (old Fort Ord) in Seaside, CA.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Emmet Dennis Hughes, please visit our floral store.

Tribute Wall

RR

“ Thank you for being such a loving husband to my precious sister. Tom and I have fond memories of game nights, San Francisco trips, 4th of July harbor cruises and our introduction to fine red wine. Thank you for being a wonderful godfather to our two sons, Joseph and John, who love you very much. You will be missed and always have a special place in my heart and memories. Love you brother. Peace be with you...

Roxanne Rhodes - May 03, 2019 at 07:59 PM

JC

“ The most vivid memories of Dennis I have are from before I started school, driving up to Folsom from San Ramon with my little brother in the early morning before my parents went to work. Every day, we would walk through the door and be wrestled to the ground by Dennis, who would tease us until we were saved by my Auntie Pepper and we began our day. We would feed the parrot, make mac and cheese, visit the park with frozen water bottles, and suffer never-ending trips to TJ Maxx, followed by conciliatory runs to the Dollar Store for new toys. That part of my life was defined by these wonderful visits. They are memories that live every time I wrestle and tease my own nephews. I love you Uncle Dennis. Thank you. Rest in peace.

Joseph Coffey - May 03, 2019 at 01:51 PM

ES

“ A BALANCE EASEL SPRAY was sent on May 1, 2019 Our thoughts and prayers are with you in these difficult times.
Brothers and Sisters of UFCW Local 5 John Nunes, President
UFCW Local 5

Expression of Sympathy - May 01, 2019 at 12:26 PM

PU

“ Dear Uncle, We will all miss you so much. You have made such a lasting impact on this family, I'll miss the roughhousing and all the times you'd call me punk, and all the memories of you and auntie babysitting. Rest well, Pumpkin

Pumpkin - April 28, 2019 at 05:20 PM

JM

“ Dear Pepper, I'm so sorry to hear the Dennis has passed. I know how much he meant to you. I always enjoyed his company and will always be grateful to the help he gave to Oriana during his years with us. I know you were with him at the end and I hope this will help in the grief that you fell. If you need anything please call. Joe McMahon

Joseph McMahon - April 25, 2019 at 10:06 AM

KR

“ Though his smile is gone forever & his hand I can no longer hold. I still have my memories of this man my uncle I loved so much. His memory, love and lessons and advice are my keepsakes with which I will never part. God has him home in his keeping & Ill have him in my heart. Love you Uncle Dennis!!!!

Krystyna - April 24, 2019 at 08:05 PM

SM

“ Emmet Dennis Hughes

Sacred Space Memorial - April 24, 2019 at 07:32 PM

ES

“ An A GARDEN PATH was sent on April 18, 2019 When our path on this earth is through his heart and love will always be there in your heart so true. Live life with the knowledge that your journey is not over. continue on dear friend.. Love to you Carol and jerry

Expression of Sympathy - April 18, 2019 at 08:01 PM

ES

“ A FUNERAL BASKET was ordered on April 16, 2019

Expression of Sympathy - April 16, 2019 at 09:48 AM

SH

“ Uncle Dennis you will be truly missed by everyone. Dennis T, Julie, Jon and Kathy my prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. God speed my friend, God speed. Thank you for everything you have done and taught us over the years.

SHughes - April 15, 2019 at 12:10 PM

KA

“ Missing uncle Dennis so much. Seeing these pictures today makes me happy he is at rest now

Kaare - April 15, 2019 at 09:05 AM