



Emmet Dennis Hughes

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Obituary

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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.

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“ 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...

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“ 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.

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