



## Dennis Harold Hendrickson

November 9, 1953 - July 19, 2019

Dennis H. Hendrickson “Big Den”, 65, of Mount Vernon died unexpectedly Friday, July 19, 2019 of an apparent heart attack. He was born November 9, 1953 to the late Harrold and Elba Hendrickson.

He was a graduate of Mount Vernon High School and earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Agriculture Business in 1980 from Arkansas Tech University. He spent his working years doing construction work, laying pipeline and telephone cables over a large part of the United States, his last employment was Arkansas Excavating. He loved watching baseball games and the Razorbacks. He enjoyed raising cattle on this farm. He was a “historian” and loved telling stories. He was of the Baptist faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Patty Johnson and Julia Harmon; longtime companion, Barbara Rigney; two nephews and one niece.

He is survived by his sister, Nancy Patton of Wooster; nephews, Marshall Johnson, Robert Johnson, Kenneth Carter, Todd Patton; nieces, Kimberly Yingling, Tammy Knoppers, and Jennifer Merritt; seven great nephews; three great nieces; and numerous cousins and friends.

Visitation will be Tuesday, July 23, 2019 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Bishop-Crites Funeral Home in Greenbrier, Arkansas.

Graveside will be Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 10:00am at Mount Vernon Cemetery.

# Cemetery

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## Mount Vernon Cemetery

29 Cemetery Road

Mount Vernon, AR, 72111

# Events

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**JUL** **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Bishop-Crites Funeral Home

108 North Broadview, Greenbrier, AR, US, 72058

**JUL** **Graveside Service** 10:00AM

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29 Cemetery Road, Mount Vernon, AR, US, 72111

# Comments

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“ My deepest condolences to the Hendrickson family. Dennis and my bothers were always great friends. Now I wonder what the 3 of them could be talking about in Heaven. I can't remember ever not knowing Dennis. I know he was well respected and looked up to by many who knew him. RIP Dennis!!

**Karen (Smith) Teague** - July 26, 2019 at 10:39 PM

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“ It isn't possible to describe the "Dennis experience", lol, but he was one of the most enjoyable friends that I ever had. No one could make a story build like Den. It's hard to speak of Den without all the memories of Barb, Patty Joyce, Julia and Larry, Colleen and Mother Addie tumbling together in snippets of joy and sadness. Whether laughing or sorrowful this family held one another together. Den either liked you or he didn't, there was no middle ground and he would tell you to your face. So many memories, so much awesome rock n roll, local history, hilarious tales, cold beer and great times!

**Tammy Johnson** - July 25, 2019 at 03:56 PM

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“ Big den was a legend and a man of integrity and loyalty. He and Barbara are together in heaven. They are both sweet memories for me. Kay lynn cole mcfall

**Kay Lynn McFall** - July 24, 2019 at 08:33 AM

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“ So sorry about your loss, Dennis was my best friend in school. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.  
Steve Fowlkes

**Steve Fowlkes** - July 23, 2019 at 06:26 PM

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“ Many great memories and great times spent with Big Den! He was always upbeat and the life of the party. His love of music is very much seared in my mind as he entertained us with the best albums of the time! My heart goes out to the family and friends that loves him. Rest In Peace Dennis, Donna Walker.



**donna walker** - July 23, 2019 at 03:16 PM

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“ So sorry to hear!!! Big Den was an icon of Mount Vernon!!!! Always a smile on his face a story to tell!!!! Everyone loved Big Den!!!

**Bobby Shock** - July 23, 2019 at 02:33 PM

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“ Sending my thoughts and prayers to Den's family. I'm so sorry for your loss and I pray for God's comfort now and in the days to come. I'm sure Richie was right there to greet Den with that big, mischievous grin!

**Elizabeth Leach** - July 23, 2019 at 12:12 PM

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“ Dennis, was my dear childhood friend. We played with the rest of the Mt. Vernon kids, regularly. We had a blast, being chased by my grandfather's milk cow, daily, around the barn in our horse lot at the Harrison House. Our club house, was in the barn loft, next to Joe Joe's store and the post office, which is no longer there. We could see the square and everyone in town. Mt. Vernon, had 4 grocery stores, a feed mill, 2 cafes, the post office, a butane company, and 3 churches. I have many fond memories of Dennis and looking forward to seeing him again someday. I will be praying for the family.

**Dixie Harrison** - July 23, 2019 at 11:25 AM

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“ Nancy and family, you are in my prayers and thoughts

**paulette Bryant** - July 23, 2019 at 09:23 AM

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“ So sorry to hear about Dennis. I have lots of memories from grade school to high school. He was always your friend. Wanda Covington Newland

**Wanda Newland** - July 23, 2019 at 09:22 AM

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“ Many fond memories growing up with Big Den and for a short time, aka, Coach Den of the Mt. Vernon Banditos. Our Prayers go out to the Family.

**Terry and Reta Brewer** - July 23, 2019 at 08:15 AM

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“ There's only one Big Den

**Ron Brantley** - July 22, 2019 at 08:40 PM

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“ Rest in peace Big Den, I'll never forget being around a person that was always in such a great mood with a one of a kind laugh and full of cheer..God bless you ol buddy

**brian ussery** - July 22, 2019 at 07:33 PM

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“ He was a very good friend and always loved talking about anything and everything. My husband went fishing with him. He will be missed by family and friends. Rest easy big guy. Bo and Deborah Chamberlain.

**Deborah Chamberlain** - July 22, 2019 at 05:29 PM

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“ Brooks Leach & Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Dennis Harold Hendrickson.



Brooks Leach & Family - July 22, 2019 at 05:08 PM

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“ So many fond memories of my dear friend... Too many to share them all so I'm going to share my first memory... I had the pleasure of growing up as Big Den's neighbor. He was constantly cutting wood or playing in his fields with the radio BLARING! This is where I learned to love classic rock n roll! Lynyrd Skynyrd to the Allman Brothers to Stairway to Heaven itself... Thanks for the memories Big D! You are gone but will never be forgotten, a true MV Legend.

Cheers in Heaven brother...

Brooks Leach

Brooks Leach - July 22, 2019 at 05:02 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dennis Harold Hendrickson.



July 22, 2019 at 04:58 PM

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“ Where does one person even begin when tasked to share memories of Big Den?

I can describe the time he was in his beloved kid sized swimming pool relaxing on a hot summer day talking to us over his loud rock n' roll in the background.

I can also describe the memory of him teaching a younger version of me how to read baseball statistics in the newspaper and what they meant and how the Boston Red Sox were over-due for a World Series.

There are many more memories, but I think the best way to sum it all up is to say that Big Den was a kind man and he was there to entertain you with stories and also comfort you during shared times of sorrow. He had an extensive knowledge of local history and really could paint a picture with his words.

Now that his own story is over, here on Earth, he will be able to visit everyone that is already watching over us above and get to be alongside some great people we already miss. Dennis will also be missed and loved very much by myself and many, many others.

~Shane Johnson, great-nephew

**Shane Johnson** - July 22, 2019 at 04:06 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Dennis passing away. My memories go back many years to all of your family through Colleen. Please accept my condolences.

**Brenda Mathis** - July 22, 2019 at 03:55 PM