



Clarence W. Dennis

February 7, 1938 - September 6, 2020

Clarence W. "Clancy" Dennis, 82, of Tobyhanna, a long-time educator in the Pocono Mountain School District, passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 6, 2020.

He was a son of the late William D. and Hannah T. Dennis of Plymouth. Clarence graduated from Plymouth high school and earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Wilkes College and Scranton University.

Clarence served 4 years in the United States Marine Corps. He then accepted a position as a teacher in the former Coolbaugh Township High School and then became one of the original faculty members of the Pocono Mountain Joint High School when it opened in 1961. He taught many courses in the high school and had also served as chair of the high school's social studies department.

After retiring from teaching, Clarence served as District Justice in Monroe County. He also served as chair of the Monroe County Planning Commission, as a Coolbaugh Township supervisor, and as a Pennsylvania Deputy Game Protector.

Clarence was proud of his work record. He worked hard and played even harder. He loved the outdoors, hunting game, fishing for big fish well into his later years. He loved growing a garden working his small farm just for the sole purpose of making the land better than when he arrived.

Clarence was the last remaining Charter member of the Tobyhanna Conservation Association formed in 1966. Clarence loved and cared for many people, including, his companion, Mary Jeanne Kovich.

He is survived by his three sons: Michael Dennis and wife, Lori; Thomas Dennis and wife, Michelle; and Patrick Dennis and wife, Nina; as well as a host of step-children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Clarence also will be missed by a many former students whose minds his teaching influenced in countless ways. He was preceded in

death by his wife, Anne Butwin Dennis (mother of his children); wife, Patricia Dennis; and his son, David Dennis.

A memorial service will be held at a future date; private cremation has been entrusted to Bolock Funeral Home Crematory.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Tobyhanna Conservation Association, 2040 Lakeside Drive, Tobyhanna, Pa 18466.

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“ Always in our memories, Sarah, Hannah and Ellen

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“ Rest Easy Mr Dennis, and thank you for the knowledge...how I remember you calling me out in class and saying "Mr Swithers I do not wish to have a battle of wits with you, because I do not wish to shoot an unarmed man." Of course being a wise ass kid I replied in kind with you won't. A month later you handed me \$50 for winning your cultural trivia contest. You weren't happy handing it too me and of course I had to add. Told you I wasn't unarmed. I think, respect was gained on both our parts that day. I have said for years since you were brilliant in many ways. You passed on so much to so many. You have earned your rest. Again thank you sir, hope to see you on the other side. To laugh about all this.

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“ Great teacher and man. I think it was economics in 1987. I still remember and use his famous line now on my teenaged kids..."There is no law against being stupid however in life it's going to cost you a lot of money!"

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“ I was a student of Clancy's in 1974. I was also a member of The Rubber Duck Company that year. Our trainings and outings in preparation were the best part of my senior year at PMHS. Canoeing the boundary waters and seeing bald eagles and moose for the first time was a dream. Most memorable events of my life. Thanks for the life experience and great memories!

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“ What sad news. Good memories discussing politics, and sharing a laugh or two about it all. He was articulate and intelligent, and I grieve his passing. So I raise a glass of Famous Grouse to Clancy Dennis, and toast that I am happy to have known him. My only regret is not telling him that directly before it was too late. May God speed.

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“ From "Remembering Pocono Mountain School Friends" Facebook page. Author Cameron Texter. IN REMEMBRANCE OF CLARENCE W. "CLANCY" DENNIS The Pocono Mountain School District has lost another one of its originals today with the announcement of the passing of Clancy Dennis, the former chair of the Senior High School's Social Studies Department. Nina Dennis, the wife of Patrick Dennis, a son of Clancy, today wrote on her husband's Facebook page about the passing of her father-in-law. "It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of my father-in-law, Patrick's Dad, Clarence W. Dennis, after a short illness (not Covid-19)," Nina Dennis wrote in the post. "I believe he is now somewhere so magnificent we can only imagine." Prayers go out for Mr. Dennis. Condolences are offered to Patrick, Nina and the entire Dennis family as well as to all of Mr. Dennis' former colleagues and students at the Pocono Mountain School District, others that he worked with as a district justice in Monroe County and as a fish and game official in the area and through the many community service endeavors he volunteered for, as well as to his many friends and anyone else that will miss and mourn Mr. Dennis. Mr. Dennis was an original in so many ways. However, he specifically stood out as one of the original teachers at the Pocono Mountain Joint High School when it opened almost exactly 59 years ago on September 18, 1961. The Pocono Mountain Joint School Board voted to first hire Mr. Dennis on September 15, 1960 to work at the Coolbaugh Township High School, according to the archives of the Pocono Record as maintained by the newspapers.com website. That article stated that the board hired Mr. Dennis to teach social studies and reading. "This is a new position due to increased enrollment, according to the news article. The article identified Mr. Dennis as a graduate of Wilkes College. Mr. Dennis later went on to earn a Masters of Science Degree at Scranton University, according to information in various Cardinal Yearbooks. When the Pocono Mountain Joint High School opened on September 18, 1961. Mr. Dennis stood among the faculty at the new high school to greet students that previously had attended school at Barrett, Coolbaugh, Pocono and Tobyhanna township high schools or, in the case of students from Mount Pocono, from the former Stroud Union High School. Through the years, Mr. Dennis took on many positions of responsibility at the high school during its years as a Junior/Senior High School and then as a Senior High School. First, he served as the first coach of the high school's rifle team. That team in the first four years of competition coaches by Mr. Dennis put together a 40-0 team record. That string of success included winning league and district championships and finishing second and third in state competition. Mr. Dennis and the members of the 1965-66 Rifle Team received additional accolades for their success when they received induction in the Pocono Mountain Cardinal Athletic Hall of Fame. Mr. Dennis also took on many other educational tasks at the high school. Those included: * Serving as an adviser to the Cardinal Yearbook. * Overseeing various environmental programs both with the school district and as a community volunteer. * Taking on various hunter training programs through the school district and as a community volunteer. * Handling various fishing programs as a community volunteer. * Founding and overseeing the Rubber Duck program at the high school. * Serving as chair of the high school's Social Studies Department. * Overseeing Summer School Classes and other special courses offered by the school district. A full obituary for Mr. Dennis will appear on this page if and when one comes available. I must add, on a personal note, that I had Mr. Dennis as a teacher during my junior year in 1978-79. I must state that I learned so

much in that class, which I continue to use and benefit from today. He was a tough teacher that had high standards and expectations for his students. However, Mr. Dennis also remains among the best instructors that I had throughout my school and college years. He knew how to present a curriculum and complex information that could grab the attention of any student. I didn't always like Mr. Dennis, but I always respected Mr. Dennis and appreciated the lessons that he taught in his class. Mr. Dennis's name and information will be added to the relevant file on this page to honor teachers, administrators, school board members, staff and volunteers of the district that have passed. Photos of Mr. Dennis that accompany this post came from the 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982 and 1984 Cardinal Yearbooks. May Mr. Dennis Rest In Peace.

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“ Clancy was one of my most favorite people. I gained him as a stepfather in my early twenties, but he treated my sister and me as his daughters, even after my mother passed away. He always had fascinating stories to tell and there were many. They broke the mold with him for sure. I will and already do miss him.

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“ From Bill Leonard,, Tobyhanna Conservation Association- Clancy Dennis, the last of the 12 charter/founding members of the Tobyhanna Conservation Association passed away on Sunday. Clancy was instrumental in organizing the Association and he penned the Tobyhanna Conservation Association Charter back in May 1966, when the word "conservation" was not yet fully appreciated. "Conservation, a state of harmony between man and the land, and the proper harvesting of fish and game so as to retain nature's delicate balance, shall be the purpose of this organization. In the belief that nature's bounty in providing man with fish and game is not inexhaustible, and that man, through sincere efforts, may aid in the propagation of fish and game species, and the improvement of their environment, the members have united to form an organization dedicated to the preservation of hunting and fishing in the spirit of true sportsmanship through example. Members are dedicated to aid nature's species in their struggle for existence." Tobyhanna Conservation Association Charter, May 1966 Clancy was a dedicated member of the Tobyhanna Conservation Association and served as Secretary when the Association was first formed and for many years after that. He donated generously to the Association and attended meeting regularly. Clancy was a hunter, fisherman, trapper, outdoorsman, fly-tyer, conservationist, local historian, gardener, orchardist, ice-harvester, book author, biologist, teacher, carpenter, judge, Coolbaugh Township Supervisor, Deputy Game Protector, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, jack-of-all-trades, and a friend to all who knew him. The hole below Gleogger's Plank on the club waters will forever be known as "Clancy's Hole". I had the privilege of fishing with Clancy at his hole several times over the past few years, most recently this spring. He shared with me some fly-fishing techniques and showed me how to tie a fly I call "The Clancy Caddis".

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“ Clancy was a wonderful man and grandfather. He was firm but kind and always seemed to know answers to any question. He will always carry a special place in my heart. Emily

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“ I am so grateful I got to call this man my grandpop. He was good at everything he did and that included being my grandpop. He was so wise and had endless stories, it's like every single time you talked to him you learned something new. He accomplished so much in his lifetime and I always admired him for that. We hunted together, we fished together. I have many memories to look back on and smile about. I will miss him forever.

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“ We will love and miss you forever, Grandpop

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“ My high school teacher.....think I took economics with him but ended up at the bear check station pulling teeth!? He seemed an odd man but passionate about what he said! Didn't realize Katie was his daughter for a long time.....we both went to ESU.....Dr Rymon....student teachers! Terri Masters.....the good old days!! My heart goes out to you and your family....such a legacy!!!

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