



Dennis Ray Kucera

February 6, 1951 - July 18, 2025

Dennis Ray Kucera, age 74, of Oktaha, Oklahoma, departed this life on July 18, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of unwavering service and devotion. Born on February 6, 1951, in Klamath Falls, Oregon, Dennis was the cherished son of Ernest Ray Kucera and Judy Ann (Stockwell) Kucera, who instilled in him the values of integrity and community that would define his remarkable journey.

Raised with a keen sense of duty, Dennis answered the call to serve his country during the Vietnam era. As a proud member of the United States Army, he was assigned to C Battery, 5th Battalion, 14th Field Artillery, and later to the legendary 2nd Armored Division "Hell on Wheels" stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, where he served with the 502nd Military Police. The discipline, courage, and camaraderie he found in the military would remain a guiding force throughout his life.

Dennis continued his commitment to public service as a law enforcement officer. His career began at the Haskell Police Department (1976-1978), followed by a year with the Bixby Police Department. In 1980, Dennis joined the Muskogee Police Department, where he would spend twenty years serving and protecting his community with distinction and compassion. Upon his retirement in 2000, his dedication did not wane with time; from 2001 to 2011, he served with the Muskogee Public Schools Police Department, ensuring the safety and well-being of countless students and staff members. Dennis's life was deeply enriched by his family. On July 11, 1998, he married

the love of his life, Mary Ann Renfro, in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Their partnership was a source of joy and steadfast support, and together they built a home filled with love, laughter, and cherished memories. Dennis found his greatest happiness in the company of his family, whether gathered for a meal, or simply enjoying one another's presence. He also found great joy in hunting, fishing, working around his farm, storytelling, and collecting knives. His favorite moments were spent in the woods, or surrounded by family and friends, telling stories. He never missed an opportunity to make others feel seen and loved.

Dennis lived his life with purpose, led with love and left behind a legacy of service, strength and kindness. He will be dearly missed, but his memory will live on in the hearts of those privileged to know him, and in the community he so honorably served.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Judy Kucera; grandmother, Ann Dean; brothers, Ernest Kucera, and Larry Kucera; son, Michael Kucera; and his beloved dog, Charlie.

Dennis is survived by his loving wife, Mary Kucera of the home; his children, Brandy Kucera (Daniel Lyons) of Muskogee, OK, Nick Kucera of Muskogee, OK, Whitney Pinkston and husband Brian of Van Buren, AR, Justin Kucera (Nichole) of Broken Arrow, OK, Jacob Kucera of Oktaha, OK; Krista Kucera Sentman of OR; grandchildren, Haley Frix, Alexis Frix, Gage Frix, Leighton Lyons, Kieleigh Mariano, Avery Kucera, Landry Kucera all of Muskogee, OK, Kennedy Pinkston, Brynlee Pinkston both of Van Buren, OK, Asher Kucera of Broken Arrow, OK, and Kallie Jo Kucera of Coweta, OK; great-grandson, Colt Frix of Muskogee, OK; sister, Sharon Kucera of Klamath Falls, OR; parents-in-law, Nancy Dean, Jerry and Lynn Renfro; and many other family members and friends.

A celebration of Dennis' life will be 12:30PM, Monday, July 28, 2025 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Scott Crosby officiating. Interment will follow at Fort Gibson National Cemetery with Nick Kucera, Justin Kucera, Daniel Lyons, Jacob Kucera, Brian Pinkston and Larry Garde serving as

pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Gage Frix Bentley McDonald, Luke Abel, Allan Mitchell, Harley Hamm and Jerry Renfro.

Following the interment, there will be a dinner and time of shared memories for family and his law enforcement brothers in blue at Meadowbrook Baptist Church in Muskogee.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 26. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

CORNERSTONE FUNERAL HOME
1830 N York St
MUSKOGEE, OK 74403

Visitation

JUL 27. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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1830 N York St
MUSKOGEE, OK 74403

Family Visitation

JUL 27. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

CORNERSTONE FUNERAL HOME
1830 N York St
MUSKOGEE, OK 74403

Celebration of Life

JUL 28. 12:30 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel
1830 N. York St.
Muskogee, OK 74403

Interment

JUL **28**. 2:30 PM (CT)

Fort Gibson National Cemetery
1423 Cemetery Rd
Fort Gibson, OK 74434
(918) 478-2334

Tribute Wall

KT

“ I always enjoyed seeing Dennis and all his feistiness every month at the clinic. He always had some good story to share! He was a good one and will be missed greatly around here. Kristin Tollefson

Kristin Tollefson - July 28, 2025 at 02:04 PM

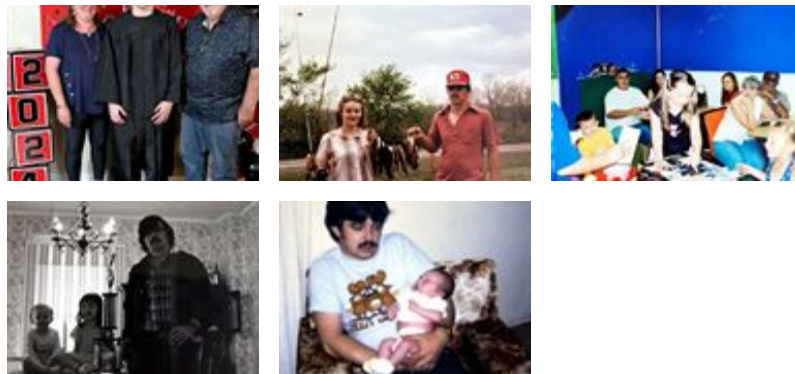
ND

“ I don't know how to write a note to you right now, Mary Ann. What do I say other than my heart hurts knowing you are in such pain. As a mother, you know that when our children hurt, we hurt. That is what is going on in my heart right now. You are hurting and, just like when you were a little girl, I wish I could fix it but I can't. I am just a phone call away, sweetheart. Thank you for bringing Dennis into our lives. You were perfect for each other. He was a great guy and I was always proud to say he was my son-in-law. I love you, Mom.

Nancy Dean - July 26, 2025 at 02:45 AM



“ 5 files added to the album LifeTributes



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - July 25, 2025 at 02:16 PM

BK

“ I Remember being scared to death he wouldn't make it through surgery this day, he was smiling and I had been crying. We miss you like crazy dad 💔



Brandy Kucera - July 24, 2025 at 10:51 PM

CP

“ We are so sorry to hear about Dennis. He was a true friend. Great Officer, and never failed to help if needed. He will be greatly missed. Claudia and Raymond Perkins and girls.

Claudia Grimm Perkins - July 24, 2025 at 02:25 PM



“ 96 files added to the album LifeTributes



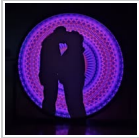
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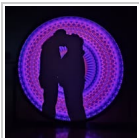
mary kucera - July 23, 2025 at 03:44 AM



“ Lisa Box lit a candle in memory of Dennis Kucera



Lisa Box - July 22, 2025 at 11:31 PM



“ Rest Easy Uncle.
Sending the family Love, Hugs, and Strength.
Love Always, Lisa

Lisa Box - July 22, 2025 at 11:30 PM

DA

“ Daphany purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dennis Ray Kucera.



Daphany - July 22, 2025 at 08:27 PM

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“ Daphany planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Ray Kucera.

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RH

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BL

“ Dennis was my 1st Training Officer when hired at the Muskogee Police Department in January 1994. Learned a lot from him. Praying for his family during this time.

Bobby Lee

Bobby Lee - July 22, 2025 at 11:13 AM

MK

Thank you for the kind words Bobby.

mary kucera - July 23, 2025 at 03:23 AM



Mary, may the peace and comfort of Jesus Christ be with you and your family.

James Johnson - July 26, 2025 at 08:22 AM

MK

“*Somehow my heart still beats without you. The Sun still rises in the morning and sets at night, the birds still sing, and the flowers till bloom. Perhaps they haven't heard how much I miss you, or perhaps they are there to remind me you will live in my heart always. Forever and Always in my heart my love!*”



Mary Kucera - July 21, 2025 at 05:09 PM

ND

That is beautiful, Mary Ann. I know this is very difficult for you. I knew he was the man for you before I ever met him. I saw it in your eyes. You were happier than I had seen you in a long time. He was a wonderful man and I was so proud of him. You two were quite the team. I miss him so badly. I miss him being with you. You were so good to him and took such great care of him. He knew that and he also knew you did it because you loved him so much.

He was always good to the entire family. I still have a hard time accepting that he is no longer with us. That's why I stayed with him so long Thursday night. I just couldn't believe it, even though we had years to prepare. How do you say goodbye to your daughter's husband that she loves so very much? How do you say goodbye to a son-in-law that meant the world to you? It's one of the toughest things I've ever done, because I love you two so much.

Rest in peace, Dennis. You were and will always be very loved.

Nancy Dean - July 22, 2025 at 01:35 PM

JP

Oh how I remember your wedding day, Mary. You were a beautiful bride, and Dennis the handsome groom. You both had a sweet love that was easy for others to see. Dennis was a remarkable man that will be in both of our minds, hearts, and memories until we are reunited with him again.

Judy Dean Platten - July 28, 2025 at 02:32 AM

BP

“ You will be missed, I will always take care of ur daughter and your grandchildren, love u



Brian Pinkston - July 20, 2025 at 06:27 PM

MP

“ Love you dad! Miss you like crazy already, Whitney



Morgan Pinkston - July 20, 2025 at 11:36 AM

ND

Such a sweet picture, Whitney. I know this is so hard for you. Your dad was an awesome man and I loved him so much. He was a wonderful son-in-law.

Nancy Dean - July 21, 2025 at 11:28 PM

BK

Love this pic of all of us ❤️

Brandy Kucera - July 22, 2025 at 02:34 PM