



Francis Dennis Grady

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Francis Dennis Grady, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed peacefully on February 5th, 2026, at home, surrounded by the family and friends who cherished him. Born in Rhode Island on September 7th, 1949, Dennis later made his way to South Florida in his twenties, where he met the love of his life, Michele. Together they built a life filled with devotion, laughter, and unwavering support for one another.

Dennis is survived by his wife Michele; his children Danielle and Lola, Jonathan, and Michael and Brittany; and his treasured grandchildren, Quinn and James, who brought him immeasurable joy. He also leaves behind his siblings Raymond, Kevin, and Kathy. He now joins in heaven his mother, Cecile, and his sister, Marie.

Throughout his life, Dennis dedicated himself to service and leadership. He was a lifelong hospital administrator and served as Director of Facilities for multiple hospitals. He was a past president of ASHE and ISHE, a proud Navy veteran, and a devoted Boy Scout leader. His commitment to his community extended across countless organizations, each benefiting from his steady hands, sharp mind, and generous heart.

There was truly nothing Dennis couldn't fix. He loved to tinker, to build, and to collect anything that might one day find a purpose. He found joy in simple pleasures such as long drives with Michele, projects in the garage, and above all, time spent with his grandchildren, whom he adored with all his heart.

Dennis would want to be remembered for his devotion to his family, his willingness to help anyone in need, and his ability to turn a joke at just the right moment. His presence was a source of comfort, his humor a source of light. We know he is watching over us, and his love will continue to guide us always.



Obituary

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A visitation will be held on Sunday February 15, 2026 from 12:12 PM - 2:00 PM, with a service to follow at 2 PM in the Steverson, Hamlin, and Hilbish Chapel. Military honors will be at 1:00 PM. He will be placed at Florida National Cemetery on Tuesday February 17, 2026.

The family kindly requests that attendees refrain from wearing heavy perfume or cologne due to sensitivities within the family.

Condolences, memories, and photos may be shared on the tribute wall.



Events

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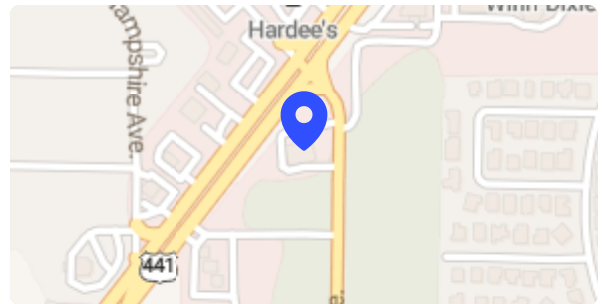
Gathering with Viewing

Sunday, February 15, 2026

12:12 PM - 2:00 PM ET

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226 E. Burleigh Boulevard, Tavares FL 32778



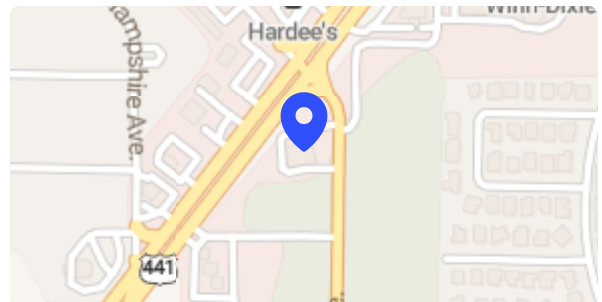
Funeral Service

Sunday, February 15, 2026

2:00 PM ET

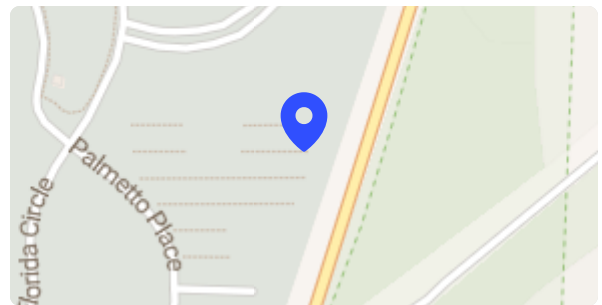
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Cemetery Details

Florida National Cemetery
6502 SW 102 Avenue, Bushnell FL 33513





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Steverson, Hamlin & Hilbish Funerals Andcremations shared a Video.



February 14 at 4:32 PM



Jonathan Grady February 14 at 8:57 PM

Beautifully done. Looking good pops! ❤️ 👤



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Francis.



February 13 at 7:31 PM



Terri Clark February 15 at 1:48 PM

Beautiful memories



Jonathan Grady February 14 at 8:58 PM

Thank you for your kindness.



Anonymous sent a European Sympathy Dish Garden to the Grady family.



February 13 at 3:33 PM



Jonathan Grady February 14 at 8:59 PM

Thank you for your gesture.



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Francis.



February 13 at 3:33 PM



Jonathan Grady February 14 at 8:58 PM

Thank you for your support.



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RF

Renée Francoeur sent a Classic Fireside Sympathy Basket to the Grady family.



February 13 at 1:45 PM



Jonathan Grady February 14 at 8:59 PM
Thanks for remembering dad with you gift.

RF

Renée Francoeur planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Francis.



February 13 at 1:45 PM



Jonathan Grady February 14 at 8:59 PM
Thank you, Renee.

KH

Kent And Cathy Hamill sent a Red, White & Blue Sympathy Standing Spray to the Grady family.



February 13 at 11:28 AM



Jonathan Grady February 14 at 9:00 PM
Thank you, Kent and Cathy. ❤️

KR

Kathleen, Tiffany-Dawn And Remington sent a Peace & Prayers Blue & White Standing Cross to the Grady family.



February 12 at 3:35 PM



Jonathan Grady February 14 at 9:03 PM
Thank you so much!



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Kathleen, Tiffany-Dawn And Remington planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Francis.



February 12 at 3:35 PM



Jonathan Grady February 14 at 9:03 PM
And Remington!

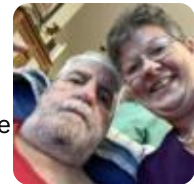


Jonathan Grady February 14 at 9:01 PM
Thank you, Aunt Kathy and Tiff.



Wanda Cashman shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

You will be missed dearly .. I'm not sure how I'll ever replace you and the care you gave back to all of us . RIP my best " big guy " I'll always be here for Michele .. as we promised you ❤️



February 12 at 2:18 PM



Jonathan Grady February 14 at 9:03 PM
Thank you, Wanda.



Terri Clark posted:

We, the Clark family, lived across the street from the Grady family and thus had an opportunity to get to know Dennis over the years as we raised our families. While the Grady boys took the younger Clark boys under their wing, and Michelle kept an eye on things from her chair by the front door, it was Dennis who was either fixing something or building something. We also saw a lot of Dennis dressed in his scouting uniform spending lots of his time mentoring boys in his troupe and guiding Michael and Jonathan to become Eagle Scouts. Whether it was making sure the fireworks didn't get out of control or building an impressive tree house for his kids, Dennis did whatever was necessary to keep the Grady family humming right along. He will be missed but his legacy will live on through the wonderful family that he and Michelle raised, and we had the pleasure of living across the street from Terri and Paul

February 12 at 11:03 AM



Jonathan Grady February 14 at 9:03 PM
Thank you, Terri.



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Mona Trobec-O'donnell posted:

I worked for Dennis for 16 years and have to say he was a great leader, teacher and communicator. Without his support and motivation I doubt I would have done as well in my career. He had a way of encouraging you to reach higher, teaching you and showing you what you were truly capable of - while building your confidence along the way. Dennis was truly a "people" person who loved telling stories and was the king of joke telling. The man could give an impromptu speech on anything at the drop of a hat and was a master doing it. He was a kind and caring man who was always willing to help others. He will be missed by many. R.I.P. Boss - see you on the other side

February 11 at 10:06 PM



Jonathan Grady February 14 at 9:04 PM

Thank you, Mona.



Wanda Cashman lit a candle in honor of Francis.

Wanda Cashman lit a candle in memory of Francis Grady

February 11 at 9:33 PM



Jonathan Grady February 14 at 9:04 PM

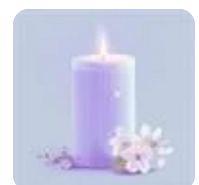
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Jonathan Grady February 14 at 9:04 PM

Thanks 🙏



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LS

Love, Ron And Sherre sent a Blue & White Sympathy Basket to the Grady family.



February 11 at 4:50 PM



Jonathan Grady February 14 at 9:05 PM

Thank you, Baker family. ☐

PF

Paul And Jeri Francoeur sent a Floor Plant for Sympathy to the Grady family.



February 11 at 4:36 PM



Jonathan Grady February 14 at 9:05 PM

So thoughtful of you!

PF

Paul And Jeri Francoeur planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Francis.



February 11 at 4:36 PM



Jonathan Grady February 14 at 9:05 PM

Thank you, Paul and Jeri.

PJ

Prince J. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Francis.



February 11 at 2:42 PM



Jonathan Grady February 14 at 9:06 PM

This is so kind, thank you!



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The Grady Family sent a Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket to the Grady family.



February 11 at 12:01 PM



Jonathan Grady February 14 at 9:07 PM
Such a beautiful gift! Thank you!



The Grady Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Francis.



February 11 at 12:01 PM



Jonathan Grady February 14 at 9:06 PM
Thank you, fellow Gradys!



Liz R. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Francis.



February 11 at 11:44 AM



Jonathan Grady February 14 at 9:07 PM
So very appreciated, Liz.



Lauren W. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Francis.



February 11 at 9:33 AM



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Brother Ray And Family sent a Red, White & Blue Sympathy Standing Spray to the Grady family.



February 10 at 3:51 PM



Jonathan Grady February 14 at 9:08 PM
Such a generous gesture, thank you!



Brother Ray And Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Francis.



February 10 at 3:51 PM



Jonathan Grady February 14 at 9:07 PM
Thank you, Ray.



From All Of Us At Far Reach Ranch sent a Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray to the Grady family.



February 10 at 1:37 PM



Jonathan Grady February 14 at 9:09 PM
So kind of you all to show your support like this!! 💙💙



Rick, Laura, Aj & Matthew Cosler sent a Classic Sympathy Dish Garden to the Grady family.



February 10 at 11:50 AM



Jonathan Grady February 14 at 9:09 PM
This is incredibly thoughtful, thank you.



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Rick, Laura, Aj & Matthew Cosler planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Francis.



February 10 at 11:50 AM



Jonathan Grady February 14 at 9:09 PM

Thank you, Cosler family!



Sandyandike Wehking shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

At a late night Boy Scout Campout, so dark we couldn't see our hands in front of our faces, someone put a huge rubber iguana outside Dennis' tent. A photo flashed as he approached and he used every expletive in the book as he discovered it! We all laughed together about this at every future campout! If they have tents in heaven, we're sure he'll use caution every time he plans to enter!



February 8 at 4:44 PM



Jonathan Grady February 14 at 9:10 PM

Thank you sharing that memory. I remember that time fondly.



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February 9 at 1:30 PM



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David (Tomfoolery) posted:

Mr. Grady was a scout leader, and I was a part of his group from second grade all the way into young adulthood, graduating highschool and earning Eagle scout. Some of the happiest times of my life were on camping trips where Dennis often taught us the value of friendship, making us accountable, and preparing us for the real world all while having fun doing it. As my group of friends have shrunk through the years, the friends that are still there from that second grade scout troop still reflect back on our time in the scouts. Mr. Grady's Rhode island accent was one of his many defining features, and will always bring up a saying in my head that has been memorialized within my close group of friends. Rest well Mr.GradyDavid Plasencia

February 9 at 1:00 PM



Jonathan Grady February 14 at 9:13 PM

Thank you, David.



The Brush Family sent a Healing Tears - Blue and White to the Grady family.



February 8 at 11:06 PM



Jonathan Grady February 14 at 9:13 PM

So thoughtful of you. We appreciate your kindness.



The Brush Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Francis.



February 8 at 11:06 PM



Jonathan Grady February 14 at 9:12 PM

Thank you, Brush family.



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Jen Nipaver shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

All I can say is; thank you ❤️ you filled my heart with love and joy. I promise to continue picking up the pinecones the yard...I love you! You made it HOME ❤️👤📷

February 8 at 6:48 PM



Jonathan Grady February 14 at 9:13 PM

Stripe the Red Raccoon!! Thank you for sharing, Jen.



From The Wehking Family sent a Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket to the Grady family.

February 8 at 5:51 PM



Jonathan Grady February 14 at 9:14 PM

This is beautiful, we are so grateful for your support.



Jason Wehking posted:

Francis (Mr. Grady) was my scout master and he was teaching a cooking merit badge. He didn't laugh often, but when he did it was infectious. When it came to teaching about different types of knives and their purpose, you can imagine how funny we found it when we learned of the boner knife. I remember thinking he would be mad about us being goofballs, but I've never saw Francis laugh so hard my entire life. That just made everyone laugh harder. Still makes me laugh today!- Jason Wehking

February 8 at 4:44 PM



Jonathan Grady February 14 at 9:14 PM

Thanks, Jason. It means a lot to have to share that.



Sandyandike Wehking February 9 at 4:24 PM

This still makes us giggle!



Media

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Jonathan Grady February 14 at 9:03 PM

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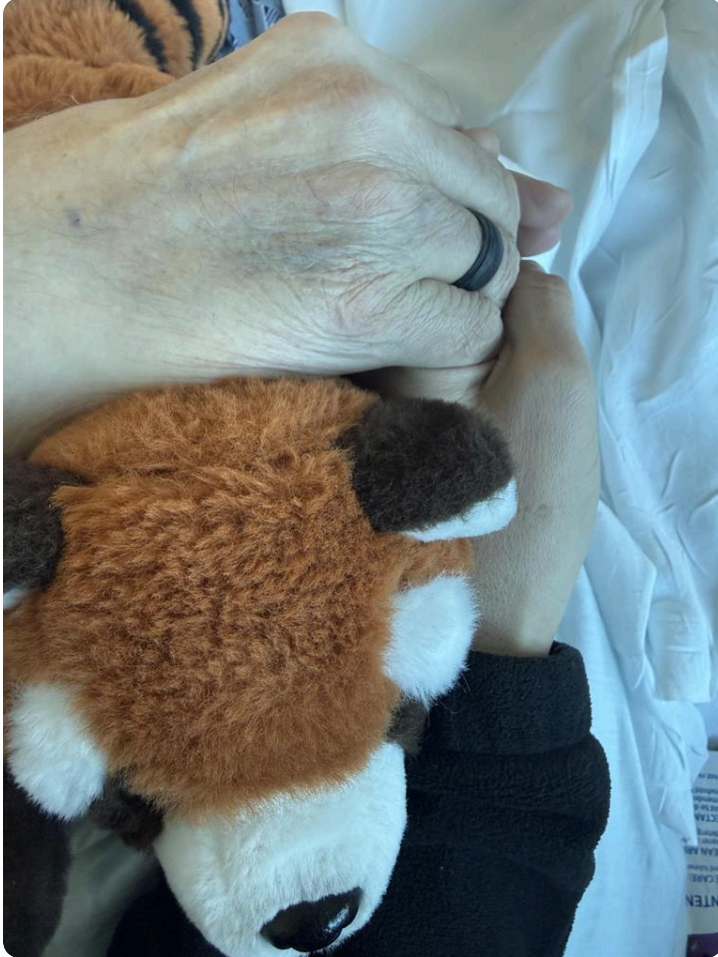
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Francis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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