



Dennis Ross Brown

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It is with deep sorrow that we announce that after a valiant battle with cancer, Dennis Brown, 79, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on February 23, 2026.

Dennis was born in San Francisco on October 2, 1946, and was raised in San Diego by his parents, Gwen (Tenney) and Hatch Brown. He graduated from San Diego High School and went on to earn an Associate's degree.

Dennis lived a life exemplified by service. As a young man, he served a mission in Mexico to share his faith in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, beginning a lifetime of devotion to his church community. He proudly served in the California Army National Guard and carried his commitment to service into a long and meaningful career with the City of San Diego, where he faithfully served in a multitude of roles over the years.

Dennis was a man of humor, faith, and deep love for his family. He cherished endless conversations about those he loved most and enthusiastically shared his many passions, which included fancy cars, cycling, and following the stock market. He had a gift for connection and found joy in engaging with friends, neighbors, and members of his community.

He is survived by his loving wife, Patricia (Duehring), with whom he shared nearly fifty wonderful years of marriage. Together, Patti and Dennis made their home in Poway, where they raised their children: Kevin (and wife Kerrie), Stephen (and wife Rochelle Gaudette), Melissa (and husband Derek Brockman), and Michelle.

He was proudly known as "Papa Brown" to his nine cherished grandchildren: Riley, Emily, Mitchel, Madison, Royce, Tawny, Canyon, Nolan, and Malachi. He is also survived by his siblings: Ellen (and husband Lee) Manning, Janice (and husband Lloyd) Dill, and Kathleen Lynch (and husband Jack Roscoe).



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Services and burial will be held on March 23, 2026, at Greenwood Memorial Park in the Salli Lynn Chapel. A viewing will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by a service at 11:00 a.m., concluding at the gravesite at noon.

Dennis will be remembered for his steadfast faith, his dedication to service, his quick wit, and the unwavering love he had for his family. His legacy lives on in the many lives he touched.





Events


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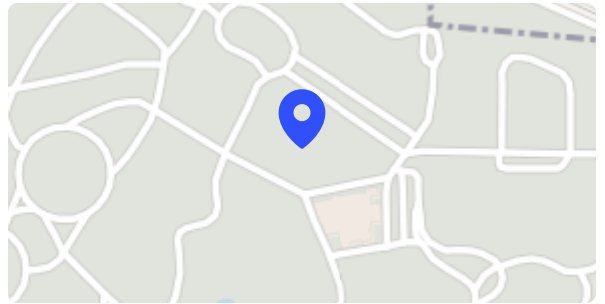
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Burial

 **Monday**, March 23, 2026

 12:00 PM PT

 **Graveside**
4300 Imperial Avenue, San Diego CA 92113





Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent a Days of Sunshine Bouquet to the Brown family.

March 21 at 9:26 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Dennis.

March 21 at 9:26 AM



EM

Ellen Manning posted:

Uncle Denny was one of a kind. I'll forever cherish our talks about cars - just a couple weeks ago we were chatting about the Porsche 991 GTE on Facebook Messenger. (Before that it was the 1962 Ferrari 250 GTO) He had such a great way of making everything feel like an adventure, always sharing stories with such enthusiasm. I'll miss hearing his laughter and the way he could make even the simplest moments feel special. He made such a mark on everyone he met. Till we meet agin! ❤️
Ammon Manning

March 19 at 2:18 PM



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EM

Ellen Manning shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Dennis was my big, older brother; he grew to 6 feet 4 1/2 inches. He was always one for cracking jokes and staying on the "sunny side of the street". He devoted his time and love to his wife, children and grandchildren. After Dad's passing, he stepped up and took wonderful loving care of Mom. He did shopping for her, visited her often, would catch her up on his family's news, make her laugh and included her in all their family's holiday celebrations. Often he would bring her beautiful cut roses from his garden to brighten her day. He offered his love and service for the 40 plus years that she was a widow and living alone. He represented a selfless son who honored his mother. I remember that when he left, he would always give her a kiss on her cheek and say "love you Mom". That was so touching to me. Over the years, we were able to see Dennis and his family on our vacations to San Diego. He joined us at the temple for Julina's wedding, that was so special. I remember cleaning up the outside trash at the Union Street house with him when it was empty. He has always been a hard worker! It was quite an adventure being with him because you never knew where the conversion would head. Dennis came to visit us in Colorado twice in the years before 2020. We have so many fun memories of those visits. I'm going to miss his phone calls at random times, when he just wanted to talk or share something. We had camping in common and he was so excited when he got his new camper. He wanted to take his family out and they enjoyed several adventures together. Dennis had an amazing memory like his Mom. How he could come up with names, dates, and such detailed information amazed me. Sometimes I'd played along with his "remember when..." stories. I couldn't remember those things but I didn't want to break the spell of his incredible recollection of people, things, and events of the past. It was just like yesterday to him. Dennis had a love of cars that he got from his Dad. He knew what car had what engine, their performance and track records. He could carry on a lengthy conversation and hold his own with any car buff. I used to think of Dennis as a gentle giant. He learned to bridle his tongue and I never heard him say anything unkind about anyone. You always felt better after you talked with him. Oh how I will miss our conversations. He wasn't one to complain about life, he took it in stride and didn't get too stressed out. He was so easy going. He was always doing for others. He loved his family! He said he wished he could spend more time with them, but if the Lord called him home, he would be okay with that. He leaves a hole in my heart, but I will see him again and give him a big hug. He will be greeted on the other side of the veil by Mom and Dad, Grandma and Grandpa Tenney and all those who have gone on before. I'll miss you Big Brother, but until we meet again remember I love you! Ellen

March 13 at 11:03 AM

BW

Byron Wishnek posted:

Worked with Dennis in the city's Park & Recreation Department during the 70's. He possessed a persistent positive aura and was indeed a pleasure to work with. Sharing strength and love with family and friends, Byron Wishnek

March 15 at 8:10 AM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Brown family.



March 13 at 11:03 AM



Media

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Ellen Manning shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

March 19 at 2:16 PM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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