



## Floyd Slate Dennis

April 5, 1929 - February 16, 2019

Floyd Slate Dennis, husband of Virginia Peacock Dennis, died Saturday, February 16, 2019, in Catonsville, MD.

Born April 5, 1929 in Spencer, NC, he was the son of the late Floyd Taft Dennis and Ruth Swicegood Dennis.

Slate served his country from 1950 to 1952 in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. A mechanical engineering graduate of Clemson University, he retired from J.P. Stevens as Division Engineering Manager after 23 years of service. He continued his career as a Product Design Consultant at Gates Formed-Fibre Products, Inc., Auburn, Maine and Consulting Engineer at Clark, Cutler, McDermott Co., Franklin, Massachusetts. He was awarded several patents during the course of his career.

An avid fisherman, his one regret was not being able to teach his grandchildren Elizabeth, Lindsay, and Anna to fish. Debilitating health for a number of years prevented this. He kept his boat and old Toyota truck that pulled it in hopes. Slate loved God, family, country and nature. He and his wife were members of John Knox Presbyterian Church in Greenville for many years.

In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by his son Mark Dennis, and his

sister Louise Walser.

He is survived by his loving wife Virginia of 60+ years; his son Stephen and wife Allison Dennis, of Columbia, MD; and his daughter-in-law Deborah Dennis of Greenville, SC. Also surviving are sisters Doris Hall, of Orangeburg, SC; Sherrell Hedrick, of Lexington, NC; Gayle (Rick) Prentice, of Spencer, NC; and one brother Keith (Lorene) Dennis, of Orangeburg, SC.

The family will receive family, friends, and visitors from 7-9pm on Thursday, 21 February 2019, at the Summersett Funeral Home in Salisbury, NC.

A funeral service will be held at the Central United Methodist Church, Spencer, NC, starting at 10am on Friday, 22 February 2019, followed by graveside services at Rowan Memorial Park, in Salisbury, NC with Military Graveside Rites conducted by the NC National Guard and the Rowan County Veterans Honor Guard.

Memorial donations can be made to John Knox Presbyterian Church, 35 Shannon Dr, Greenville, SC 29615; or Charlestown United Protestant Church, 711 Maiden Choice Lane, Catonsville MD 21228.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Dennis family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **21**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
(704) 633-2111  
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

## Service

FEB **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Central United Methodist Church  
200 4th Street  
Spencer, NC 28159

# Tribute Wall

BG

“ I just discovered this and am saddened. Slate was a great man that taught me a lot about life at the same time Mark and I were terrorizing Greenville with our friends. My only regret is not keeping in touch. My condolences to Virginia, Steve, and the rest of the family.

Bill Gerwig - December 07, 2022 at 11:24 PM

JC

“ Virginia, I was very sorry to hear about Slate. I have a lot of good memories of him when we roomed together at Clemson. He always believed in working for what he got. He was a very good student and a wonderful friend. We will all miss him. James Campbell

James Campbell - February 27, 2019 at 09:27 PM

SH

“ Heidi and I were very sorry to hear of the passing of Steve's father. We wish Steve and Allison and family and extended family the comfort of lifetime memories, support, and love.

Scott Hayek and Heidi Most

Scott Hayek - February 22, 2019 at 11:09 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Floyd Slate Dennis.



February 21, 2019 at 11:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Floyd Slate Dennis.*

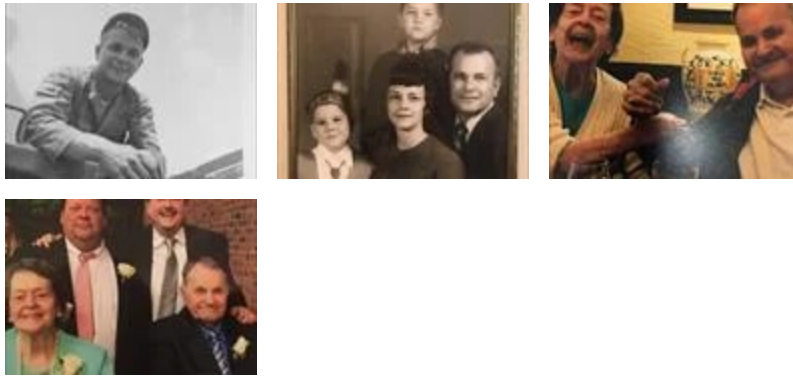


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February 21, 2019 at 01:25 AM



“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Steve & Allison Dennis** - February 20, 2019 at 02:46 PM



“ *Tom & Patricia Isenhour, Anna and Brad purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Floyd Slate Dennis.*



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**Tom & Patricia Isenhour, Anna and Brad** - February 20, 2019 at 02:28 PM

SD

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Steve & Allison Dennis - February 20, 2019 at 02:09 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Floyd Slate Dennis.



February 20, 2019 at 01:59 PM

DM

“ DHS Tech Center Leadership - Jamie, Steve, Melanie purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Floyd Slate Dennis.



DHS Tech Center Leadership - Jamie, Steve, Melanie -  
February 20, 2019 at 12:33 PM

TE

“ We are sad with you with the home going of our friend Slate Dennis. We have so many special memories with all of you for over 50 years. We would love to be with you for his memorial service, however we cannot be there! Our thoughts and prayers are with as you say your final good-byes. We love you guys and will always think of you as special friends!!

Truman and Caroulyn Ellison - February 19, 2019 at 05:46 PM

SF

“ *Steven and Jeanette Tanaka Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Floyd Slate Dennis.*



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**Steven and Jeanette Tanaka Family** - February 19, 2019 at 03:38 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Floyd Slate Dennis.*



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February 19, 2019 at 02:06 PM