

*Celebrating the
Life of
Earnest "Yaht" Dennis*



*Sunrise
04/19/1926*

*Sunset
05/17/2026*

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing. II Timothy 4:7-8 NKJV

*Friday May 29th, 2026
11:00 a.m.*

Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church

548 15th Street ♦ Port Arthur Texas

Rev. Lloyd W. Scott Sr.

Officiating

Obituary

Mr. Earnest Dennis, 100, of Port Arthur Texas passed away, Sunday peacefully at the Medical Center of Southeast Texas. He was born April 19, 1926, to Hardy Dennis and Mayetta Heath Dennis. He united in marriage to Erma Lee Allen in 1952 in Port Arthur TX. A native of Goudeau Louisiana, He was a resident of Port Arthur, Texas for 78 years. He was a member of Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church since 1966. He was a retired machinist after 34 years of employment with Texaco in 1984. After that time, he was a local entrepreneur cutting lots with his tractor all over town, neighborhood barber, and gardener known as the "Okra and Mustard Greens Man" of El Vista!

Survivors include his four children 1 devoted caregiving daughter Denise Anderson (Allen), 3 sons Michael Dennis, Glenn Dennis (Gloria), of Port Arthur, Texas and Harvey Dennis (Karl) of Richmond, Texas. Seven grandchildren, Lindsey Anderson, Shardesa Dennis, Justin Dennis (Alyncia), Travis Thomas, Desiree Dennis, Jurnee Dennis and Peggy Berry. Three great grandchildren Kaydence Martin, Jaylon Latigue, and Issac Dennis. Dedicated family Drenell Trahan, JaQueita Dennis, Annette Dennis, Delia Spell, Joe and Carolyn Foster. Devoted friends Kenneth Davis, Michael Kenney, Clarence Kennerson Jr., and Clarence Widow Sr. Caregivers Josephine Harrell, Yolanda Mitchell, Sheila Henderson and Ida Ballou. He had a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Hardy and Mayetta Dennis, his wife of 46 years Erma Lee Dennis, sisters Emily (Munch) Johnson, Helen (Tattoo) Tibbs, Mary (Memp) Frank, and brothers Leamon (Poppo) Dennis and Lawrence (LT) Dennis.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional.....Ministers and Family

Selection.....Mass Choir

Reading of Scriptures

*Old Testament - Rev. Donald Tibbs
New Testament - Rev. Randy Martin*

Selection.....Mass Choir

Prayer

Solo - Joseph Chretien

Resolutions/Acknowledgements.....Dorothy B. Jackson

Closing Chapter of Hardy Dennis and Mayetta Heath Dennis - Family Member

Expressions (2 mins)

Remarks.....Family/Deacons

Eulogy.....Pastor Lloyd W. Scott Sr.

Recessional





I Made It Home

*I just wanted to let you all know that
I made it home. The journey wasn't
an easy one, but it didn't take too long.*

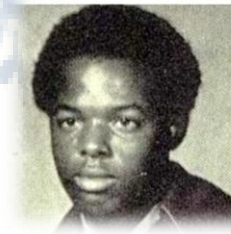
*Everything is so pretty here, so white, so fresh and new. I wish that
you all could close your eyes and that you could see it too.*

*Please try not to be sad for me. I'm with the love of my life again. Try
to understand God is taking care of us... Were in the shelter of His
hands.*

*Here there is no sadness, no sorrow, and no pain. Here there is no
crying and I'll never hurt again.*

*Here it is so peaceful when all the angels sing. I really must go for
now... I've just got to try my wings!*

Tribute to Our Dad



*In Loving Memory
Of Our
Wonderful Dad*



*Of all the special gifts in life
However great or small,
To have you as our Dad
Was the greatest gift of all.*

*May the winds of love blow softly
And whisper in your ear
"We love and miss you Dad
And wish that you were here"*



*Deep in our hearts, your life is kept to love and cherish,
Not forget. No more tomorrows we can share
But yesterdays are always there.*

*A silent thought, a secret tear keeps your memory
Ever near in our hearts forever.*

Cherished Memories



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Grandpa's Hands

*My grandpa's hands could fix most anything,
A broken fence, a door, a rusty spring.
He loved the quiet mornings by the lake,
Fishing lines resting at the daybreak.*

*He grew fresh okra out beneath the sun,
Simple things to him were joy and fun.
He loved the outdoors, the woods, the land,
Always happiest with dirt on his hands.*

*He loved his dogs, especially dear Blackie,
A faithful friend beside him faithfully.
Through hunting trails and evenings on the porch,
Their bond burned steady like a warm old torch.*

*He taught us love through all the things he'd do,
By helping others without wanting praise too.
Though our hearts ache and tears still fall today,
His love and memories will never fade away.*

*Forever loved,
Travis, Shardesa and Justin*

*It's been me and you papa from
the very start! Your "Toop" has
always loved you and I'm happy
to have spent all this time that I
have with you! To share with you
so many memories, to share with
you your great granddaughter and
all her accomplishments mean the
world to both of us. We are
grateful for you and we love you.
Lindsey and Kaydence!!*



Active Pallbearers

*Fred Hudson
Carlus Frank
Clarence Kennerson Jr.*

*Alex Frank
Troy Frank
Michael Kenney*

Honorary Pallbearers

*Wayne Benard
Rodney Frank
Michael Shane Sinegal
Kevin Thomas*

*Cleveland Frank
Arthur Robinson
Kerry Thomas
Donald Tibbs*

Family Acknowledgement

The Family of Mr. Earnest Dennis wishes to extend their gratitude for your sincere prayers, visits, calls, texts and food. We are forever grateful for all that you have done. Please continue to pray for us as we will pray for you. Thanks!!

The Dennis Family!



Final Arrangements Entrusted to:

*Gabriel Funeral Home
2500 Procter Street
Port Arthur Texas*

Interment

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Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church

