



## Denny Howell

October 2, 1951 - January 20, 2015

Denny Conner Howell's, 63, journey came to an end on January 20th, 2015. Denny was born to Ruth and Denzel Howell on October 2, 1951, in Celina, OH. He married Jeanine Ann (Tressler) on December 27, 1980. Denny graduated from Celina High School in 1970 and received a B.S. in Business Education in 1975 from Wright State University. He later earned a M.S. in Administration and Supervision from the University of Dayton. He then went on to obtain his licensure in School Counseling, Elementary Education and Superintendency.

Denny began his professional career in 1975 at The Proctor and Gamble Distributing Company. Two years later he transitioned to a career in the field of education; first as the Business Education Teacher and the Head Football Coach at St. Henry High School until 1981. He then worked at Celina East Elementary as the Elementary Guidance Counselor until 1985. Denny moved further into Educational Administration as the Elementary Principal at Fort Recovery Schools. In 1988, he served as Superintendent of the Crestview Local School District. He continued as Superintendent at the Greenon Local School District from 1998 until his retirement in 2006. Following his retirement he worked as the Superintendent at Twin Valley Community Local School District. Denny was a member of the Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators (OAESA) and the Buckeye Association of School Administrators Legislative Committee (BASA) as well as serving on numerous other boards.

Denny enjoyed spending time with “his girls” and family, golfing, traveling, cheering on the Ohio State Buckeyes and the Cleveland Browns.

A beloved husband, father, brother, uncle, father-in-law, brother-in-law and grandfather, Denny is survived by his wife, Jeanine Howell, three daughters and their husbands: Jessica and Guy Frye; Jennifer and John Priest; and Julianne Howell and Ben Pontious. He is also loved by two grandchildren: Jaycee Priest and Maeleigh Pontious. He will be missed by his sister and brother-in-law: Paula and Greg Byers and sister-in-law and husband: Janet and Jim Davis. Denny will be fondly missed by his nieces and nephews: Teresa; Tamara and her husband Shawn; Jordan and Jason; great-nephews: Colin and Ryan.

Denny was preceded in death by his sister: Pamela Kay Howell; his mother and father: Ruth Ellen (Conner) and Denzel Paul Howell; and his in-laws: Marjorie Lee (Swan) and James Albert Tressler.

Services will be held at Bethany United Methodist Church at 416 E. Wayne Street, Celina, OH on January 23, 2015 at 11:00 AM with graveside service following at Swamp College Cemetery: 6496 Karch Rd, Celina, OH.

There will also be a Celebration of Life at Greenon High School from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM on Saturday, January 24, 2015. Brief remarks and memories can be shared at the Celebration of Life or on Denny’s Caring Bridge website at [www.caringbridge.org/visit/dennyhowell](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/dennyhowell).

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made: In Memory of Denny Howell, Center for Neurological Development at 78 West Main Street, Burkettsville, OH 45310 or Hospice of Dayton at 324 Wilmington Avenue, Dayton, OH 45420.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethany United Methodist Church  
416 East Wayne Street  
Celina, OH

## Celebration of Life

JAN 24. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Greenon High School  
3950 South Tecumseh Road  
Springfield, OH 45502

# Tribute Wall

RB

“ I still remember when Denny stop at our family's house in Columbiana in 1972-the year after after we moved from Celina. He was in college with one of my new friends from Columbiana, Ohio. We spent the evening talking about growing up in Celina, football and friends. It was such a wonderful evening. God bless - Denny.

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**Ron Brookhart** - January 31, 2015 at 09:07 AM

HS

“ ..there's a new Star in the sky.....from Harrie, one of his nurses at Hospice of Dayton

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**Harrietta Sommer** - January 25, 2015 at 09:45 PM

KK

“ Jeanine, Laura and I want to offer to you and your girls lots of love and compassion on the loss of Denny. He always had such a big heart and we had so many fond memories from our high school days ans the years afterwards. He will be missed by many! Ken & Laura Klosterman

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**Ken & Laura Klosterman** - January 23, 2015 at 05:36 PM

DD

“ Jeanine,

*Denny Howell changed Enon. This is not to say the man he replaced was not a good man, he was--but Denny changed the culture of the schools. I am forever grateful for that for my children. I will never understand why "the good die young" sometimes, but there is always a reason. He is completely healed now and with his Lord.*

*Always,  
Denise (and Jerry) Derge*

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**Denise Derge** - January 23, 2015 at 12:07 PM

WA

“ *I have good memories of Denny, who was an excellent player and leader on our Celina High School football team. I have even better memories of his fine example as a person! It was my privilege to have been his high school football coach.*

*Wayne G. Ambrose*

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**Wayne G. Ambrose** - January 23, 2015 at 11:37 AM

KD

“ *I will never forget how Denny accepted Kara Don as just another one of his girls. Bless his heart, I don't know he lived with all those hormones but know he loved and treasured each and everyday. My heart aches for all of you. Love, hugs and lots of prayers to all of you. We are here if you need anything. "Momma Kaye" DeSomer*

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**Kaye DeSomer** - January 22, 2015 at 11:29 PM

MD

“ Momma Kaye & Kara Don purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Denny Howell.



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**Momma Kaye & Kara Don** - January 22, 2015 at 11:19 PM

DK

“ Jeanine - I offer my sympathy to you and your family. My heart goes out to you for the painful journey you have been traveling. May God surround with love and comfort. - Diana Kiehl - I worked for Denny at Crestview.

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**Diana Kiehl** - January 22, 2015 at 09:41 PM

TL

“ Denny was a total class act as a superintendent and father/husband. He cared about kids and dedicated his life to providing a better environment for learning. Peace to him and his family.

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**Terry Liette** - January 22, 2015 at 06:54 PM

 Deana Marie

“ Denny ! No words could ever express the imprint you and your family placed upon my heart. Pull out the red carpet cheese burgers root beer st.patrics day cheer smiles are always around knowing your here with us we love you so much yes even the little paws! No recliner big enough for all of us who have been touched by your smile your cheer your love.



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**Deana Marie** - January 22, 2015 at 06:12 PM

 Jud  
Lehman

“ *My condolences to all the family. Danny was the best guidance counselor I ever had. He helped so many get through those terrible middle school years.*

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**Jud Lehman** - January 22, 2015 at 04:19 PM



“ *Cross Wind Chime - Bronze was purchased for the family of Denny Howell.*



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January 22, 2015 at 02:07 PM

LG

“ *Jeanie, We are very sorry to hear of Denny's death. Steve and I enjoyed knowing both of you during your time in the Van Wert area and First Church. May your memories and love and the beautiful family the two of you created continue to carry you through this difficult time. God is good all the time.*

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**Lois Gehres** - January 22, 2015 at 12:19 PM

 David  
Bair

“ *While my time with and around Denny was extremely limited and only in the high school years, I hope the family can appreciate that the wonderful accepting and giving spirit was always there-- and will live on in the thoughts of many of us who's lives he has touched over the years.*

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**David Bair** - January 22, 2015 at 11:28 AM

GH

“ Denny and I started our friendship on the football field. We competed from the 8th grade through our senior year - I being a Roughrider and Denny being a Bulldog. We continued our friendship while I was at Celina Middle School and he was at East Elementary. We did some crazy things together, including buying two Holstein steers and raising them at my house. What great memories! It was an honor and a privilege to be his coach at Burkettsville Neurological Center. I will always remember the good times we had together. Karen and I will keep your family in our prayers.

Gary and Karen Hays

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**Gary Hays** - January 22, 2015 at 09:40 AM

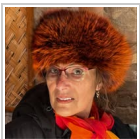
YF

“ Your Sorenson Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Denny Howell.



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**Your Sorenson Family** - January 22, 2015 at 08:33 AM



“ Jeanie, my prayers are with you and your family.

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**Chriztine Foltz** - January 22, 2015 at 08:09 AM

JG

“ *Lifting your family up in prayer*



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**jody gibbs** - January 22, 2015 at 07:49 AM

SK

*I have known Denny since we played little league baseball together. Denny always had a smile and a funny story. He was a great Guy!*

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**Steve Klosterman** - January 22, 2015 at 12:43 PM

RW

“ *Robin WHITAKER lit a candle in memory of Denny Howell*



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**Robin WHITAKER** - January 22, 2015 at 07:16 AM

PH

“ *I remember what a hard worker he was during speech therapy, but always had a smile on his face and loved to laugh. So honored to have known him. Love and blessings to you all at this time.*

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**Patti (Kenney) Handlon** - January 22, 2015 at 05:41 AM

MS

“ *I fondly remember looking at the Ohio State Buckeyes news and stories with Denny on the computer. I could tell he loved those Bucks! God will bless his soul.*

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**Mike Sutherland** - January 22, 2015 at 05:33 AM

SP

“ *My thoughts are with you and your family. Sending you much love and strength.*

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**Steve Phan** - January 22, 2015 at 05:08 AM

SS

“ *Our Deepest Sympathies! Our Thoughts & Prayers are With Denny's Families!*

*Sis & Eric SAMs  
Terry August Family*



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**sis sams** - January 21, 2015 at 11:22 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Denny Howell.*



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January 21, 2015 at 10:51 PM

MW

“Honestly, my first impression of Denny was he was scary. But then you met and talked with him. You immediately seen the compassion and friendliness in his eyes. Then I met his wife and three beautiful girls. This was a man that had it all. He was a family man not only with his wife and girls but with the small community of Greenon Local. I remember him and his family as football games. I would go and Julie would sit in the car with my baby so I can go out and enjoy some of the games. Watching Greenon Football games with Denny and my father became a Friday Night tradition. He will be missed greatly from a lot of people.

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**Mary (Fagan) Weller** - January 21, 2015 at 10:26 PM



“'Faith, Hope, and Peace' Comfort Candle was purchased for the family of Denny Howell.



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January 21, 2015 at 10:13 PM



“Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Denny Howell.



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January 21, 2015 at 10:08 PM

NS

“ Nancy Shank lit a candle in memory of Denny Howell



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**Nancy Shank** - January 21, 2015 at 09:36 PM

HB

“ I knew when Denny first hired me that he was a truly kind man but it wasn't until I moved away and worked for other school districts that I realized how rare it is to have an administrator fight to give you as much as he possibly could. He took care of us all. What a great man!

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**Heather Bradley** - January 21, 2015 at 08:41 PM

JH

“ Jeanine, Jess, Jen, and Julie: I will always cherish the great memories that began during Denny's tenure as "My Best Boss Ever", grew during our school related experiences, and then as we became true friends. You have shown amazing family strength and dedication to the life lessons & values Denny displayed and demanded. Together I'm confident you will continue to enrich the lives of everyone around you and strengthen your family.... just like Denny did. I am so thankful I heard the words "I'm glad you came" from Denny when I visited in November. I am glad I got to be part of his life!

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**Jack Hillard** - January 21, 2015 at 10:23 AM

KF

“ Dear Mrs. Howell and family, I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Howell's passing. Know that I am praying for you and family. It was a privilege and honor to know Mr. Howell and take care of him when I worked at Emeritus. I will always remember him and especially his smile when I interviewed with him to work at Greenon Schools. I pray that God will give you comfort and strength during this time and the days ahead. Always F.R.O.G.(Fully Rely On God) forever! In Christian Love, Kim Foster

Kim Foster - January 21, 2015 at 08:43 AM

DD

What can I say? I simply love your family. I have been praying for you for a long time, but much more fervently the past couple of days. Denny had a huge impact on me, as he did on many. I have nothing but great memories. My love to all of you, Don Dunstan

Don Dunstan - January 21, 2015 at 11:43 AM

BD

Jeanine and girls, I am privileged to have known Denny as a friend and neighbor and as a boss for 9 years. I saw his compassion, firmness and fairness in administrating the duties of "The Superintendent" I also admired his commitment and love for his family. My prayer is for comfort and continued strength for you and the girls. God's blessings, Beverly Dean

Beverly Dean - January 21, 2015 at 05:21 PM

JD

Jeanine and family, I knew Denny as a neighbor, friend, customer and golfing buddy. I respected his ethical approach to every situation, and firmness in upholding the principles he believed in. His love for his family was evident any time you were with him. I'll miss stopping by and talking about the "Bucs " and seeing that smile. Love and condolences to you and the family. Jim Dean

Jim Dean - January 21, 2015 at 05:44 PM

JM

*To Jeanie & family. My deepest sympathy on the loss of Denny. He was a man dedicated to you and the girls. We talked often of our families during my tenure as Greenon's Transportation Supervisor. He was always fair as my boss & in dealings with the employees and supportive of the needs for the district & my department. May the love you shared stay with you as comfort during this time. My prayers are with you & God's Angels will always be near.*

*Juanita McCarty*

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**Juanita McCarty** - January 21, 2015 at 09:44 PM

TF

*Where to even begin? It's been 28 years of memories of Denny and the 4Js. Denny was one of the kindest, most loving, funny men I have had the privilege of knowing. From his Dancing Daddy dance moves to his singing to his jet-skiing on the pond to his love of building schools and encouraging children, Denny did it all with love, compassion, and honesty. His great love of his family was apparent always. His smile and humor will be greatly missed. Even in his challenges that smile shone through.*

*Denny was a hero who taught us all how to live by example. He instilled great love and faith in his family and it is that faith and love that have carried his family through the last seven years--and will continue to carry them as they start the journey of finding life with Denny watching over them. He is forever your Guardian Angel. He is missed and loved by many.*

*Much love,  
The Paul Kelly family*

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**The Paul Kelly family** - January 22, 2015 at 02:21 PM