



Dennis N. Valentini

August 1, 1954 - August 9, 2025

Dennis Valentini, a dedicated public servant and beloved family man, passed away on August 9th, 2025 at the age of 71. Born in Camden, New Jersey, on August 1, 1954, he spent his formative years in West Deptford, New Jersey. After graduating from West Deptford High School in 1972, Dennis went on to earn a degree in law enforcement from Eastern Kentucky University in 1976. A Jersey boy found a Seven Mile, Ohio, girl, Tari Sloneker, at Eastern Kentucky University and they married May 28, 1977. In 1979, Dennis began his lifelong commitment to community service by joining the Fairfield Police Department. Throughout his career, he held various roles, including police officer, detective, community resource officer, and park ranger. His passion for serving the community was evident in the numerous initiatives he organized, such as neighborhood block parties and citizens police academies, and in his dedicated efforts to combat substance misuse among local youth. Dennis's commitment didn't end with his official duties; he often worked overtime at community events, from high school sports to local festivals, earning him the honor of city employee of the year and the first ever Fairfield Police Officer of the Year. A talented athlete, Dennis's early years were shaped by his love for running. Dennis set West Deptford High School records in the 100- and 200-yard dashes. He earned a track scholarship at Eastern Kentucky University. He also proudly represented Ohio police in the International Police Olympics. Later, he brought that same passion for athletics to the next generation by coaching his daughter Christi's softball teams, his son Brian's baseball teams,

and the track and field teams at Fairfield High School. As his life progressed, Dennis became a man of many interests. He was a talented home chef who would cook for anyone who walked through the door. He loved gardening with his wife, including growing heirloom tomatoes. Dennis was deeply committed to his family, extending his love and support to both his immediate and extended relatives. Every Thanksgiving, he opened his home to 30-40 family members, fostering bonds that cherished shared memories. Embracing the Sloneker family while remaining proud of his Italian Valentini heritage, Dennis's warmth and kindness left a lasting impact on all who knew him. Dennis also loved to share his passion for college and professional sports. He, his family, and his closest friends often traveled far and wide to watch his beloved Phillies, Eagles, Flyers, and Duke Blue Devils. He is survived by his loving wife, Tari, his daughter Christi and her husband Chris of Springfield Township Ohio, his son Brian and his wife Autumn Grace of Minneapolis Minnesota, his mother Josephine Valentini and his sister Denise Pallies of West Deptford, his sister and brother-in laws Gail and David Ruff of Powell Ohio, brother and sister-in laws Gary and Suzanne Sloneker of Monroe Ohio, and his sister-in-law Sue Sloneker, along with his many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will forever cherish his memory. He was preceded in death by his father Joseph Valentini, brother Nicholas, sister-in-law Claudia Valentini, and his brother-in-law Tim Sloneker. Dennis's legacy of service, love, and dedication will remain in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him. Rest in peace, Dennis Valentini. Visitation Friday August 15, 2025 at Weigel Funeral Home 980 NW Washington Blvd Hamilton, Ohio 45013 from 12:00pm until the time of the funeral service at 2:00pm. Online condolences may be left at www.weigelfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 15. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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“ *Preventionfirst! S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis N. Valentini.*

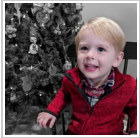
Preventionfirst! S. - August 25, 2025 at 09:50 AM

MF

“ *Miles, Sherry & Ashley Ferrell purchased the In Memory - Angel Figurine, 8.25 in for the family of Dennis N. Valentini.*



Miles, Sherry & Ashley Ferrell - August 21, 2025 at 01:43 PM



“ *Prayers for your family in losing such a beautiful soul. I had the pleasure of working with him as a young police officer trying to balance work and a young son. He was always encouraging and supportive. I remember him saying he wished he could have one more day rocking his kids asleep and that has stuck with me all these years. His family was always first in his heart! Comfort and peace to his family and friends in your incredible loss.*

Trisha Deelo - August 15, 2025 at 01:10 PM

EK

“ Dennis coached our daughter in cross country and track. He was a wonderful coach who worked to help every athlete reach their full potential. He became a friend to all the athlete’s parents as well. It was always a joy to see him working security at the Fairfield basketball games and he took time to talk with those he knew. Dennis will be greatly missed. We are blessed to have known him.

Eileen and Dennus King - August 15, 2025 at 09:00 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis N. Valentini.



August 14, 2025 at 11:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dennis N. Valentini.

August 14, 2025 at 11:37 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dennis N. Valentini.



August 14, 2025 at 10:37 PM

JB

“ As a little kid when Dennis first started with the department he came over to our house frequently. He always brought laughter with his visits and clowned around with my brother and I. He tried to turn us into Eagles fans by purchasing Eagles Hot cocoa mugs. It didn't work. I will cherish the times i had with him when i was growing up. Rest in Peace my friend. You will be missed. With Love from the Blume family.

Jeff C Blume - August 14, 2025 at 08:42 PM

JC

“ Jeff C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis N. Valentini.

Jeff C. - August 14, 2025 at 08:11 PM

GA

“ So sorry to hear about Dennis's passing. I remember your family so well and how wonderful you both were as supportive parents to Brian and to me when I was teaching. I am still living in Fairfield, divorced, and my boys now live in Bluffton, SC and Ironton, OH. My thoughts are with you at this time. 🌸

Gerri Anderson - August 14, 2025 at 04:03 PM

DR

“ When Dennis joined the P.D. I had been there about 5 1/2 years. The dept. was small and we all became acquainted with each other fairly quickly. Dennis rode with me on numerous occasions. I was soon convinced of his dedication to job and certainly family. He talked frequently of the the family back east. Dennis also took great pride in his family here. No matter if Dennis was primary or backup on a radio call he was there to help. I could always rely on that. With his athletic background he brought any foot pursuit to a quick end, passing by me in the process. With a great sense of humor Dennis was a fun guy to hang with. I miss him already. My sincerest condolences to Tari, Christi and Brian as well as the rest of his family.



Dave and Sharon Rotroff - August 14, 2025 at 10:03 AM

KY

“ I was so saddened to hear that Dennis passed. I, too, worked with Dennis many years at Fairfield PD. Before I was hired as a patrol officer, I completed a summer working shifts as an intern. Dennis was one of my favorite officers to ride with. He always accepted my company in the car with a smile and we always made the best of every shift. I remember Dennis laughing a lot and I also remember him talking with such pride of Brian and Christie. He talked often of Tari, too and I knew family was very important to him. After I was hired on the department, Dennis became a true friend and someone I looked up to. I will never forget his impact on my time in Fairfield. I wish his entire family my heartfelt condolences. May your memories bring you peace and comfort.

Kathryn Young - August 13, 2025 at 11:23 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis N. Valentini.*



August 13, 2025 at 02:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dennis N. Valentini.

August 13, 2025 at 02:55 PM



“ *Karen and Robert Coulter purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Dennis N. Valentini.*



Karen and Robert Coulter - August 13, 2025 at 11:31 AM

MH

“ My pal Dennis was a fellow Law Enforcement Graduate of ECU. I had been working at FPD a few years when Dennis came along. Right away, I could see he was going to be a fine officer. His compassion for victims was evident, as well as his disdain for those in our community who created the victims. I utilized his skill as a runner many times when a foot chase was needed. Our patrol squad tried in vain to turn him into a Reds and Bengals fan. This led to many fun times during roll calls when sporting event insults filled the room, all in good fun. Dennis was a trusted officer and friend, who could always be counted on if you needed help, both on street patrol and off duty. We will see each other again, and I'm sure we will pick right back up on our fun jabbing and insulting. Why? Because everything I saw Dennis do revolved around God's Love for people. And Dennis was a great example of doing God's work here on Earth.

Mike Handley, FPD #34

Mike Handley - August 13, 2025 at 09:48 AM



Dennis was one of the best police officers that Fairfield city ever had .but Fairfield city had some very good ones but not to the personality and caring person like Dennis. Dennis you will never be forgotten in my family

Scott Robbins - August 15, 2025 at 11:12 PM

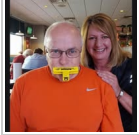
BI

“ His love of sports and family was evident. He was a great public servant and dedicated to family.

Our thoughts and prayers for all!

Bill Bowers and family

bill - August 13, 2025 at 08:53 AM



“ *Dennis was a naturally nurturing person loved by everyone. He lifted you up and made you feel better about yourself. He maintained a positive attitude during his lengthy illness. In my mind he was a giant among men. I will miss his smile and his laugh greatly.*

Bob Kramer - August 13, 2025 at 12:58 AM

KC

Our deepest condolences to Tari Christi Brian To my Aunt JoJo Denise. Dennis was the most kindest loving person I ever knew. A true family man. We didn't see each other often due to distance but I'll always have special memories Rest in Peace my dear Cousin. Love you always and forever Karen

Karen Coulter - August 13, 2025 at 11:26 AM

BF

“ *Benson Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Dennis N. Valentini.*



Benson Family - August 12, 2025 at 08:43 PM

BF

“ *Benson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis N. Valentini.*

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JD

“ Joe and Emily Dummann purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Dennis N. Valentini.



Joe and Emily Dummann - August 12, 2025 at 07:36 PM

BM

“ Tom & I and my sons Greg and Bobby McDowell knew and loved Dennis. I worked with Dennis at Fairfield PD for twenty years. Dennis was also my neighbor. He was one of the kindest souls I knew. We are praying for comfort for his family at this time. So sorry that we can't attend the service. We will never forget Dennis.

The McDowell Family, Tom, Barbara, Greg and Bobby McDowell

Barbara McDowell - August 12, 2025 at 07:35 PM

SF

“ Stephen Capella and Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Dennis N. Valentini.



Stephen Capella and Family - August 12, 2025 at 07:10 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis N. Valentini.



August 12, 2025 at 06:46 PM

MC

“ *Marty Cucinotta purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dennis N. Valentini.*



Marty Cucinotta - August 12, 2025 at 06:37 PM

C.

“ *Our prayers are with your family during this time of sorrow. May God give you peace and comfort. You are in our daily prayers.*

Miles, Cheryl & Ashley Ferrell

C.Ferrell - August 12, 2025 at 05:02 PM