



Dennis Edward Szybala

February 13, 1951 - September 7, 2024

Dennis Edward Szybala – who loved life, his family, hiking and birdwatching – passed away on September 7, 2024, after a long battle with multiple myeloma. Dennis is survived by his wife Renée, his two daughters, two young grandchildren and his sisters Lucille and Maureen, as well as the many friends and extended family members who knew and loved him.

Dennis was born on February 13, 1951, to Lucille and Daniel Szybala in the Kaisertown neighborhood of Buffalo, New York. He studied political science and philosophy at New York University's campus in the Bronx and later graduated from the Syracuse University School of Law, where he met his future wife, Renée Cohen. Dennis and Renée married in 1981 and moved to northern Virginia, where Dennis began his career as an Assistant United States Attorney at the Eastern District of Virginia. He worked for thirty years as an attorney for the federal government before retiring in 2011.

Dennis enjoyed many hobbies, including gardening, reading and woodworking. Determined not to let cancer slow him down, Dennis continued to garden, craft wood projects, and travel as he underwent treatments for multiple myeloma in recent years. He greatly enjoyed his last trip to the Canadian Rockies and was hoping to go to Tulum, Mexico, and to cruise down the East Coast to Florida. He is loved and missed.

In lieu of flowers, Dennis's family invites you to make a donation in his honor to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF) at: <https://give.themmr.org/fundraiser/5760908>.

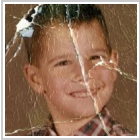
We encourage you to upload photos and videos, and share fond memories of Dennis on this tribute page. A private memorial will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2024. Details to follow.

Tribute Wall

LS

“ So very sorry to hear this sad news. Sending love to all of his beloved, including Val, Julia , Renee and extended family and beloved friends. He was a great guy. He was very loved and will be missed. Lyssa and Charlie Seward.

Lyssa Seward - September 27, 2024 at 02:38 PM



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David Thrope - September 12, 2024 at 06:52 AM

HF

He never met a doob he didn't light . . .

howard few - October 16, 2024 at 05:10 AM

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Enid and David - September 11, 2024 at 07:29 PM

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Cliff and Mary Mosco - September 11, 2024 at 04:15 PM

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Our wedding... October 20, 1979

Cliff and Mary Mosco - September 11, 2024 at 04:17 PM

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Kim - September 11, 2024 at 11:00 AM

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Dennis with his great niece Piper and nephew Stanley

Kim - September 11, 2024 at 11:01 AM

MM

“ *Christmas Past*



Maureen Menczynski - September 11, 2024 at 10:54 AM

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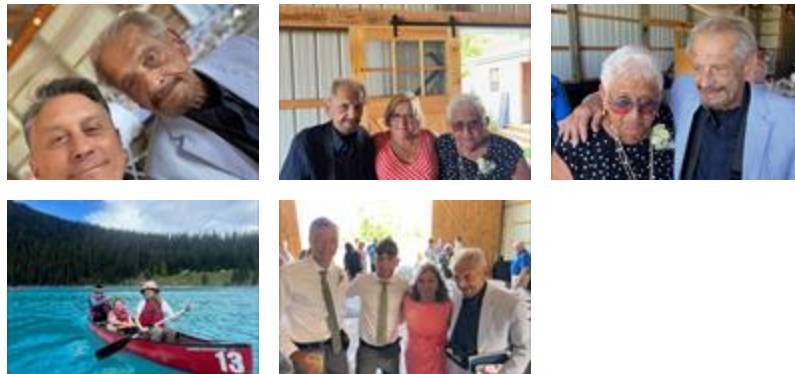
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keith - September 11, 2024 at 09:29 AM

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keith - September 11, 2024 at 09:23 AM

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“ From Buffalo ... with love ❤️

Maureen Menczynski - September 11, 2024 at 08:47 AM

AN

“ 3 files added to the album Uncle D and the fam



Andrew - September 11, 2024 at 01:20 AM

NS

“ A wonderful family! God Bless!

Nick Savage - September 10, 2024 at 06:41 PM

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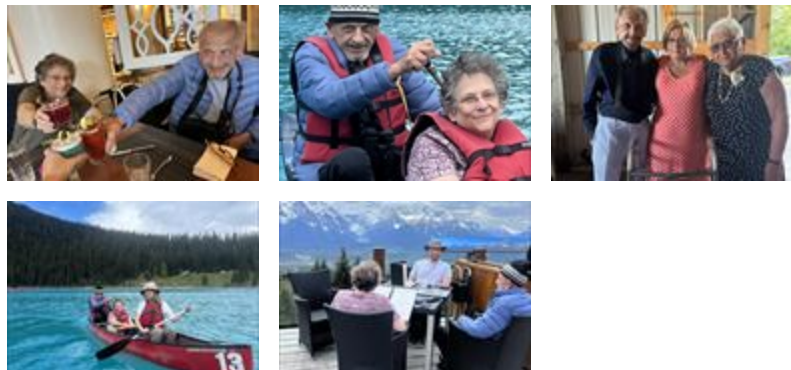
“ For most of our lives we shared countless good times together. I learned a lot from your generosity, good humor, patience, and devotion to your family. I could not have wished for a better friend, and I will miss you very much.



Bob Lefevre - September 10, 2024 at 05:46 PM

KM

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Kim McEwen - September 10, 2024 at 09:25 AM

KM

Uncle Dennis, I'm so grateful you had the chance to visit Courtney in Canada and enjoy canoeing—I know how much that meant to you. I'm also thankful for the time we spent together in Buffalo at Michael's wedding. You will always be deeply missed.

Kim McEwen - September 10, 2024 at 10:13 AM

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Maureen Menczynski - September 10, 2024 at 06:14 AM

MM

I Love you Dennis , keeping you close and in my heart

Maureen Menczynski - September 10, 2024 at 06:27 AM

MS

I'll remember good times together

Margaret sohn - September 10, 2024 at 06:56 AM

VS

“ Love you dad <3

Valerie Szybala - September 09, 2024 at 07:30 PM

MM

I Love you Dennis , keeping you close and in my heart

Maureen Menczynski - September 10, 2024 at 06:07 AM