



## Dennis Barnhisel

November 18, 1940 - October 10, 2012

Dennis Eugene Barnhisel 71, of Roann, Indiana went peacefully to be with his Lord, Jesus Christ at 6:50 pm, Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at his home.

Dennis was born, November 18, 1940, in Peru, Indiana to Doine Barnhisel and Clara Powell Barnhisel. He married Cathey K. Rush on August 25, 1963 in Mexico, Indiana.

He was a 1958 Graduate of Gilead High School.

Dennis was an active member of the Mexico Church of the Brethren.

Dennis was a farmer and enjoyed all that working land entailed. He also worked for Hogue Engines of Akron, Indiana building engines. He loved going to the Indy 500 for the past 53 years. He was a basketball official for 25 years. He restored a 1931 Model A that he enjoyed showing at many car shows and he belonged to The Blacktop Cruisers Car Club. He loved and honored his family; all who knew him felt his sweet and gentle spirit. He was especially proud of his three grandchildren and enjoyed keeping up with their activities.

He survived by his wife - Cathey, son - Brent and wife Lana Barnhisel of Brownsburg, Ind., daughter - Lisa and husband Paul Petrass of Oro Valley, Arizona, one brother - Richard and wife Lela Barnhisel of Lexington, Kentucky,

one sister - Roberta and husband Robert Struck of Roann, Ind., sister-in-law - Caroline and husband Kraig Dawalt of Logansport, Ind., mother-in-law - Marjorie Rush of Peru, Ind., three grandchildren - Erica Barnhisel, Joel Petrass, and Megan Petrass, and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2:00 pm, Sunday, October 14, 2012 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana. Michael Barnhisel will be officiating. Burial will be in the Gaerte Cemetery, Gilead, Indiana.

Friends may visit with the family from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Saturday, October 13, 2012 at Hartzler Funeral Home Akron, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to the Purdue Center for Cancer Research IMO Dennis Barnhisel. Mail donations to: Purdue University Center for Cancer Research 400 Wood Street West Lafayette, IN 47907-2007. Donations can also be made online at <https://donate.purdue.edu/Menu.aspx>

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# Cemetery Details

## Gaerte Cemetery

North 500 East  
Macy, IN 46910

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **13**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Hartzler Funeral Home  
305 West Rochester Street  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Such fond memories-we made a donation=Purdue Center for Cancer Research IMO Dennis Barnhisel.  
Love,  
Ryan and Sarah DaWalt*

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**Ryan Dawalt** - October 14, 2012 at 09:48 PM

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“ *I am so sorry for your loss,I have many fond memories from a time long ago. I just wanted you to know that you are all in our prayers.  
Tony, Jenny, CJ, Jillien Dawalt*

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**Tony Dawalt** - October 13, 2012 at 09:18 AM

PM

“ *Perry & Carol McMillan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dennis Barnhisel.*



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**Perry & Carol McMillan** - October 12, 2012 at 03:01 PM

PM

“ *I so enjoyed visiting with Dennis when I would come up to Hogue's. We both enjoyed talking about racing, farming and antique tractors. It was great that we were able to talk when he would come to Tucson to visit. He was always quick to show me that he had a picture of my sprint car on his phone. We will all miss his smile.  
Perry McMillan Tucson Az*

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**Perry McMillan** - October 12, 2012 at 02:56 PM



“ Thoughts and Prayers go out to you all! Will always remember the smile on Dennis' face.. you were soon to have one too thanks to him.

*Shafer Family*

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October 11, 2012 at 01:59 PM



“ Great memories of Dennis at the Indy 500 and Brickyard 400. Brent, Cathey and Lisa you are in our thoughts and prayers.

*-Todd and Janette Shoemaker  
Verona, Wisconsin*

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**Todd Shoemaker** - October 11, 2012 at 01:27 PM