

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Dennis L. Trout, who departed this life on January 7, 2025, at the age of 76, in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Dennis was born on January 11, 1948, in Pikeville, Kentucky, to A.J. and Donna Trout. From humble beginnings, Dennis grew into a man defined by his selflessness, work ethic, and deep devotion to his family. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, carrying the values of sacrifice and discipline into every aspect of his life.

After returning home, Dennis pursued his passion for automobiles, earning a degree in Automotive Technology from Harrison County Community College. He spent much of his career teaching Automotive Technology at vocational centers, later working at AutoZone for over 26 years. Known for his kindness, patience, and unmatched work ethic, Dennis left a lasting impression on everyone he met.

Dennis's greatest love and source of joy was his wife, Anita Louise (Gwin) Trout, who preceded him in death. The two shared a beautiful life filled with companionship and cherished moments. Among Dennis's many hobbies, none brought him greater happiness than simply being by Anita's side. Whether spending quiet evenings together or enjoying family gatherings, his heart was always with her.

He was also a gifted upholsterer, a skilled computer gamer, and a family man who prioritized his loved ones above all else. Dennis believed that his family was his greatest legacy and took immense pride in the lives of his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchild.

Dennis is survived by his daughters, Holly Thompson and her husband Jack, and Brandy Bond and her husband Kevan; his grandchildren, Sarah Benito and husband Alex Benito, Jake Thompson and wife Catherine Thompson, Jackson Thompson, Jett Thompson, Nathaniel Gibson and fiancée Emily Pursley, and Bowie Gibson; his great-grandchild, Stella Benito; his brother, Andrew Trout and his wife Debbie Trout; his nephew, Bob Van Orden and his wife Anna Van Orden; his nieces, Kristen Walnofer and her husband Travis Walnofer, and Chris Wykowski and her husband Jim Wykowski. He was preceded in death by his parents, A.J. and Donna Trout, and his beloved wife, Anita.

Dennis's life was a testament to hard work, love, and unwavering devotion to family. His legacy of love and sacrifice will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

In Loving Memory Of



Dennis L. Trout



January 11, 1948



January 7, 2025

If

By Rudyard Kipling

*If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:*

*If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:*

*If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'*

*If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!*

Dennis Trout

Date of Birth

*January 11, 1948
Pikeville, Kentucky*

Entered Into Rest

*January 7, 2025
Shawnee, Oklahoma*

Celebration of Life

*Sunday ~ January 26, 2025
Six O'clock in the Evening
Grace Church
Shawnee, Oklahoma*

Officiant

Scott Hendry

Military Honors

The United States Army

Final Resting Place

*Garden Grove Cemetery
Prague, Oklahoma*

