



## Dennis Leo Schommer

May 14, 1939 - January 13, 2024

It is with profound sadness that the family of Dennis Leo Schommer announce his passing on Saturday, January 13, 2024 at the age of 84 years.

He was born on May 14, 1939 in Port Sanilac, a son of the late Leo and Evelyn (Matthews) Schommer. Dennis married Patricia Fortushniak on November 25, 1961 at St. Marys Catholic Church in Port Sanilac.

Dennis was a devoted husband and father whose Catholic faith played a significant role in shaping his life and those close to him. Shortly before his passing, he said, "The things you value most in life are the relationships you create." This was most evident when over 200 friends and family attended his historic art show this past July at the township hall in his hometown of Port Sanilac. The family would like to thank those who visited with Dennis and were able to celebrate his life and artistic accomplishments before his passing.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 62 years, Patricia Schommer of Port Sanilac, his four children, Kelly Schommer of Lexington, Teresa (Bill) James of Chicago, Michael (Tarah) Schommer of Grant Township and Matthew Schommer of Burtchville; ten grandchildren, Jonathon (Rianne) Sherman, Mary Sherman, Veronica Schommer, Max Schommer, Gemma James, Leo Schommer, Genevieve Schommer, Augustine Schommer, Benedict Schommer and Ambrose Schommer; one great grandson, Theo Sherman; his three brothers and sister, Gerald (Barbara) Schommer of Port Sanilac, Lawrence (Cynthia) Schommer of AZ, Rodney (Mary) Schommer of

Carsonville and Beth (Dell) Hardison of Port Sanilac. Several nieces and nephews and many friends.

Dennis was preceded in death by his sister and brother-in-law, Mary Lou and George Prusick.

Visitation will be from 9 A.M. -11 A.M. on Tuesday at the Ave Maria Parish- St. Marys Catholic Church in Port Sanilac. Funeral Mass will be held at 11 A.M.. on Tuesday at St. marys Catholic Church. Fr. Donald J. Eppenbrock will officiate. A luncheon will be held immediately after the mass in the St. Marys Center. Inurnment will take place in the near future in the Old St. Marys Cemetery in Port Sanilac.

Our Father who art in Heaven,

Hallowed be thy name;

Thy Kingdom come

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

And forgive us our trespasses

As we forgive those who trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil.

# Cemetery Details

## Old St. Marys Cemetery

Port Sanilac, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 16. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Marys Catholic Church  
7066 Main St.  
Port Sanilac, MI 48469

## Church Service

JAN 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Marys Catholic Church  
7066 Main St.  
Port Sanilac, MI 48469

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ Dennis, Leo Schommer

*You have carried the light that was given  
Through the stormy days and nights of life  
Through the calm and soothing breezes of The Great Lake Huron  
breezes  
To each and every one of us.  
With joy and love to cherish amongst us,  
You have helped to light our candles.  
You have helped us along the way  
In finding the paths we were given in order To help others find  
theirs.  
We accept this light, and the love of God it represents.  
We will cherish it to our end.  
May the sun rise with you beside us in our hearts to every sunset.  
Our love for you will never end and it will help to sustain us on the  
rest of our journeys, each and every one of them.  
Your brother and friend,  
Jerry*

*P.S.*

*Dennis, we hope the Good Lord will let you help paint the morning  
sunrises and the evening sunsets for us: Goodbye. We love you.*

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**Jerry Schommer** - November 30, 2024 at 04:29 PM

JS

*Dennis was a kind and compassionate person. He was a wonderful  
brother and friend. He's always been in my life since the day I was born  
on January 2. He and I were fortunate to have wonderful parents and a  
wonderful siblings, and a wonderful extended family. Thank you,  
Dennis for all the good that you brought to this life. We will love you  
forever. Jerry and Barb Schommer.*

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**Jerry Schommer** - November 30, 2024 at 04:36 PM

RC

“ Sorry to hear of your passing, Denny. My dad and I visited the bait shop regularly back in the day. You are truly one of the good guys. I had no idea of your artistic bent back then. I guess I just wasn't looking hard enough to see it.

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**Roger Czap** - March 18, 2024 at 03:30 PM

BT

“ We moved to Port Sanilac 11 years ago. Dennis was recommended for painting the entire interior of the house we purchased. Dennis, Patty and Jerry all took part in the task, making something that could have been daunting a great time! We talk about that week with fond memories. And, by the way, the paint job looks just as good today. Rest in peace kind man. You are missed.

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**Bob and Janet Townley** - February 01, 2024 at 04:21 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dennis Leo Schommer.

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January 19, 2024 at 07:21 PM

SP

“ Sanilac County Democratic Party planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Leo Schommer.

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**Sanilac County Democratic Party** - January 16, 2024 at 01:29 PM

MM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Melida Mullett - January 16, 2024 at 10:09 AM

JT

“ John & Theresa will always be grateful for Dennis & Patti's awesome interior paint work, that remains on our home's walls to this day and Dennis's beautiful artwork that has found its places on those same walls, as well. Their talent and friendship, will always be cherished by us. His art is a lasting part of his legacy, but the beautiful family offspring they both created, will be the most important legacy he left as he heads on his journey towards Heaven. Eternal Rest Grant Unto Dennis and May Perpetual Light Shine Upon him. He will be missed.

John & Theresa - January 15, 2024 at 02:11 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Leo Schommer.



January 15, 2024 at 01:12 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dennis Leo Schommer.*



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January 15, 2024 at 12:36 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Pomeroy funeral home** - January 15, 2024 at 12:21 PM



“ *Thinking of all of the Schommer family with deepest sympathy. Kay and Tom*

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**Kay Youatt** - January 15, 2024 at 12:11 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis Leo Schommer.*



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January 15, 2024 at 10:23 AM

JL

“ I remember Dennis from the old Mobil station in Port Sanilac. Nice man, always good to speak to him around town.

Jeffery and Paula Lyall - January 15, 2024 at 10:03 AM

EW

“ Rest in peace old friend; great memories live on. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

*Elly Willis and family*

Elly Willis - January 15, 2024 at 09:00 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis Leo Schommer.



January 14, 2024 at 08:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis Leo Schommer.



January 14, 2024 at 06:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis Leo Schommer.*



January 14, 2024 at 04:40 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis Leo Schommer.*



January 14, 2024 at 03:55 PM



“ *Will always remember the positive influence he had on the arts in the Port Sanilac area. my comdolences to you and all of your family.*

**Willilam Fritz** - January 14, 2024 at 03:40 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Leo Schommer.*



January 14, 2024 at 02:38 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Leo Schommer.



January 14, 2024 at 02:10 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Leo Schommer.



January 14, 2024 at 01:55 PM



“ Really enjoyed visiting with Denny when he had the sport shop. He was a good neighbor when I lived in Port Sanilac, I have always cherished the water color painting he did of ducks in flight he was a talented artist.

Robert Cahoon - January 14, 2024 at 01:01 PM



“ Kristen B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Leo Schommer.

Kristen B. - January 14, 2024 at 12:07 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Vince Schommer** - January 14, 2024 at 10:42 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dennis Leo Schommer.



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January 14, 2024 at 10:40 AM

PH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Pomeroy funeral home** - January 14, 2024 at 08:16 AM

TB

“ Dennis had a profound impact on me as a young child. I loved visiting him at the bait shop. He was happy to buy my hand picked night crawlers to sell in his shop and he once tied a bright red streamer made of red yarn that made it possible to finally trick a land locked steelhead at horse shoe bend in willow creek. When I reported my success he had a joyful response. He is a good man and I am sure he has already had a conversation or two with Jesus. He loved a good conversation. My condolences to the family.

Tim Barr - January 13, 2024 at 09:32 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Leo Schommer.



January 13, 2024 at 07:00 PM

AB

“ Alicia, Hagan, Sophie and Tessa Brown planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Leo Schommer.

Alicia, Hagan, Sophie and Tessa Brown - January 13, 2024 at 07:00 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Leo Schommer.



January 13, 2024 at 06:40 PM

AF

“ Aunt Amy, The Bielkie & Nayback Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Leo Schommer.

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**Aunt Amy, The Bielkie & Nayback Families** - January 13, 2024 at 06:40 PM