

DENNIS JOSEPH BERGEVIN



Age 72, longtime resident of Allegheny West, passed away in the early morning of Friday, November 24, 2023.

Dennis was born on April 5, 1951, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Gerald Bergevin and Rita Caruso Bergevin. As a child, his family moved to San Diego, California where Dennis was raised.

At the age of 18, Dennis' lifelong career as an artist took off when he was awarded a grant to study makeup and wig-making at the National Opera Institute in New York City (now OPERA America). He was owner of Elsen Associates, a Pittsburgh based company that provided wig and makeup design to theater companies throughout the country and abroad.

With his ever-present captivating smile, his outstanding talent and true enjoyment of the trade, his profession took him around the world, allowing him to establish many lasting friendships.

Dennis was a natural artist, having talent in different mediums including sculpting and painting. His work was featured in many art galleries in various states, including Watergate Gallery in Washington, DC, Gallery Chiz and The Mattress Factory in Pittsburgh, PA.

Dennis was a brilliant light in his community. He loved people and was a magnet for many in all spectrums of life. He was a true romantic, lover of all things beautiful and discerning collector (of at least one of everything!). Dennis had a sharp wit, a compassionate heart and an ever inquiring mind. He was greatly loved and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Jeanne Schreck.

Dennis is survived by his beloved husband, Doug Schreck; three siblings, Gerald Bergevin (Bonnie TuSmith) of Boston, MA, Paul Bergevin of Goleta, CA and Catena Bergevin (Anthony Tedesco) of Greensboro, NC; and niece and nephew, Analise Munday (Brandon) of Winston-Salem, NC and Ludy Bahneman (Bella) of Norfolk, VA. Also surviving are Dennis' sister-in-law, Katie Strickland (Tom); brother-in-law, John Schreck; niece, Sarah Strickland; nephews, Kevin Strickland and Douglas Schreck (Laura) all of Pittsburgh and nephew Daniel Schreck of Phoenix, AZ; dear friend, Jeffrey Frank of Sarasota, FL; and many extended family and friends.

Dennis' family would like to extend a sincere thank you to the many dear friends and family who have shown their support and love.

A private Celebration of Life will be held in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, in memory of Dennis please consider a memorial donation to Persad Center, persadcenter.networkforgood.com.

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