



Loren Tommy Dils

May 2, 1966 - November 3, 2021

1966-2021

Loren Tommy Dils, age 55, passed away on November 3, 2021. He was a New Mexico native, graduated from Belen High School in 1984, received a Bachelor's in Anthropology/Business from Northern Arizona University (NAU) in 1989, and a Master's in Business from the University of New Mexico (UNM) in 1994.

Loren was well known for his numerous accomplishments in tennis. He was a 2 time State High School Doubles Champion at Belen (1983-84), a 2 time Big Sky Conference Doubles Champion at NAU (1985-86), as well as the 1989 Male Student Athlete of the Year at NAU. Dils was Assistant Men's Tennis Coach at New Mexico State University (1990-91) and UNM Assistant Men's Tennis Coach (1991-2008), 4 time Regional Collegiate Assistant Coach of the Year, and was the Lobo Tennis Club Director (2008-11). In 2009 the US Tennis Association SW Section Inspiration Award went to Loren and in 2011 he was an Inductee to UNM Alumni Letterman's Hall of Honor. Dils was the Jefferson Middle School Tennis Coach (2017-20) where they were champions in 2019. Loren throughout his tennis career, to the very end, promoted local junior tennis in Northern New Mexico.

Over the years, Dils enjoyed many other sports as well as fishing, hunting,

camping, hiking, gardening, traveling, and studying SW archaeology. Loren also loved getting together with family and friends.

Loren was diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) in 2007. He survived over 15 years with ALS, and was on a ventilator for the last 7 years. Dils was an advocate for ALS awareness and research through that period of his life.

Loren was preceded in death by his parents, Tommy & "Joann" Dils; grandparents, Fred & Corra Dils and Clifford "Coach" & Marybelle Keith; and other loved ones.

He is survived by his two sons, Tanner & Connor Dils; mother of his children, Elaine Sanchez; brothers, Cliff Dils & family and Alan Dils & family; Geri Lynn Sanchez & family; Dena Davis & family; Karen Keith & family; Frances Roehrig & family; the Ruth Ellen & Fred Huning family; as well as many other valued friends and family.

There will be a celebration of life on Sunday, May 29, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the University of New Mexico Mckinnon Family Tennis area. The stadium area is just southwest of the "UNM Pit" (1111 University Blvd. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106) across a paved parking lot and adjacent to the UNM Baseball Santa Ana Star Field. The family requests that any memorial contributions may be made to the Loren Dils Donation Fund, directly to Alan Dils or at any Wells Fargo branch. Please visit our online register book for Loren Dils at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com. Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St, Belen, NM, 505-864-8501

Watch Tommy's Memorial Video here:

<https://youtu.be/fcrQv28cPqQ>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Mckinnon Family Tennis Stadium
1111 University Blvd. Se
Albuquerque , NM 87106

Tribute Wall



“ Romero Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Loren Tommy Dils



Romero Funeral Home - June 01, 2022 at 11:59 AM

RB

“ Loren, you were such an outstanding athlete with a personality to match.
I am so sorry about your early death, but in amazement of the way you handled your disease for 15 years.
What strength within!
I remember when you and Alan beat me at Table Tennis in Jr.High. you guys were thrilled. I don't think it happened too often.

Racy Bowersox - May 28, 2022 at 06:51 AM

PD

“ Praying Loren's memorial will bring you all peace and comfort. May the Lord bring you the peace that only He can provide. My deepest condolences to all of Loren's family.



Patrica Davis - May 19, 2022 at 10:04 PM

PG

Thank you you letting me be apart of Tommy and Loren's life I miss and love you till we meet again

Patricia. Gallegos - May 21, 2022 at 04:09 PM

DD

“ *Dena Davis lit a candle in memory of Loren Tommy Dils*



Dena Davis - May 19, 2022 at 10:22 AM

RM

“ *Coach Loren: A great tennis player, a great tennis coach, a great tennis teacher/instructor and a great person. He was a great friend to me and generously giving of his tennis knowledge and experience to my younger children, never expecting anything in return. My deepest condolences to Tanner, Connor, Alan and Elaine and the rest of his family and friends.*

Ray Martinez - November 23, 2021 at 04:51 PM

DD

“ *Forever in our hearts and memories. Love and miss you, Cuz. Arms around Connor and Tanner. Dena, Ben and Dan*



Dena Davis - November 14, 2021 at 07:44 AM

JA

“ *Judy Andrews lit a candle in memory of Loren Tommy Dils*



Judy Andrews - November 12, 2021 at 01:59 PM

DS

“ *Dolly Schulz lit a candle in memory of Loren Tommy Dils*




Dolly Schulz - November 10, 2021 at 11:11 PM

DS

I am so very for your loss . God Bless The Dils Family !

Dolly Schulz - November 10, 2021 at 11:13 PM

 Val
López-
Yoakum

“ *Gerl Lynn and family,
I am so sorry to hear about Loren. I didn't know him well, but
whenever I saw him throughout the years, he was always so happy
and smiling. I pray the memories of Loren will bring you joy in this
sadness. May God bless you and give you peace. Much love to you
and your family.
With much love,
Val (Lopez) Yoakum*

Val López-Yoakum - November 10, 2021 at 10:15 AM

CE

“ *Charles Eaton lit a candle in memory of Loren
Tommy Dils*



Charles Eaton - November 09, 2021 at 07:49 PM