



## Dennis Lee Brinley

February 27, 1953 - January 17, 2026

Dennis Lee Brinley, 72, of Louisville, Kentucky passed away on January 17, 2026. He was born on February 27, 1953, to his late parents, Dorothy and Samuel Brinley. He was a graduate of Durrett High School and a retired firefighter from the city of Louisville, after 23 years of service.

He was a man known by many names, each reflecting a different part of the life he so generously shared. To the children at church, he was Mr. Dennis—the beloved “gum man” and “paper airplane man”—who could often be found with a brief case full of folded planes and pockets full of gum, joyfully volunteering his time with the youth ministry. A devoted deacon at St. Mathews Baptist Church, he served with faith, kindness, and a servant’s heart. To his children, he was Dad, a steady source of unwavering love, compassion, and guidance. He was also known as a loving Husband, and in that role, he was deeply supportive and devoted. To his grandchildren, he was Poppy, his most cherished title and the one that brought him the greatest joy. Friendly, social, and always quick with a smile, he loved spending his days golfing, fishing, and playing guitar, leaving behind countless memories and a legacy of love that will live on in all who knew him.

Dennis is lovingly remembered by his wife of 52 years, Sara Brinley; children, Eric Brinley (Jennifer) and Melissa Galloway (Jeremy); grandchildren, Emma and Luke; bonus grandchildren, Everett and Lydia; brothers, Stuart Brinley (Pam), Donald Brinley (Kay), and Danny Brinley (Karla); sister, Susie Humphrey; and a host of nieces and nephews.

His funeral services will be held at St. Mathews Baptist Church, 3515 Grandview Ave. His visitation will be from 1:00-3:00 PM and his celebration of life will start at 3:00.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to St Mathews Baptist Church Student Ministry.

# Cemetery Details

**Cremation was chosen**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

JAN 31. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (est)

St. Mathews Baptist Church  
3515 Grandview Ave.  
Louisville, KY 40207

### Celebration of Life

JAN 31. 3:00 PM (est)

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3515 Grandview Ave.  
Louisville, KY 40207

# Tribute Wall



“ Owen Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Dennis Lee Brinley



Owen Funeral Homes - March 16 at 04:36 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis Lee Brinley.



January 21 at 01:34 PM



“ Colby, Lincoln, and Paris Fogarty purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dennis Lee Brinley.



Colby, Lincoln, and Paris Fogarty - January 21 at 12:55 PM



“ Colby, Lincoln, and Paris Fogarty planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Lee Brinley.

Colby, Lincoln, and Paris Fogarty - January 21 at 12:55 PM

DL

“ *Dennis and I worked together at Engine 7*

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**Donnie Long** - January 20 at 08:41 PM

BC

“ *Light hearted guy you just knew you could work with. Our parents were friends and we never knew during our LFD years. Prayers for family and friends. RIP Friend*

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**billy cooper** - January 20 at 07:39 PM

BB

“ *Worked with Dennis at the Snorkel House.  
He always was smiling and had a joke to share even if they weren't funny.  
RIP and prayers to the family.*

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**Bill Bowman** - January 20 at 05:56 PM