





As a result of his private submissions to the Queensland Place Names Board for the official naming of Brisbane suburbs, he became Secretary of the Queensland Place Names Board - later a division of the Department of Mapping and Surveying - for nearly two decades until his retirement in 1998.

His extensive, detailed knowledge of the indigenous people and pioneering families of Brisbane and beyond, is reflected in the names he chose for suburbs such as Fitzgibbon, Carseldine, Durack, Ransome and Taigum, and in the Federal electorate of Blair, named for the aboriginal tenor and civil rights activist, Harold Blair.

The depth of Denis's Catholic faith was reflected in his love for the Mass and the daily recital of the Rosary.

Denis is survived by his wife Deirdre (née Fallon) whom he married on 4 July 1981 and son Steven, as well as his four sisters: Maire Deppe, Berenice Wright, Kathleen Bogsanyi and Sheila Cleary.

His funeral cortege moved to Nudgee Catholic Cemetery following Requiem Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Hendra at which the Celebrant was parish priest Father Peter Gillham and concelebrants Fr Gerard Dore, Fr Brian Burke and Fr James O'Donoghue (a godson of Denis).