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Dennis was a mentor, friend, educator, and tireless advocate for countless tennis coaches and players around the world. He truly Made a World of Difference and a lasting impact to those who knew him.



He dedicated his life to tennis, more importantly to coaching. He was a teacher of teachers – a coach of coaches – constantly seeking information from renown experts on biomechanics, methodology, techniques, and technology – all of which he eagerly and expertly shared with the world.

It can be argued that Dennis Van Der Meer did more for the worldwide growth of tennis and coaching education than any one individual in the history of the game. His many contributions to the sport he loved led to his induction in the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

He personally touched countless lives through the innovation of his Standard Method of teaching, his World Class Academy, and TennisUniversity. It’s remarkable to think that the boy who grew up traveling through African villages with his missionary parents became a coach so renowned that Billie Jean King, Margaret Court, and so many others sought his expertise.

Dennis Van Der Meer will live on in generations of tennis coaches and players to come. Known for his uncanny ability to remember the name of everyone he met, his name will live on in our hearts. And – through the PTR Foundation his legacy will live on forever.