



## Daniel Joseph Dvorak

May 3, 1964 - July 22, 2024

On May 3rd 1964 Daniel (Dan) Joseph Dvorak was born to parents Alvin (Al) Joseph Dvorak and Diane Marie (Porter) Dvorak, joining older sister Judith (Judy) Marie Dvorak to complete their family. Dan (known as Danny to family and Dan the Man to friends) was born at Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park, MN. At the time of his birth the Dvorak family lived in Chanhassen, MN. Dan attended Clear Springs Elementary School in Minnetonka, MN. He enjoyed all of the things little boys enjoy such as spending time fishing and swimming in Lotus Lake (their family home was located right on the lake), playing with toy trucks & cars, and playing with his cousins Patty, Lynn, & Eddie who lived next door. The summer before Dan was to enter 2nd grade the Dvorak family moved to Hopkins, MN. Dan started his 2nd grade year at Katherine Curren Elementary School in Hopkins, MN where his mother Diane worked as a Special Education Paraprofessional. He finished his elementary education at Alice Smith Elementary School also in Hopkins when the borders changed. After elementary school he went on to West Junior High School, then Hopkins Eisenhower High School. During his younger school-aged years he was loved playing baseball for Hopkins Little League. During High School he spent his time on the field playing football for Hopkins.

After graduation in 1982 Dan headed North to Duluth, MN to attend The University of Minnesota Duluth. Although he loved Duluth, he decided to come back to Hopkins to focus on his career, working at The Glen Lake Sanitarium,

where he was nick-named "Dan the Man from The Glen Lake San". On September 9th of 1982 Dan became an uncle to his one and only niece, Alissa Marie Dvorak- born the same date as his childhood best friend, Steve Godfrey. Dan loved being an uncle, and enjoyed living at home again for a few years- helping his sister raise Alissa, who later in her life taught her to tie her shoes and to drive a car!

After The Glen Lake Sanitarium, Dan worked for Orkin Pest Control- and was known as Dan the Orkin Man! After working for Orkin he worked for Interlachen Country Club in Edina, MN where he was the Men's Locker Room Manager & slung drinks in their Cocktail Lounge for many years. In the middle 2000's Dan made a career change to construction, specifically Pool Building & Installation- working for Quality Pools, the company he worked for until his passing.

In 1990, Dan married Julia Miller in St Louis Park, MN. Although their marriage ended a few years later, he was always grateful for their time together. In the later part of the 1990's Dan met Jackie Walz- and they spent many happy years together. They ended their relationship, but remained in good relation. In 2009 Dan met Laura Kjellman, the final love of his life. Dan & Laura met in Buffalo, spending 10 years living there together, and then moving to Plymouth, MN. Together the couple raised their doggie Cooper, a Maltese-Yorkie-Beagle mix- Coop being the real "leading lady" in his life.

Dan will be remembered as a good, good, good man; a GREAT man. Everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him would remark about his kind nature, the love he had for his family and friends, and his willingness to help anyone who needed assistance. His generosity was always shown through his acts of kindness. His smile & laughter could light up any room he entered, and his story telling abilities were top-notch. You will always be so loved and missed, and your light will live on forever in all of the lives you touched!

Dan leaves behind many friends, aunts, uncles, cousins, great-nephew Andrew Tierney, niece Alissa Dvorak, girlfriend Laura Kjellman, and mother Diane Larson- we are all comforted that he will be welcomed into Heaven by family and friends who went before hi

A celebration of life and interment will be planned for a future date.

# Tribute Wall

PF

“ I met Dan last year when he moved into my home as one of my residents/roommates.  
Dan was one of the best roommates I ever had and I could always count on him to brighten up my day.  
One of my favorite things about Dan was when we'd watch movies together after work. He would never fail to fall asleep 30min into the movie, wake up right as it was ending and say, "That was a really good movie."  
He will be missed and not forgotten!



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**Philip Flatten** - July 31, 2024 at 05:27 PM

TD

“ I worked with Dan at Interlachen Country Club for many years....

*We have some fun times with all the members and Dan had lots of worldly advise...*

*One quote I remember and still use is: "That's like leaving the monkeys in charge of the banana plantation".... God Bless*

*Tom Van Delist*

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**tom van delist** - July 30, 2024 at 03:08 PM

TJ

“ Dan was a great guy. He was one of the first friends I made after moving to Hopkins. We made Boys Scouts bearable for each other and remained friends through high school. So sad to learn of his passing.



Todd P Johnson - July 30, 2024 at 10:10 AM

SM

“ Shari Mohamed lit a candle in memory of Daniel Joseph Dvorak



Shari Mohamed - July 28, 2024 at 08:24 AM

SM

Sorry for your loss. My condolences to the entire Family. Gone too soon. 🙏

Shari Mohamed - July 28, 2024 at 08:25 AM

CA

“ Dan became a part of the Langlie family through marriage, when Al married my aunt, Linda. He came to all of our family functions and we came know and love him. He was always smiling and laughing and playing jokes/pranks on all of us. My cousin Sheree Napolitano and I stole his Eisenhower hoodie and took turns every six months or so sharing it back and forth. We don't know what happened to the sweatshirt but loved to tease him about it's possible return every chance we got. We lost touch after Al died but he was never forgotten. He was definitely a shining star and always a positive light. I am so sad to hear that he is not with us, but not forgotten. RIP Danny.

Colleen Anderson - July 26, 2024 at 07:07 PM

AL

*Thanks so much Colleen!*

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**Alissa** - July 26, 2024 at 07:14 PM

BB

*I have nothing but pleasant memories of Dan. He was one of the kindest, caring and giving people I have known. He helped me out when I was in desperate need of help with no concern for himself. His sense of humor was second to none. We had many many laughs together. I will miss him deeply. He was a truly good person. I'm sorry he is gone. I take solace knowing that he is surrounded by family and friends that went before him. My condolences to his family and Laura.*

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**Brooke Beaty** - August 04, 2024 at 12:16 PM