



Daniel Frank O'Brien

October 27, 2018

Daniel Frank O'Brien, 65, of Fort Collins, passed into the hands of God on October 27, 2018.

One of six children, Dan was born and raised in Bay City, Michigan by loving parents John and Lillian O'Brien. It was there he graduated high school and went on to earn a pharmacy degree, as did his wife Linda, from Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan.

On June 5, 1976, Dan was married to Linda Kay Mudd and they raised two children together, Cameron and Kevin. Dan's career as a pharmacist led the family to Colorado in 1977. They lived in Colorado Springs, spent many years in Grand Junction, and ten years ago moved to Fort Collins, where he was a pharmacist at Poudre Valley Hospital.

Dan was enthusiastic for many things and remembered for his wonderful smile and easy going personality. He enjoyed sports of all kinds and played golf and fantasy football. A devout Catholic, Dan was a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus, always ready to lend a hand and volunteer where he could. He was a faithful husband, father, brother, friend, and servant of God. He was beloved by his co-workers at the hospital who have kept in touch throughout his 2 year illness with Multiple Myeloma, always hoping – as he was – to return to work with them.

Dan's kind spirit encouraged those around him and will leave a lasting imprint on his family's hearts, his spiritual home at St. Joseph Catholic Parish, the Knights of Columbus, and his community.

Dan is survived by his wife, Linda O'Brien; sons, Cameron and Kevin O'Brien and their fiances; siblings, Susan Maxwell (Joseph), Thomas O'Brien (Chris), and Patrick O'Brien (Ann); and granddaughter, Gloria. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Frederick and William O'Brien.

Vigil and Recitation of the Rosary at 5:30 pm, Thursday, November 1, 2018 at St. Joseph

Catholic Parish in Fort Collins; Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 am, Friday November 2, also at St. Joseph's. Reception will follow the Mass, with burial at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Denver in the afternoon.

Memorials may be sent to the Knights of Columbus, Council 1214, c/o St. Joseph Church, 300 W. Mountain, Fort Collins, CO. 80521, 970-482-4148; or to Aid to the Church in Need at 725 Leonard Street, P.O. Box 220384, Brooklyn, NY 11222 Phone: (800) 628-6333 or online at <https://www.churchinneed.org/ways-to-give/make-a-one-time-gift/>

Cemetery

Mount Olivet Cemetery

12801 W 44th Ave

Wheat Ridge, CO, 80033-2460

Events

NOV **Rosary** 05:30PM - 06:30PM

1

St. Joseph Catholic Church

300 W Mountain Ave, Fort Collins, CO, US, 80521

NOV **Mass of Christian Burial** 09:30AM

2

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Comments



“ Sending our sympathy and prayers for the entire O'Brien family! Like others we have known Dan for a long time. He was genuine and loyal and he will be missed.
Tom & Donna Hartnett

Donna Hartnett - November 01, 2018 at 08:40 PM



“ Linda, I sat at Dan's table during our studies together written by Fr. Gaitley. During the "33 Days to Merciful Love" study, Dan talked about struggling with the picture of St. Therese on the cover because it didn't really look like her. I had been thinking the same thing. Then Dan said he realized that it was a portrait of her in Heaven in her glorified body. I'll always remember that. Dan was always so low key and interested in everything that we all had to share in class--a great example of how we should all strive to be.

Kass Schreiber - November 01, 2018 at 06:24 PM



“ Linda, I am so sorry for your loss and will be praying for the repose of Dan. I will always enjoy memories of our days as pharmaceutical reps. Dan was so kind and knowledgeable to me as a novice rep. May God grant you peace in this difficult time and hope in the resurrection to come!! I miss you my friend in Christ!
Christy and Al Rubalcaba

Christy Rubalcaba - October 31, 2018 at 01:25 AM



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O'Brien - October 30, 2018 at 08:01 PM



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O'Brien - October 30, 2018 at 07:58 PM



“ It is with great sadness that I write. I will always remember Dan's wonderful infectious laugh and his upbeat personality. My deepest sympathy and prayers to Linda and family. Love, Cousin Sandy

Sandy Gooding - October 30, 2018 at 06:26 PM



“ What a wonderful person. I am so glad I had the opportunity to know and work with Dan.
He was always happy and very friendly. My prayers and sympathy to Linda and family. Bert



Roberta Rumley - October 30, 2018 at 11:31 AM



“ It's rare in life to meet someone and immediately become fast friends. DanO has been an important part of my life for thirty years and there is no one that moved through life with such grace, honor, humor and love. We laughed and laughed and laughed. Sure miss you DanO but you blessed and enriched my life and I'm just one of many. God bless and keep you. Love , Mark

mark sandstedt - October 29, 2018 at 07:01 PM



“ My oldest friend. My biggest hero. Gees, I’m gonna miss, Dan. He was the best. Period.

My memories go back to the first grade when we walked to school together for the next eleven years. He beat me at everything, especially golf — and with his relentless good cheer.

Dan had “it.” The sunshine smile, patience, soulful kindness and a steel spine of courage beamed from him for the nearly 60-years we’ve been friends. His pride of family is second to none and was always his selfless way. I’m so sorry for their loss.

My comfort is that he’s no longer suffering and that Heaven has a great golf course. Just a warning for you guys in Heaven, don’t bet money with Dan on your round. Lol.

My heartfelt condolences to Linda and his entire family. I’ll never forget him and always remember all he lovingly taught me. Everyone is a better person for knowing him.

Goodbye old chum, we’ll ride again.

God bless you.

Bill Bailey
Michigan

Bill Bailey - October 28, 2018 at 04:44 PM