



Daniel J. Fisher

June 15, 2025

Daniel James Fisher, a man of integrity, humility, honesty, and humor who deeply embodied the role of husband and father and was known for his inexhaustible commitment to meeting others with kindness and compassion, died on Sunday, June 15, 2025. He was 75.

Dan was born August 20, 1949 in Casper, Wyoming to Frank and Lois Fisher. He attended St. Anthony's Catholic School through 8th grade, and graduated from Kelly Walsh High School in 1967. Upon graduation he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served three Vietnam tours. He was honorably discharged in Norfolk, VA in September 1971.

He was the first in his family to pursue higher education, earning degrees from Casper College and Chadron State College. His 32-year career in criminal justice included service as a patrol officer with the Casper Police Department, as the first Public Defender Investigator in the state of Wyoming, and as a Federal Probation Officer in Cheyenne, WY—where he spent 26 years, the final ten as Chief of Probation for the Federal District of Wyoming.

After retiring, Dan earned a Master's in Counselor Education and became a licensed professional counselor and certified EMDR therapist. He practiced in Wyoming and Colorado.

In both his counseling work and in the alcoholic recovery community throughout his 41 years of sobriety, Dan helped thousands of people. He faced hardship in his own life by framing it as an opportunity to grow his ability to be of service, which he considered a sacred honor.

In 1976, Dan married Dana (Toczek) in her hometown of Chadron, Nebraska. Their 49-year marriage was a profound friendship and true partnership, filled with love, laughter, gratitude, and purpose. Dan was a devoted father to Dr. Beth Lewkowski (husband Chad), with whom he shared the pride and joy of two granddaughters, Emilie and Ellenore; and to Christine Fisher (partner Darach).

Dan lived with Parkinson's Disease for many years, linked to Agent Orange exposure during his military service. He faced this challenging illness with exceptional grace, courage, and dignity, and passed away from respiratory failure surrounded by his wife and daughters on Father's Day.

Dan had the best smile, the best hug. He is dearly missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Davis Phinney Foundation for Parkinson's Disease and The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

Please join us for a gathering to celebrate Dan's life on Monday, July 21 at 1:30pm at Windsong Estate Event Center (2901 Saddler Blvd, Severance, CO 80524).

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 21. 1:30 PM (MT)

Windsong Estate Event Center
2901 Saddler Blvd
Severance, CO 80524
(970) 686-9690

Tribute Wall

TO

“ My Brother Dan,

I did not get all the time with you in this life as I would have liked, as you were already off to the military when I was about 8. I did get to know you later, when we used to take dad golfing. There was a period when we came close, when you started spending extended time with me, helping care for Mom and Dad as they grew in need of much assistance. I am grateful for that time we got to spend together to fulfill our honor as caretakers.

I am happy that you found joy in your family and your extended family through your service to others in AA. You were always very giving, always trying to lift others up, and had a big heart. I know you changed a lot of lives for people when they were at low times in their life and for that all of humanity thanks you.

This chapter is over for you, but we know it is only the beginning of your adventures. Until we meet again Dan, I love you.

Tom

Tom - June 22, 2025 at 02:31 PM

“As my older brother, Dan was always helping the family. I remember him taking us to Kelly Walsh swimming pool growing up.

I remember the day he came home from the Navy. I was still sleeping but the sound of “Just call me Angel—of the morning” was playing loudly in the living room.

To my surprise, Dan was standing there with dad in the living room next to the stereo cabinet player Dan had shipped from Viet Nam to our home.

Later in life, Dan became a calming symbol in my life. As my own son’s addiction challenges reoccurred- he was always there. For 20 years. Always there. I found this picture a couple days ago. Just one of the many days Dan was there for me, - for my son.

He was gentle. Kind. Had a gentle humor about things. He was very well read as that was one of his favorite past times. But the biggest impact Dan had on my life was my own battle with addiction later in life. He never judged me. He just showed up. On the phone, in person or wherever he was needed.

He gave years to helping so very many people in recovery & in counseling.

In his memory I planted a garden in my new home in Mobile. Every morning I can see him and chat with him, as my, “Angel of the morning.”

God Bless you Dan. You will be greatly missed.



JT

What a beautiful tribute, Aunt Barb. Thanks for sharing those memories. -Justin Tremel

Justin Tremel - June 20, 2025 at 09:39 PM

MC

I am so sorry to learn of Dan's passing. He worked with me at Peak Wellness Center in Cheyenne and was a wonderful, compassionate therapist and a great friend. God Bless You All. Mary Cox

Mary Cox - June 21, 2025 at 04:26 PM

MK

An amazing man and friend. Kind, respectful wise, and genuine ,just a few describing Dan. I am one of the fortunate ones to have met and known him. May blessings, grace and serenity be with family and friends as we mourn his passing.

Mary Koehler

Mary Koehler - June 23, 2025 at 07:28 PM