



Daniel Earl MacArthur

November 17, 1954 - February 11, 2026

Daniel Earl MacArthur died February 11, 2026, from complications of influenza. He was 71 years old.

Dan was born on November 17, 1954, in Denver, Colorado. He was adopted by his parents, Judson Earl and Mildred Darlene (Carson) MacArthur a few months later.

He was raised in Thornton, Colorado, graduating from Highland High School in 1973. After working at King Soopers for a year, he chose to attend college, graduating from the University of Colorado in Boulder in 1978 with a Bachelor's degree in Journalism.

Most of Dan's career was spent writing and reporting for small newspapers on the Front Range and Western Slope in his home state. He worked at the Louisville Times, Delta County Independent, Montrose Daily Press, the Durango Herald, Glenwood Post, the Triangle Review, Inside Fort Collins and the North Forty News. He also worked briefly for the Northern Water District and the City of Fort Collins, but his heart was in journalism, and he finished his career as a columnist for the Coloradoan and the Denver Post.

Dan loved to participate in his community and his neighborhood. Any day you might find him clearing leaves out of the street drains or cleaning graffiti from signs in the neighborhood. He did not lead a "large life", as he said, but his

kindness, infectious laugh, irreverent humor and genuine interest in people brought him many friends. He was not a talker but a respectful listener, always interested in the details of other people's lives. Contemplative and observant, he loved current events, history, maps, road trips, cars, cats and peaches.

In his own words his life was "not always easy, but it was always interesting."

Dan is survived by his wife Katherine "Kitty" Azari and her siblings Victoria Loran, Doran Azari, Aaron Azari, their spouses, children and grandchildren.

He was so very loved by all of us and is deeply missed. Rest now and be at peace.

A family memorial is planned. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the NoCo Humane Society.

Tribute Wall

CG

“ Dan was one of my best friends! We went to CU Boulder together for 4 years and worked at King Soopers Northglen together for 4 years. Pulled a camping trailer behind one of Dans CJ5 jeeps to Texas, parked it on the beach on another good friends lot and road tripped to Nueve Laredo, South of the border. Spent 5 or 6 hours in the border guard house untill they finally let us back into the US of A. We had no bribe money and nothing illegal. Just looked like scoundrals. And we proudly were. Rest in peace Dan. I bet you enter into Heaven better than we were holed up on the border. Love you! Chris

Chris Grebenb - March 14 at 10:43 PM

KC

“ I met Dan over 55 years ago in Thornton. We were outliers in our high school for different reasons and we quickly became friends. He was clever and witty in a way that few in our school could recognize, but I knew Dan would make a difference in his own unique way. We then worked together at King Soopers until life's path sent us in different directions. Over a decade later we reconnected in Fort Collins and he became friends with my husband as well.

I am so happy Dan met Kitty and they built a life together, and the Azari family recognized those same unique qualities Dan possessed and embraced him as one of their own. I am sad I have lost a lifelong friend. Dan made a difference to many on this earth through his journalism and his everyday deeds. I am certain his spirit continues.

Karen Cagle

Karen Cagle - March 13 at 04:10 PM

EZ

“ We are saddened to hear of Dan's passing. He was so instrumental in helping us restore our historic downtown building. He worked with us for several months and really came through when we needed him. He and Katherine were dating then and it was a gift to watch their relationship blossom. He had such a good heart and we know he'll be very missed.

With Condolences,
Ted and Ellen Zibell

Ellen Zibell - March 01 at 02:59 PM

VL

“ Dan- you were *THE BEST* brother-in-law ever and a gift and blessing to our family. You are missed.

Love
Vicky

Victoria Loran - February 23 at 01:44 AM

JS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss.

I so looked forward to reading Dan's wonderful editorials in the Coloradoan. He had a special gift and an ability to see the humor in almost any situation.

Janet Stears - February 22 at 08:39 PM



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Goes Funeral Care & Crematory - February 22 at 05:29 PM