



Daniel Steffen

January 19, 2024

Dan, age 77, passed away on Friday, January 19, 2024 with his wife Susan and daughter Julie by his side. Dan was born on May 24, 1946 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Elmer and Lydia (Knispel) Steffen. The family later moved and settled in Bergenfield, New Jersey. Dan graduated from Bergenfield High School in 1964 and attended Valparaiso University in Indiana where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in business.

He began his career with Burroughs Corp, Datapoint, and then spent 20 years with A.A.L/Thrivent. On July 12, 1969 he married Susan Cordes, his high school sweetheart, and in 1974 they were blessed with the birth of their daughter, Julie. Dan raised his family in Mahwah, New Jersey, but from 1980-1982 Dan took a leave of absence from Datapoint and traveled with his family to Jos, Nigeria. Working with the Missouri Synod Board for Missions, Dan and Sue became houseparents for 30 children ages 5-18.

Dan fulfilled his life volunteering where he could. Becoming a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fort Collins opened up many opportunities. He enjoyed working with Habitat for Humanity in both Fort Collins and New Mexico. Dan ventured to Texas and Florida on two hurricane relief trips, volunteered with Serve 6.8, Meals on Wheels, and Front Porch Ministry. Dan loved spending his summers at their lake cottage in Maine with family and friends, fishing for bass, and later fly-fishing in Colorado. Dan's faith and love

of family was strong. In 2012 they moved to Colorado to be near family, spending precious time with granddaughters, Emily and Alison. Dan and Sue's 50th wedding anniversary was celebrated in Maui with their family.

In addition to his loving wife, Susan of 54 years, Dan was survived by his daughter Julie (Rick) Heath of Niwot, CO, granddaughters Emily and Alison, his sister Jeanne Howell of Long Valley, NJ, brother Jack (Marolyn) Steffen of Valparaiso, IN, and his sister Lorli Steffen of Saddle Brook, NJ.

Memorial donations may be made to Lutheran World Relief in Dan's name. Please follow the link provided to donate: <http://tinyurl.com/LWRDL>

A memorial service will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church (7755 Greenstone Trail, Ft. Collins, CO) on Monday, Feb. 5 at 10:30 a.m. Inurnment will follow at the Redeemer Columbarium. A light luncheon will be served. If you are unable to attend the service in person, we invite you to watch it by going to our website at www.redeemerconnect.com and clicking on the "Watch Live" button. Or, go directly to <https://live.redeemerconnect.com/>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 5. 10:30 AM (MT)

Redeemer Lutheran Church
7755 Greenstone Trail
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Tribute Wall

SH

“ We are going to miss Uncle Danny so much. I always loved how happy and upbeat he was-I don't remember seeing him ever without a smile on his face. He had a great sense of humor, and his love for his family and faith was always apparent. We were looking at pictures of him the other night and reminiscing. We're all better for having known him. May his memory be eternal. Love, Sue, Brad, Jack and Sean

Sue and Brad Howell - February 01, 2024 at 08:23 AM

MS

“ Sue and Julie, sending our deepest condolences in the loss of Dan. We will keep you in our prayers. We pray that you find peace in your hearts as you remember the special person Dan was and all the memories you made together. With love, Mary and Randy Sterbinsky

Mary Sterbinsky - January 31, 2024 at 05:51 PM

DE

“ Bev and I were sorry to hear of the passing of our dear friend, Dan Steffen. We enjoyed being colleagues with him and Sue with Aid Association For Lutherans until Dick Retired in 2002. May The Lord bless Sue and the family at this time. Be and Dick Engelhardt, Fair Lawn, NJ

Dick and Beverly Engelhardt - January 31, 2024 at 02:27 PM

LB

“ Dan was one of the nicest people I have ever met. He always had a smile and a hug and a funny story or two to make everyone smile and laugh. He always helped people out whenever he had the opportunity. Jim & I will miss him! Our prayers are with you Sue, and all of your family. Jim& Linda Becker

Linda Becker - January 29, 2024 at 03:38 PM

CW

Thinking back on my memories of Dan I don't think I ever saw him without a smile on his face. He and Sue had one of the most special relationships I have ever witnessed and were a couple who shared their, and God's love, with so many. The memories of our visit last summer are so much more precious now. Sending our love and prayers for peace. Colleen & the Woelfel Family

colleen woelfel - January 31, 2024 at 06:53 PM

RS

Dan and Sue were faithful, helpful members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Mahwah, NJ in the years we were there. It was a joy to work with them! Sue and Julie, we pray God's peace for you with the promise of the resurrection on the last day. Jesus is with you in this time of grief. Pastor Don & Marilyn Sandmann

Rev. Dr. Donald Sandmann - February 03, 2024 at 01:12 PM

HB

Sue and Julie, I am so sorry to learn of the passing of Dan. I have fond memories of him and your family from our time in Mahwah. May your wonderful memories and your faith help you during the sad times and give you comfort. Heidi Beck

heidi beck - February 09, 2024 at 08:13 AM

JR

Sue and Julie, I was so sorry to hear of Dan's passing. I tried calling recently and when i got no return call I felt something bad might have happened. Unfortunately my worst suspicions were confirmed when I found his obituary on line. I will truly miss him.as I considered you both life long friends. We had so many good times growing up in Bergenfield. My memories will always be of a devote man who loved his family and cherished life. Rest in peace my good friend, and God Bless you.

Joe Rizzotti - July 14, 2024 at 09:30 AM