



Daniel A. Dessner

April 1, 1963 - February 3, 2024

Daniel A. Dessner passed peacefully at home, at age 60, on Feb. 3, 2024. Dan was born in New York City in 1963 on April 1. He graduated from St. John's Jesuit High School and Kenyon College. He was active in both regional tennis competitions as well as on both school teams and as a drummer in several bands during these years.

On the first day of medical school at the University of Cincinnati Dan met the woman with whom he would spend the rest of his life, Jonna McRury, a classmate and, coincidentally, a Toledoan. He prospered in medical school, and due to his excellent academic achievements, was named AOA. Jonna and Dan married on June 26, 1987, and "matched" to St. Louis University for their residencies.

Dan completed his internship and residency in radiology at St. Louis University. He completed his fellowship in pediatric radiology at the University of Michigan.

Dan's first, and last, job was with Toledo Radiological Associates (TRA) in Toledo, back home near his and his wife's families. During his 28 years with TRA, Dan served three terms as its president (2008 to 2014) as well as serving on its Board in various capacities.

In 2003, Dan was a founding member of Physicians for the Effective Delivery of Services (PEDS), a group advocating for only one children's hospital in the Toledo metropolitan area. Due to his stance, and despite being Chief of Staff, Dan was removed from his position on the Board of the Toledo Children's

Hospital.

Subsequently, Dan and Jonna moved to Columbus, where he worked at Columbus Children's Hospital. Missing Toledo, they returned home in 2005. His value and commitment to the medical staff at Toledo Children's Hospital was once again quickly apparent to all, and he thereafter served on the Board of Toledo Children's from 2011 to 2016.

Dan loved teaching. He donated his time to preparing radiology residents for their Boards, and he thoroughly enjoyed imparting his knowledge to the doctors in training. He was a highly desired and audience-pleasing speaker at conferences and educational seminars for his wealth of knowledge and his witty and amusing way of conveying information.

In 2013, he was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Radiology. He was also a member of the Caffey Society, and the Eastern Radiological Society.

Dan took up golf after his medical studies, becoming a student of the game and its history. He enjoyed membership at Toledo Country Club and Inverness Club, where he spent many happy hours hitting the links, dining, and socializing. Golfing took him far and wide, including his favorite resorts of Sand Hills, Bandon Dunes, Pebble Beach, and Ballyneal.

His interest in sports cars reaches back to his teenage years - his first car was a Volkswagen Golf GTI, advancing to several Porsches, and then his Ferrari Roma, and including memberships in the MVR Porsche Club of America and the Ferrari Club of America.

Dan was an oenophile, and greatly enjoyed his local wine group.

Dan had a gift for getting the most out of life, which he enjoyed with gusto and humor. He was also a fine philanthropist, contributing to causes that matched his values. His charm, compassion, intelligence, and generosity will be missed by many friends and family, and he will be held in their hearts and stories for years to come. Daniel was predeceased by his father, Lawrence Dessner. He is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Jonna McRury, his mother, Phyllis Dessner, and sister, Susan Dessner. Additionally, Dan very much enjoyed

being "Uncle Dan" to his seven nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend grateful thanks to the many medical professionals who took care of Daniel, and to the nurses of the Hickman Cancer Center and Ohio Living Home Health and Hospice, for their excellent service and exceptional kindness.

A commemorative celebration will be held at Inverness Club (4601 Dorr St.), on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to First Tee - Lake Erie, an organization dedicated to helping youth through golf education: <<https://firstteelakeerie.org/donate/>>

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 15. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Memorial Service

FEB 15. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Toledo, OH 43614

Celebration of Life

APR 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BS

“ I fondly remember our many interactions at Inverness, and am so sorry to hear of Dan’s passing. My deepest condolences to his entire family and vast network of friends.

Brian Sleeman - March 30, 2024 at 10:19 AM

CV

“ 1 file added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - February 20, 2024 at 11:34 AM

DM

“ Dan was a classmate of mine at St. John’s High School. A class act friend. My sincere condolences to his wife and family at this difficult time.

Dan Meyer - February 15, 2024 at 04:53 PM

CR

“ I had worked with Dr. Dessner at Flower Hospital in the Radiology Department since he first started. He was very knowledgeable and had a dry sense of humor. I remember we were sad to see him leave for Columbus and threw him a fun going away party and then were pleasantly surprised that he was returning to Toledo and TRA a few years later. I was very sad to hear that he had passed away - prayers and condolences on your loss.

Cec Rohrbacher - February 15, 2024 at 03:40 PM

NO

“ Nephrology Consultants of Northwest Ohio purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Daniel A. Dessner.



Nephrology Consultants of Northwest Ohio - February 14, 2024 at 03:46 PM

TA

“ Tiberiu and Raluca Avram purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Daniel A. Dessner.



Tiberiu and Raluca Avram - February 14, 2024 at 11:30 AM

CV

“ 1 file added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - February 13, 2024 at 05:57 PM

AT

“ and the ProMedica Executive Team purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Daniel A. Dessner.



and the ProMedica Executive Team - February 13, 2024 at 04:17 PM

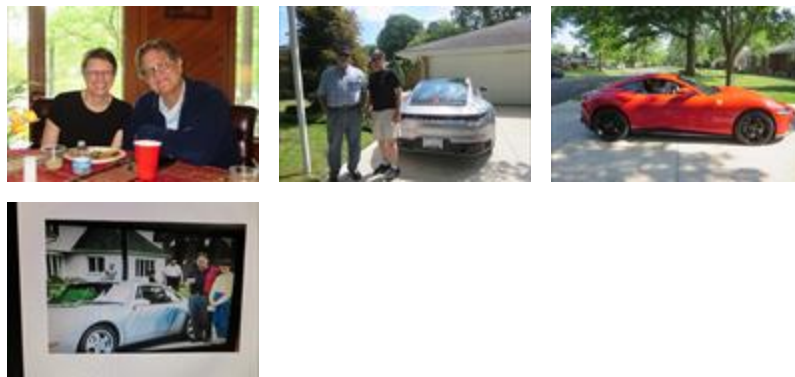
VS

“ Our deepest sympathies, Dan was a bright light in our Peds community, he will be greatly missed....UT Pediatrics (Valarie Stricklen, Cathi Badik, Joyce Bevington, Sophia McCullough, and Jennifer DeLucia)

Valarie Stricklen - February 13, 2024 at 11:01 AM

CK

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Chris & Jeanne Krauser - February 11, 2024 at 12:17 PM

CK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Chris & Jeanne Krauser - February 11, 2024 at 11:57 AM

VK

“ Vince Keiser purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Daniel A. Dessner.



Vince Keiser - February 10, 2024 at 07:50 PM

VK

“ Vince Keiser planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel A. Dessner.

Vince Keiser - February 10, 2024 at 07:50 PM

CP

“ I'm very grateful to have known Dan and to have been able to spend time with him in so many different shared passions. He was generous, insightful, and compassionate. He blended his dry sense of humor with a deep commitment to doing the right things for his patients and for TRA. We worked together on many difficult challenges, and I always benefitted from his insights. He was a true mensch and I will miss him.

Chuck Price - February 10, 2024 at 06:44 PM

CS

“ Dan was a gift to those fortunate to be touched by his friendship. Tremendous loss to his family, friends and community. Deepest condolences, Jonna. Connie Spevak

Constance Spevak - February 10, 2024 at 11:35 AM

JA

“ I knew Dan from St. Johns...very nice guy. May our Lord comfort all of you at this time.

Jeff Arman - February 10, 2024 at 08:55 AM

CK

“ Thank you Dan for sharing over 20 years your passion for cars and your calming advice on the many medical issues I bugged you about. I had only heard about a renaissance man until I met you. Your range of knowledge about so many topics was amazing. I hope you won't forget to let me know when it is time to store your car so we can meet over a meal to discuss the world we live in. May you set your best lap time every time you drive. Chris

Chris Krauser - February 10, 2024 at 08:41 AM

MH

“ Dan- Thank you for your passion for quality medical care, for linguistic artistry, your courageous honesty, and your unforgettable sense of humor. I hold dear so many of your isms. See you on the other side. Until then, be well my friend. Much love from Camp Lentil.

Murray Howe - February 10, 2024 at 07:12 AM

DH

“ Dr. Allan and Jerra Hagggar purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Daniel A. Dessner.



Dr. Allan and Jerra Hagggar - February 09, 2024 at 10:53 PM

DH

“ Dr. Allan and Jerra Haggar planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel A. Dessner.

Dr. Allan and Jerra Haggar - February 09, 2024 at 10:53 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Daniel A. Dessner.



February 09, 2024 at 08:15 PM

TA

“ Toledo Hospital Radiology Admin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel A. Dessner.

Toledo Hospital Radiology Admin - February 09, 2024 at 08:15 PM

SD

“ Love you, Huge ❤️ ❤️ ❤️ ❤️
-S

Susan Dessner - February 09, 2024 at 10:34 AM

DS

I loved working with Dan at TTH. He was truly a great Radiologist and a great person. He is sadly missed. Beautiful obituary, it brought tears.

Debbie Sepanski - February 09, 2024 at 06:16 PM

FC

What a wonderful obituary for a wonderful man. Fran Cary

Fran Cary - February 09, 2024 at 08:29 PM

DS

An individual like Dan with such a wonderful Zest for Life is never extinguished he lives on in so many of those he touched as they reach out for all that life can offer as Dan always encouraged. As a dedicated physician he always wanted the best for the patient and this has served as a guide for many in this field trying to get through all the political minefields that come before us.

Dan Slinger

Dan Singer - February 10, 2024 at 07:36 PM

EI

It was an honor to have known Dan professionally and personally since coming to Toledo, I most enjoyed lunches in the physician dining room (never knew what the topic of conversation would be). He was a fabulous Pediatric Radiologist you could count on for help in the most difficult cases. Dan you will be missed.

Gene Izsak


Eugene Izsak - February 11, 2024 at 05:51 AM

VM

My heart goes out to you, Jonna.

Vivian Moynihan - February 11, 2024 at 07:48 AM

SU

What a remarkable, accomplished and gentle person. We enjoyed our connection thru ERS and Radiology. We wish you sweet memories, Jonna. Sending lots of  Suzanne and Paul Schulman

Suzanne - March 31, 2024 at 04:47 PM