



Daniel Donovan

June 8, 1940 - May 8, 2019

Daniel R. Donovan, 78, passed away peacefully on May 8, 2019 in his home in Holland, Ohio. He was born on June 8, 1940 in Cincinnati to Robert and Hazel Donovan. Dan was a high school three sport athlete, and was a Cincinnati Reds draft pick. He played on the Swiss National basketball team. Dan entered the seminary and later became a high school teacher at Covington Catholic. Dan's career lead him to Owens Corning and ultimately to start his own company on April 1, 1980 with longtime friend and partner Jack Taylor. Together they built vacation condos on the gulf coast and created a management, supervisory training and development company.

Dan touched many lives during his journey. His priorities were God, sobriety, community service, as well as being a husband, father and a friend to everyone he met. He was actively involved in AA as a sponsor and confidant; a volunteer with Hospice of NW Ohio, Read for Literacy, and with the Big Brothers and Big Sisters organization. Dan was a long time board member and Executive Director with the Open Door Ministry. He was in his "pastoral element" there, serving and assisting men in recovery. Dan co-founded Pacesetter Park in Sylvania, and also was an active member of his church, Community of the Risen Christ for 30 years.

He enjoyed music, playing guitar, piano and singing, riding motorcycles, and taking many scenic trips with his wife and friends. Golfing with the people he loved was also a passion of Dan's.

He leaves behind many people who loved him. Surviving is his wife Joani, his

children Michael (Katelynn), Patrick and Lynne; grandchildren Taylor, Shelby, Jack, Emma, Lilly, Jessa, Alyson; his sister Carol Reynolds, and first wife Elizabeth Ann Donovan. Dan will be missed by his extended family, Julia (Matt), Charlie and Ellie Dumas, several nieces and nephews and his faithful canine companions Ozzie and Rascal.

A Memorial Celebration of Dan's Life will be held on Sunday, June 9 at the Premier, 4480 Heatherdowns Blvd. from 1:00-4:00 p.m. with the service and sharing of memories beginning at 2:00. Memorial donations may be given to Hospice of NW Ohio. Coyle Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Please leave a condolence message and view Dan's Memorial Video Tribute at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

The Premier

Sharing of Memories

JUN 9. 2:00 PM.

The Premier

Tribute Wall

JB

“ So very sorry for your loss.....I have many memories of great soccer games and trips... Jim Bates

jim bates - June 09, 2019 at 08:50 AM

JG

“ Janie Grant lit a candle in memory of Daniel Donovan



Janie Grant - June 03, 2019 at 04:46 PM

JG

He was a gentleman always. May your wonderful memories comfort you in the days to come.

Janie Grant - June 03, 2019 at 04:47 PM

LB

Dan will be missed on our street for sure. Thinking of you Joanie. This will be a tough weekend.

Linda Ballas - June 06, 2019 at 11:20 PM

TC

“ *To Joani and the Family of Dan Donovan:*

Please accept my heartfelt condolences on Dan's passing.

He was a wonderful friend and key member of our SAJRD board during the period in which we designed and constructed Phase I of Pacesetter Park. He will be greatly missed.

May God be with you all during this time of great sorrow.

Tom Crothers - June 03, 2019 at 11:17 AM

CV

“ *1 file added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE*



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - May 31, 2019 at 09:25 AM

JL

I was very sorry to hear about Dan's passing. Dan was genuine and a great example, he will be deeply missed. Jack Loy

Jack Loy - June 09, 2019 at 10:24 AM

SC

Dan was a very special guy! So sorry for your loss Joanie and my regrets to all of the family.

susan cunningham - June 15, 2019 at 07:42 AM

GN

“ A good friend is hard to find, hard to lose, and hard to forget. My dear Joani, you really lose and is very hard. On the other side, I lost a true friend, a guider, someone who was there the time I needed him, who wishes me all the best in my life. Joani & Daniel, your welcome made me feel like I am home. Joani you are always in my prayers, I love you. God Bless you. Georges

Georges Nduwimana - May 29, 2019 at 10:00 AM



Lynne
Donovan

George, my Dad really liked you and was proud to call you his friend. I'm grateful you had the opportunity to have his presence touch your life in positive ways. I hope to see you at his memorial. Kind regards, Lynne

Lynne Donovan - June 02, 2019 at 11:40 AM

BT

“ All of Common Bond is keeping Dan, Joani and the entire family in our thoughts and prayers. Bob Toia

Bob Toia - May 25, 2019 at 09:33 AM

JO

Thank you.

Joani - June 02, 2019 at 07:08 AM

RK

“ We won't be able to share any more singing sessions together

Robert Kaiser - May 25, 2019 at 07:40 AM

SW

“ Joani,,Prayers and Gods peace for you as you go through these hard times. So sorry for you and your family. Love you,

Sue Wern

Sue Wern - May 23, 2019 at 06:30 AM

BA

“ With our sincere condolences to dan and his entire family. Our prayers go out to you Rest In Peace You had a great life

Mario Carovillano

barb - May 16, 2019 at 03:38 PM

LG

“ Dan - I remember you as a wonderful friend, on and off the SOCCER field ... thanks for all your guidance 'way back when' we were establishing youth travel soccer ... Michael & Patrick were shining examples of the light you presented ... later in life I enjoyed learning 'steps' with you and friends of Bill ... love ya man ... you were a good one!!! Lloyd

Lloyd Grant - May 14, 2019 at 10:25 AM

SS

“ Joan my heart is with yours. May you sense the very real presence of God as you travel through these difficult days. I love you.

Sharon Strouth - May 13, 2019 at 06:45 PM

CS

“ Dear Joani, Michael, Patrick and Lynne: Please accept our condolence. Your husband and father was a loving, giving gentleman and his wise counsel to us will always be remembered. School...soccer...sailing...40 years of friendship, laughs and love. May God bless you and your extended family. Chuck & Gail Scharte

Chuck Scharte - May 13, 2019 at 02:04 PM

EB

“ Dan was a friend and neighbor for 15 years. He was a voice of reason at every HOA meeting whether there as a neighbor, president, secretary or treasurer. He avoided confrontation at all possible and I never heard him raise his voice. He would cruise the neighborhood with his canine friends and stop for a chat, a smile, and a few words of encouragement. He was my Facebook and Messenger pal and we would exchange something almost daily. He would be so funny about the political posts I shared. He will be missed by all who knew him and especially me. RIP, my friend.

Ellen Bishop - May 13, 2019 at 01:11 PM

TK

“ The. Summer day in which you, Pee Wee and I spent the day riding our motorcycles. We even went to a Pacesetter soccer game at Pacesetter Park!! We talked for hours about old times. He was such a giving man. RIP Dan 🙏💔

Trudy Kain - May 13, 2019 at 10:38 AM

JC

Dan and I were classmates at Purcell Hi School in Cincinnati, class of '58. He was an all around athlete and cool headed. Always polite. I'm glad we were able to visit at our 60 th reunion. Had he and I not left Cincinnati after hi school, we would have been able to enjoy good times. In our fourth year latin class of 14, 12 went on to join the clergy —i was one of the two who went on on to Univ of Dayton on a football scholarship while he join the Red's farm club, I think. Prayers and condolences to Danny and family.

Jim Thies '58

Jim Thies- classmate - May 14, 2019 at 01:49 PM

PS

Paul Sovinski...old friend. Dan was my mentor in the world of Training & Development at Owens Corning and beyond. I worked with/for both Dan and Jack Taylor...good men and great friends. So many memories. Loved his family also. I'm a better person because of Dan...and I'm sad.

paul sovinski - May 19, 2019 at 03:13 PM

SS

Joani and Family, I was sorry to hear of Dan's death. Sending positive thoughts your way.

Sue & Fred Sherman

Sue Sherman - May 20, 2019 at 08:11 PM

RO

Donovan family, I was so sorry to hear of Dan's (or D2 as I remember him by...) death. I worked for D2 back in the late 70's at OC. He was kind gentle man and was very considerate of others. I was tickled when we became FB friends. Gone but not forgotten. Prayers to the family.
Roseann Wojciechowski Walling

roseann - June 04, 2019 at 08:07 PM